

Monday, November 27th, 2023
Memorial Union South Ballroom

I. Call to order: 6:40 PM

- Quorum statement 6:44PM
- Moved to approve meetings.
 - No objection, approved.
- Moved to approve Agenda.
 - No objection, approved.

II. Speakers

No Speaker.

III. Executive Reports

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 Char 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!
- F23-08
 - 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

- BoR recommendations
 - Questions, suggestions, clarifications
- F23-06
 - GPSS support towards IDEA initiatives in ISU

Report of the Conference Chair

- Theme decided - **Navigating Change: Shaping the Future of Graduate Life**
 - 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
 - *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

- Electing new leadership, major by-laws changing.

IV. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

V. New Business

- a. F23-06 Support for Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) initiatives at Iowa State University
 - Motion to consider as read – unanimous consent.
 - Bill passes with unanimous approval.
- b. F23-07 Amending the GPSS FY24 Budget
 - Motion to consider as read – unanimous consent.
 - Bill passes with unanimous approval.
- c. F23-08 Special Election for the Senate Engagement Officer
 - Motion to consider as read – unanimous consent.
 - Boris M. E. Alladassi nominates Charity Nya Njeshi
 - Confirmed unanimously.

VI. Senate Forum

- **Boris:** what is the allocation event the Treasurer mentioned earlier?
Kean: we want more organizations to apply to allocations and we need to get them to know what they are and how to apply. We are brainstorming an event for GSOs to get them to come and hear about the allocations.

VII. Roll Call and Announcements

- Christine: farewell to Efrain.

VIII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:36PM.