

Monday, August 28<sup>th</sup>,2023  
Memorial Union South Ballroom

**I. Call to order: 6:30PM**

- Quorum statement 6:38PM
- Moved to approve meetings.
  - No objection, approved.
- Motion to amend the agenda to include a report from the college chairs.
  - No objection, approved.
- Agenda adopted.

**II. Speakers**

Dean Graves

- Thanks senators for volunteering their time for their important roles and invites everyone to reach out to him with any concerns or issues.
- New student information system the SIS (Student information system) will replace access plus and some other old very old legacy systems this coming year:

The infographic is titled "Workday Student Transition for Grad Students". It features a central "Term of Graduation" column with three rows: "Summer 2024 or earlier" (orange), "Fall 2024" (olive), and "Spring 2025" (dark brown). To the left, under "Certificates" and "Masters", are columns for "POS" and "POSC" (with "Final Oral Exam" for Masters). To the right, under "Doctorates", are columns for "POSC", "Preliminary Exam", and "Final Oral Exam". Each row contains icons for the "Graduate College Website" (a blue 'W' in a circle) and the "A+" logo. A thought bubble in the top right corner shows a person thinking, with the text "ACCESS PLUS Graduate College Website" and "workday." inside. A small footnote at the bottom right states: "\*Original POSC should be created and approved through A+ and changes after 02/01/2024 must take place in Workday."

Certificates		Masters		Term of Graduation	Doctorates		
POS	POSC	Final Oral Exam	POSC		Preliminary Exam	Final Oral Exam	
Graduate College Website	A+	Graduate College Website	Summer 2024 or earlier	A+	Graduate College Website	Graduate College Website	
W	W	W	Fall 2024	A+*	Graduate College Website	W	
W	W	W	Spring 2025	A+*	W	W	
W	W	W	Summer 2025	W	W	W	

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- Highlights that starting this fall on some terms related to graduate assistantships have changed: there's a new institutional minimum stipend for the university and new fee scholarships have been approved so graduate assistants with qualifying appointments will receive 50% scholarships for the health fee and the health facility fee and that's on top of the 50% scholarship that was already in place with the technology fee
- New grad students will get new courses to prepare them for grad school: GRST 531 X
- 3 Minute thesis Competition is coming up and the winner from Iowa State goes on to represent the university at a regional competition which next spring will be in St. Louis MO. you'll be getting a lot of information in the next few weeks about this as the registration deadline approaches.

### Heather Greenlee

- “I mostly I came because I was invited but also I thought it'd be good to get my face in front of you so you could put in base with the name Dean graves is serious when he says if you guys are welcome to come see us anytime reach out e-mail phone all of those things you know my title my full title is associate Dean of student and scholar success obviously I want to work towards success a lot of times I don't necessarily see students until they're struggling and so I would for one it's great to be with students and see and interact with students who are not struggling at the moment but also you guys as leaders in your community if you can help us by letting us know if their properties so that maybe we can address some things before they become big problems for an individual so no problem too small to let us know as you all know you guys are all out of your disciplinary colleges doing your work and it's possible that there may be settlements affecting some people over here and some people over here and some people over here and that might be something that we in the grad college could help to address globally if we knew about it and especially if we know about it or it's really positive so as I said my two objectives tonight were to get up in front of you so you know what it looked like and just to reiterate what Dean Graves said about wanting to be here and help you. I'll take any questions.”

### Amanda Knief

- Introduction: “My name is Amanda Kenneth and I actually wear a couple of different hats here at the university I am the university of parliamentarian which is a really fancy way of saying I just help people learn how to run their meetings and interpret Robert's rules I also run the lectures program here I was state which is a joint unit between student government and the Provost office so the Provost pays for me and my assistant director Laura and student government gives us money and we help student organizations bring in speakers and in previous years we've helped GPS bring in a keynote for your annual conference but any student organization that has somebody they're interested in having come to campus to speak about a topic of interest you should reach out to our office and let us know and we can help you with that our e-mail address is lectures@istate.edu and if this sounds like something you're interested in and

you will tell you it's a fascinating committee we have a committee of half students half faculty staff that meet about once maybe twice a month and they get to decide how to spend all that money so if you like spending money and you have a couple of extra hours a month we would love to have more representation from the graduates and professional students."

- Parliamentary Procedure Training

### III. Executive Reports to the Senate

#### Report of the President

- Welcome to GPSS!
- Introduction and Bio: What I do...
  - Personally: 4<sup>th</sup> year Ph.D. in Higher Education, GPSS senator since 2020, second term as GPSS President
  - As GPSS President:
    - Manage the Executive Team
    - Preside over GPSS meetings when VP is absent
    - Serve as Risk Manager for GPSS
    - Your Voice to ISU Administration
    - Representation of the Graduate student body to external and internal stakeholders: the BOR, administration on campus, etc.
- Awards Committee:
  - Reviews and evaluates nomination materials, and generates procedures for awards distributed by GPSS, including our teaching, research, and leadership awards, the Wakonse Fellowship, and the Margaret Ellen White Award.
  - Provides recognition and monetary support for work well done around campus
  - We would love to find new ways to recognize and highlight the work, voices, accomplishments of graduate students on campus
- Committee Selection Survey
  - We will be sending out a survey to rank your GPSS committee selections and list of other university committees requesting graduate student representatives
- Updates
  - BOR Meeting and DEI Survey
  - GSV and Unionization

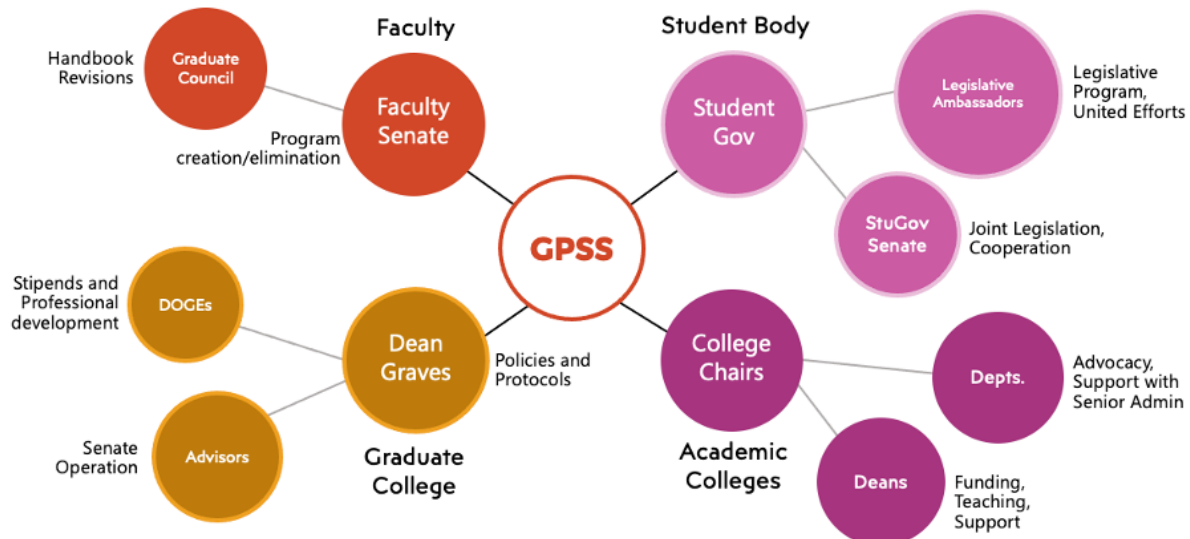
#### Report of the Vice President

- Intro & Bio
- What I do
  - Oversee GPSS-Stugov relationship
  - Assist and serve the president
  - Set agendas and chair GPSS meetings
  - Chair Rules Committee:
    - Reviews all legislation before it comes to the floor to ensure it's in accordance with our laws
    - Meets once a month in the week before a regular Senate Meeting

## Report of the Senate Engagement Officer

- Intro & Bio
- What do I do
  - Faculty Senate
    - Next meeting: September 12
  - Graduate Council
    - Next meeting: September 28
  - College Chair Council
    - Contact College Chairs: [collegechairs@iastate.edu](mailto:collegechairs@iastate.edu)
  - Board of Regents
    - Next meeting: September 27-28
  - Lectures Committee
  - Liaison for Stakeholders

## Stakeholder Map



- University Relations and Legislative Affairs Committee (URLA)
  - Monitors governmental actions affecting graduate and professional students
  - Coordinates legislative action days to visit the Iowa Legislature while in session
  - Collaborates with SG senators on issues concerning both senates
  - Recruit members for University Committee
- University Committees: 12 filled, 8 vacant (see below)
  - Faculty Senate (3): Curriculum, Facilities, Student Affairs
  - Graduate Council (2): Bio & Ag, Arts & Humanities
  - Library Advisory Committee
  - University Sustainability Committee
  - University Committee for the Advancement of Women and Gender Equity (UCAWGE)
- Email me at [gppsseo@iastate.edu](mailto:gppsseo@iastate.edu)

## Report of the Senate Information Officer

- Intro and Bio
  - Personally: 5<sup>th</sup> year Ph.D. in Chemical & Biological Engineering, GPSS senator since 2022 and SIO this past year through now
  - As GPSS SIO:
    - Maintains GPSS webpage, social networks, and e-mail lists
  - Next meeting we will be electing a social media chair that will work with me to keep GPSS's social accounts active and up to date
  - Distributes and keeps current Senate information during meetings and in general
  - Keeps a record of attendance at Senate Meetings
  - Oversees the PAG system and responds to questions concerning it
  - I sit on the Student Technology Fee Advisory Group, Mock Semester Leadership Team, and PAG System WorkDay Transition Team
- These groups and teams are to ensure that the technological needs of graduate students are met and that the transition to WorkDay goes smoothly and graduate students are informed about this transition
- Maintains our GPSS Discord channel, let me know if you would like to join to help facilitate communication among GPSS members
- Chairs the Elections and Operations Committee
- Supervises GPSS elections and legislation votes
- Notifies Senators and their academic units if nonattendance becomes an issue
- Co-Chairs the Marketing and Public Relations Committee

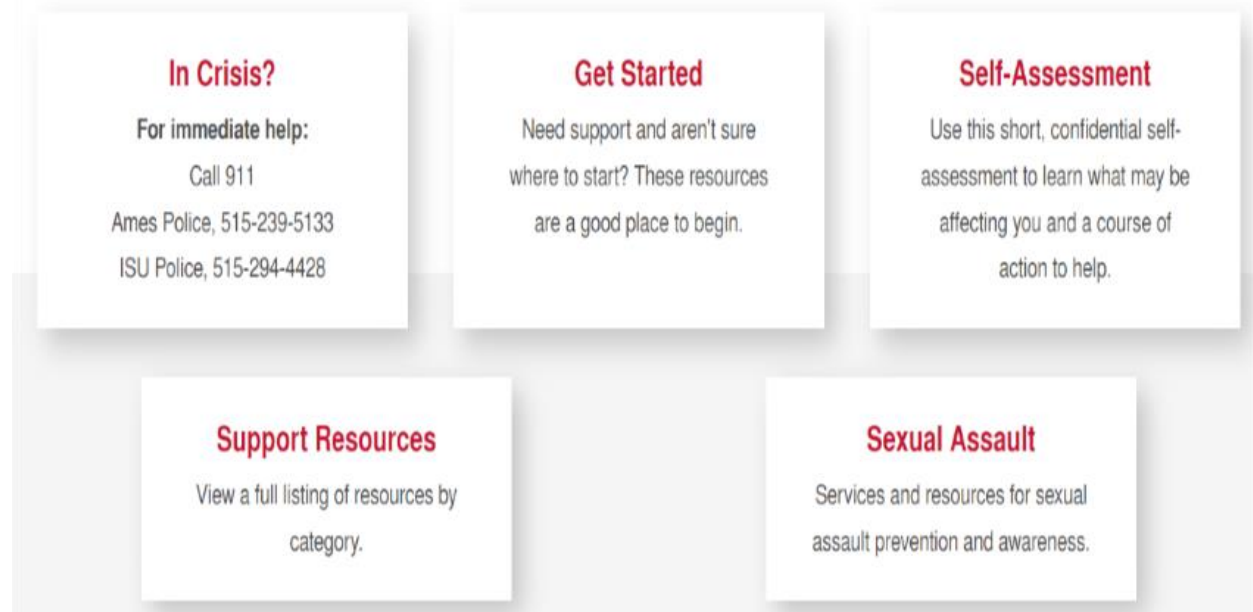
## Report of the Treasurer

- Who am I
  - 4<sup>th</sup> year PhD Student in the Mathematics Department, second year senator, first year Treasurer
- What do I do
  - Manage GPSS finances, financial records, make purchases, approve things, etc.
  - Disburse monies approved by the Senate
  - Chair the Finance Committee
  - Work with the Finance Committee to make recommendations on allocations and the yearly budget
- Join the Finance Committee! Here is what we do:
  - Make recommendations to the Senate with regards to Allocations!
  - Come up with a budget!
  - Have fun!
- Benefits to the committee:
  - Have a say in the budget
  - Understand the allocations process
  - Resume and career skill builder
  - Time commitment
- GPSS Fall Allocations:

- Early deadline is **11:59 pm on Friday, September 1<sup>st</sup>**
- Regular deadline is **11:59 pm on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**
- Requests submitted by the **early** deadline are eligible for an additional \$250 in allocation funding, for a total of **\$1,250**.
- Requests submitted after the early deadline but before the **regular** deadline are eligible for **\$1,000** in allocation funding.
- Requests submitted after the regular deadline will **not** be considered.
- Treasurer Training will be taking place Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm in Carver 0294
- Email me at [gpsstreasurer@iastate.edu](mailto:gpsstreasurer@iastate.edu)

#### Report of the Wellness Officer

- Intro
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Year PhD student in Chemical and Biological Engineering, second term serving as GPSS Health and Wellness officer
- What I do
- 2024 Health and Wellness Symposium: Planning, Session topics, and more!
- JED contract
- Working with student government wellness chair (Anna Spahn)
- Cyclone Support (<https://cyclonesupport.iastate.edu/>)



- Health and Wellness Resources: Theilen Health Center, Recreation Services, Counseling services, Telecounseling Services, Green Dot, Nutrition Counseling
- Substance Free Tailgate (September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, October 7<sup>th</sup> – 2 hours before Kickoff – Iowa State Alumni Center, Southwest Lane, 429 Alumni lane)



- Join the social committee with me and Ryan!

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

New Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) Officer

- Working with GPSS to help understand and support the unique needs of minoritized student groups

Why join IDEA committee?

- Working towards addressing IDEA related issues
- Making a difference in the minoritized students' school experiences
- It's new (we can do a wide range of IDEA related stuff)

[gpssidea@iastate.edu](mailto:gpssidea@iastate.edu)

Report of the Conference Chair

- Hi, I'm Ryan Everett – PhD, English, Rhetoric and Professional Communication and TA
- Conference Chair responsibilities
  - Plan 2024 GPSS Conference - fundraise, advertise, and organize
  - Lead Conference Committee
- Confirm 2024 date - [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeHKsYeBJW\\_YH2wQk-tolzjNt5RNaeugrqCrnPJ2b6EZGsg/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeHKsYeBJW_YH2wQk-tolzjNt5RNaeugrqCrnPJ2b6EZGsg/viewform?usp=sf_link)



- JOIN the Conference Committee!
  - Intrinsic and \$\$\$ reward
  - Have a say in keynote speaker, theme of conference, competition setup, or activities
  - Email your interest – [reverett@iastate.edu](mailto:reverett@iastate.edu) or [gpssconfchair@iastate.edu](mailto:gpssconfchair@iastate.edu)
- Join the **Social Committee with me and Kimia**
- Or the **Marketing and Public Relations with me and Garrison**
- Personal statement on this year's goals
  - Keep building grad community
  - Support GSV efforts
  - Have someone learn the ropes of Conference Chair, so I can nominate them for 24-25'

#### Report of the Graduate Student Government Senators

- Introductions

#### Report of the College Chairs Representative

- Introductions

#### IV. Unfinished Business

- No new business.

#### V. New Business

##### a. Senate Bill F23-01 Standing Rules

- Motion to consider read passed without objection.
- Bill passed without objections.

##### b. Election of a Senate Minute Taker

- No nominations.

#### VI. Senate Forum

- Discussion about housing for visiting scholars and interns – follow up discussion in future meeting.

#### VII. Roll Call and Announcements

- Kimia: there will be a social event for senators, email announcement to follow.

#### VIII. Adjournment