

Report of the President

- Teaching, Leadership, Research Awards & Wakonse Teaching Conference Award: Due Friday, December 1st
- Regents Institutions & BOR projects:
 - DEI and Board Recommendations:
 - Information Gathering Phase
 - Working with administration to anticipate response to Board recommendations
 - Executive team memo
 - Mental Health Funding

Report of the Vice President

- Board of Regents Updates
 - Passed the DEI recommendations
 - Next step is university implementation
 - Campus Safety
 - Mental Health Funding
- Articles of Cooperation Updates
- Constitution Committee

Report of the Senate Engagement Officer

- This is my last GPSS meeting. A new SEO will be elected today.
 - Transition materials have been prepared outlining responsibilities, recommendations, and deadlines to watch.
- The College Chair Council concluded its first semester since its creation.
 - An End-of-Semester report has been shared with the Senate and will be uploaded to the Council's website.
 - Three pieces of legislation have come from the College Chair Council, all passed by the Senate.
 - College Chairs have met individually with the College Leadership, Senators, and GSOs.
 - The report outlines issues affecting students across campus. Some have been addressed and the rest must make it to the Senate's to-do list next semester.
- All but two University Committee positions have been filled. You can find the updated list of committees and the GPSS representatives on our website.
- The Iowa legislative session will start in January. The new SEO will have a budget and the URLA committee to advocate for our interests in the Capitol.
 - I have started conversations with counterparts at the other regent institutions who will be available to help the new SEO in advocacy efforts.
 - I have also talked to Carolann Jensen, the State Relations Officer for Iowa State university in the Board of Regents, and she has agreed to come and give a training to the new SEO and the Committee before the legislative session starts.

Report of the Senate Information Officer

- Working closely with the Graduate College for the PAG transition to WorkDay
 - They want PAG allocation to be the same process as the way the university generally allocates funding
 - Students will apply for reimbursement after the event on WorkDay
 - As GPSS, we want the following criteria implemented in the new system:
 - Monthly budget
 - Make sure this can be set each month for any amount
 - Students can receive 1 PAG/year
 - Make sure rollover amount stays in PAG
 - No one gets awarded a PAG without going through GPSS
 - Maybe incorporate flexibility/control for GPSS SIO in case of extenuating circumstances so applicants can receive a PAG from this rollover if the monthly amount has been reached
 - If so, outline rules for doing so
 - Potentially separate first-time applicants in a separate allocation pool
 - Transition date: End of fiscal year if possible
- Committee chair page is up on the GPSS website
- All university committee contacts are up to date also on the website
- Meeting with the WorkDay Mock Semester folks again to finalize list of participants from the submitted Pre-Registrations
- Met with Student Technology Advisory Committee on the 27th
 - They are interested in student feedback regarding AI use and the device requirement for students
 - Shared that Adobe Suite access would be beneficial for graduate students
- Redoing event/information advertisement form and student highlight forms in Google Forms
 - The forms I had created only had a two-week free trial for accessing the survey results

Report of the Treasurer

- The Finance Committee now meets weekly on Fridays. We are always looking for new members!
- F23-07
 - Moving unused dollars to new line items
- Current Finance Committee tasks:
 - Debt Contracts
 - Scheduled Auditing System
 - Updating Allocations Guidelines
 - Allocations Event
 - Rolling Allocations
- Future (Spring 2024) Finance Committee tasks:
 - FY25 Budget
 - Spring Allocations

Report of the Wellness Officer

- GPSS New Year Ball!
- Mental health funding
- Senate bill to dedicate budget for Family initiatives and plans.

Report of the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) Officer

- Board of Regents recommendations
 - Questions, suggestions, clarifications
 - Town Hall Meeting (sometime in January)
- F23-06
 - GPSS support towards IDEA initiatives in ISU

Report of the Conference Chair

- Theme decided - **Navigating Change: Shaping the Future of Graduate Life and Education**
 - Ultimately, we ask, *how can we use current and pressing challenges as opportunities to rebuild and reinvent our graduate community to better support each other's graduate work, research, and way of life?*
- Met with Conference Committee 11/14 - The planning has begun!! 😊
 - Found extra funding source – Professors with endowments
- **Senate Survey for Panel Questions + General**
 - **SENATORS – Please complete this NOW and share this week**
 - https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6ybGnhp3tITzKRM



- Registration survey will be a part of follow-up packet
 - https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9v1WXL1hy8b7Y7I
 - *YOU WILL NEED TO SHARE THIS TO YOUR DEPARTMENT
- I suggest reading this op-ed in reply to Dean Graves. Share if you wish!
 - <https://iowastatedaily.com/285494/opinion/graduate-student-voices-a-response-to-the-graduate-college/>

Report of the Graduate Student Government Senators

Report of the College Chairs Representative

Reports of Standing Committees

Reports of Special Committees