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## Graduate & Professional Student Senate

### GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 27, 2012; 7:00 PM  
South Ballroom, MU

- I. Call to order 7:00 P.M.
  - a. Roll Call – DONE (46/85)
  - b. Statement of Quorum by Speaker - DONE
  - c. Approval of the Minutes - DONE
  - d. Amendments to the Agenda
    - i. Motion to table Senate Bills S12-05 and S12-06
      1. VOTE: Yes – 42, No – 0, Abstain -1
- II. Introduction of new bills and resolutions
  - a. Senate Bill S12-05 - Amending the Constitution
    - i. TABLED
  - b. Senate Bill S12-06 - Amending the By-Laws And Articles Of Cooperation
  - c. TABLED
  - d. Senate Bill S12-07 - Amending the Standing Rules
    - i. Senator Woolcock introduced the bill.
  - e. Senate Bill S12-08 - Allocating Funds for a Financial Aid Presentation at The College Of Veterinary Medicine
    - i. Senator Perrine introduced the bill.
- III. Open Forum
  - a. Jared Knight and Katharine Brown , GSB 2012 Candidates
    - i. Jared is a junior in Political Science with research emphases in public policy and economics and currently serves as the Vice President of the Student Body. Katie is a sophomore in History and currently serves on the Executive Cabinet for the Government of the Student Body.
    - ii. Jared Knight was present, thanked the senate for the opportunity.
    - iii. They are running for GSB president/vice president next week.
    - iv. Main objective is to improve the overall experience and values of ISU students.
    - v. Trying to focus on issues related to both undergrads and graduates:
      1. Reduce the total cost of college – residence hall and meal plan rates, and student fees.
      2. The current GSB president and vice-president worked closely with tuition fees committee to keep same rate as last year, they will try and do the same for next year also.
      3. Residence halls – lots of first year students are placed in dense halls, there is a possibility of making all single rooms to double occupancy and so forth from the next year, the DOR is not delivering the experience that they should commensurate to the costs they are taking in.
      4. Issue related to protecting the intellectual property rights for the graduate students, there have been some cases where professors were taking their students' work as their own, not cool.

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5. GSB is a funding option for all students, including graduate students. Various options include building various community events.
- b. Jacob Swanson and David Bartholomew, GSB 2012 Candidates
  - i. Jake is majoring in Public Service and Administration in Agriculture and Business Management and is currently representing the ISU Residence Halls (IRHA) in GSB senate. Dave is a junior in Political Science, History, and Spanish. He is currently serving on GSB as a Senator for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.
  - ii. Both were present, thanked the senate for the opportunity to speak.
  - iii. Their talking points:
    1. They have been meeting with different organizations, talking about student funding and debt – current average for ISU student is around \$30K, this is a huge number compared to state institutions.
    2. They have very good relationship with Iowa state legislation; they play a major role in university decisions and need to be onboard with the student body.
    3. Where student dollars are going, exec member director of student debt reduction policies, 28-page financial plan, looks very promising.
    4. Increase approachability of GSB, pretty light hearted attitude.
    5. Platform is very student focused, check out website for more details.
  - iv. OPEN TO QUESTIONS to both sets:
    1. Senator Perez – what are the names of your websites?
      - a. <http://knightbrown2012.com/>
      - b. <http://jakeanddave2012.com/>
    2. CIO Sarkar – most of the GSB activities are focused towards undergraduates, how do you plan to include more graduate student focus?
      - a. Knight – that's a very valid issue, currently of the student activity fees, 40% goes to GPSS, 60% to GSB – they will look to change that with more percentage of money from graduate students going towards GPSS.
      - b. Jacob & David – Extend the articles of co-operation, make more interactive.
        - i. Parking division, student debt, increasing student diversity – more in tune with the student population mix.
    3. President Smith –
      - a. How do you plan to bridge the gap between graduates and undergraduates?
        - i. Knight –
          1. President Erica has done a great job so far, we look forward to continue similar relationship with GPSS next year as well. GPSS should have active participation in GSB affairs, not just symbolically.
          2. Also, graduates are busier than undergraduates with their research and all; they will look towards ways to increasing conversation and discussion.

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### ii. Jacob & David –

1. We feel very strongly and look forward to get constant input from GPSS in GSB affairs.
2. We are excited about our running platform; getting GPSS input in platform on regular issues is good, planning to come to GPSS several times per semester, appointing strong director of membership development.

### 4. Senator Peters – question about parking, there is a rumor of a new building to be constructed between Howe Hall and Design Building? This would sacrifice parking, how are you planning to solve the parking issue?

a. Jacob & David – We would all love to facilitate the building of a new parking lot, but don't know where. We have a great campus. There is some green space next to Friley hall, there could be parking lot including 30 spaces; cost would be 1 million dollars over 3 years, but that would get rid of the only green space. If we look at the campus maps over last 50 years, lots of green spaces have been removed for buildings and parking lots. So there is no single simple answer.

b. Knight - Not finalized yet, student pay for commuter lots, parking division has few 100 thousand dollars for capital accounts and pays to FPM, need to determine why the rates are so high that parking division cannot build more lots. Parking on campus can be a hassle; lots of students are frustrated with it. Planning to put a committee together, to deal with the parking issue. As number of off-campus students' increases, this issue will become more pressing and needs to be addressed.

### c. Ames Jaycees Representatives

i. Senator Stoehr represented.

ii. The Ames Junior Chamber (Jaycees) gives young people between the ages of 21 and 40 the tools they need to build the bridges of success for themselves in the areas of business development, management skills, community involvement, and international networking opportunities.

iii. Various activities include Fundraising (Ames on the Half Shell, Trashbag Fundraising Project, etc.), Community Development Projects (Holiday Food Baskets, Bowling Challenge, Easter Egg Hunt, Sandbox Fill, Holiday Tour of Lights, 4th of July Fireworks, Habitat for Humanity, etc.), Membership Socials - Friday After Work (FAW) Program, Ames Jaycee Winter Volleyball Team, etc.)

### iv. QUESTIONS:

1. Senator Lee – Is there any religious affiliation with this organization?  
NO.

v. Senator Stoehr then passed around informational cards.

## IV. Senate Forum

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- a. OPEN
- V. Remarks and Reports
  - a. Report of the President - President Smith
    - i. Bills that were tabled today, she strongly urges to keep them tabled. (The rules committee should have time to decide making the change from majority to 2/3<sup>rd</sup> or not).
    - ii. There are 2 current search committees – dean of students and registrar’s office – Erica is serving on the 1<sup>st</sup> committee. The candidates are expected to be brought on campus before the dead week. She will keep the senate updated about the progress.
    - iii. Current Provost Hoffman has decided to step down; there is a graduate student in that search committee, contact Senator Kleinheksel for more details.
    - iv. The State Secretary will be visiting the campus on March 9, 2012 at 1.30 pm – the location will be announced soon. The main talking point would be the voter ID bill. The state of IA is trying to require showing ID at polling - this might the voting rights of students, minorities, etc. She encourages senators to show up in larger numbers to show that we are passionate and do care about election issues.
    - v. The Regents’ day is April 4, 2012 ([CORRECT DATE IS MARCH 29, 2012.](#))
      - 1. She is urging the graduate senators to come to the capitol; it is normally dominated by undergraduates where they talk to state senators for more funding.
      - 2. Last year, ISU was lacking as compared to the other 2 big universities.
      - 3. Graduate senators can also present their own research in capitol; one can bring posters and talk to state senators asking for continued funding – this would be a good way to connect to legislators.
      - 4. GSB will highly fund transportation. Lookout for emails. Also ELPS is very actively involved here.
    - vi. Scandal concerning ISU *just sayin’* section in the Iowa State Daily – she has emailed the editor, internal provisions were taken to ensure that inappropriate sayings which maybe looked as racial slurs do not happen again, they are taking this issue very seriously.
    - vii. QUESTIONS;
      - 1. CIO Sarkar – is there any website where one can follow about the search committee updates? IOWA STATE DAILY will cover it; President Smith will also update the senate in every meeting.
      - 2. Senator Perez – could there be a conflict of interest with research topic in the regents’ day presentations? DON’T see that as major issue, but still will look into that.

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- b. Report of the Vice President and Rules Committee - Vice President Fateh
  - i. Rules committee met in Jan and Feb to review the docs – Constitution, By-laws and Standing Rules – the 3 bills will be duly considered, will come up with further amended docs soon.
  - ii. The Vet med bill was found favorable.
  - iii. There was the scheduled pizza social on Feb 23, 2012. There were fewer turnouts this time, mainly due to the bad weather. Hoping to have better turnout in the March pizza social.
  - iv. Nancy Levandowski , Director, ISU Dining had come to GPSS in September 2012 meeting, she has some updates to report to GPSS
    - 1. The number of students coming in LagoMarcino courtyard café, there were few requests to extend the operating hours to accommodate more students.
    - 2. According to reports and some investigation, the numbers of students in the vicinity during the late hours (classes ~ 80, tutoring ~ 130, night exam ~ 150, special classes ~ 100) do not justify increasing the courtyard café hours in an economical manner.
    - 3. If any senator feels strongly about this, please contact VP Fateh.
  - v. Vice President is part of the VEISHEA 2012 advisory committee
    - 1. The dates are April 16-22, 2012.
    - 2. Based on feedback from previous years, issues faced during parade:
      - a. candy tossing
        - i. Children at risk
        - ii. Undue amount of waste
        - iii. Bad health.
      - b. Did survey to several parents in Ames – results are as follows:
        - i. This time and now on, candy will not be tossed but handed out
        - ii. Speed limit on vehicles less than 5 mph
        - iii. Items other than candies can also be distributed.
      - c. All tickets sales will be online, possible locations for club VEISHEA discussion is going on, target is to have it in the most peaceful and non-alcoholic way.
  - vi. QUESTIONS
    - 1. Senator Kleinheksel – for the pizza social, other than bad weather, any other ways to increase participation? EXTEND the times maybe, instead of 5-7 pm, go for 6-8 pm, not final decision yet. Open for feedback.

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2. Senator Moss – how about other food items? WIDELY debated before, while we are open for suggestions, currently we are sticking with pizza as it is most widely and easily distributed.
- c. Report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee - Treasurer Gross
  - i. There were 3 financial bills; both bills went with favorable changes.
  - ii. The Pizza social money was spent according to the passed senate bill.
  - iii. The regular allocations ended last Friday, they will be worked on very soon, and be presented to the senate in the next meeting.
- d. Report of the CIO and Election Committee - CIO Sarkar
  - i. Announced the elections for 2012-13 GPSS Exec Board, gave short presentation about the roles and duties of each post.
  - ii. Opened the floor for nominations.
    1. Gross nominated Peters for Treasurer, she accepted.
    2. Gross nominated Kleinheksel for President, he accepted.
    3. Pelzer nominated Smith for URLA Chair, she accepted.
    4. Anderson nominated Stoehr for PAG Chair, she accepted.
    5. Sarkar nominated Saldanha for CIO, she accepted.
  - iii. Senators can send in nominations or can self-nominate till the election start in the March meeting.
- e. Report of the URLA Chair - URLA Chair Pelzer
  - i. Health insurance – there is currently lack of good communication between the students and the committee – at most 1 or 2 emails about enrollment periods, detailed information available in AccessPlus website. They are deciding on the best way to communicate - any feedback is welcomed; possible current options include emails or Facebook posts or paper mailing.
  - ii. Sustainability meeting is tomorrow, more updates on that in the next meeting.
  - iii. Computer advisory committee
    1. The call for regular CAC proposals ends this Thursday (3/1/2012). It call can be found here:  
[www.cio.iastate.edu/committees/cac/proposals/2012-2013/cac\\_cfp\\_2012-2013.pdf](http://www.cio.iastate.edu/committees/cac/proposals/2012-2013/cac_cfp_2012-2013.pdf)
    2. Students are also encouraged to apply for CAC funds within their colleges, he is aware of one student-driven organization which has been funded through LAS CAC in the past.
    3. The university-wide student computer fee was established to provide improved computer facilities throughout the university, to stimulate the use of computer-based instruction, and to help place Iowa State University as a leader in the use of technology for instruction.
    4. The focus of this annual call is for projects that have a broad impact on student use of academic technology and represent innovative uses of technology at Iowa State University.

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5. Additional innovative projects will be funded that are focused on student instruction but have inadequate funding from other sources of student computer fees and are deemed worthy of financial support.
  6. This document is a CALL FOR PROPOSALS that address university needs for instructional technology support from CAC Initiatives funds. Total funds for competitive proposals are anticipated to be \$400,000.
- iv. Updates from Graduate council & GSB Finance
1. Non-Major Graduate credits – Bill Graves. Report on programs that frequently use NMG credits in their programs. Guest Nikki Bado, Religious Studies.
  2. Great Plains Distance Programs – Final exams at a distance. Bill Graves/Guest: Cornelia Flora
  3. Suggested changes for the Graduate College Handbook. Term Graduate Faculty appointments. Bill Graves/Guest: Jean Anderson
  4. Items from GCCC
    - a. Number of classes a graduate student can drop. Should there be a limit?
    - b. Proposal for Masters in Engineering in Engineering Management
  5. Reports from sub-committees 2011-2012 topics
    - a. Non Degree Graduate Students – Dayal
    - b. State of Graduate Education at ISU – Carpenter
    - c. Interdepartmental – Martin
    - d. Distance Education – Moore
- v. He had sent out email about the seminar – hosted by GPSS through his chair position – the once on resume and CV critique got most votes, thus arrangements for that will be undertaken, open to feedback. The exact date and location is TBD.
- f. Report of the PAG Chair - PAG Chair Brgoch
- i. Out of money for spring 2012.
  - ii. Funding for summer 2012 is coming in, apply quickly.
  - iii. The deadlines for the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of peer awards are coming soon, please check website for more details. Apply through email or paper mail.
- g. Graduate and GSB Senator Report
- i. Senator Hennig
    1. Meeting on 2-8-12
      - a. \$68 million in cuts this year, All time enrollment over 30,000 students this fall, 90% job placement, Adding 700 new scholarships, 68% in-state students, “I want to see more graduate students”, president Leath, Wants to tackle student debt.
    2. Meeting on 2-15-12
      - a. New ISU app, available for both mac based and beta versions. Questions contact the engineering department; ActivUs, group promoting environmental and social justice

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on campus would like the GSB to promote green technology and taking coal based energy off campus; VIESHEA, knockout world record attempt, battleship and BBQ competitions. \$5 buttons for lunches available again; Cyclone family weekend, date TBA, doesn't do much with graduate students.

3. Meeting on 2-22-12
  - a. Cyclone aids, help freshman and transfer students get familiar with campus, don't work with graduate students; 10,000 hour club, attempts to get 1,000 students to volunteer 10 hours. Big party at the end for those who do, competes with other schools for highest number of hours
4. Questions:
  - a. Senator Deleon – 90% placements – any departmental breakup? Any numbers on Social studies?? NOT yet.
  - b. Senator Peters – food lines in VEISHEA central campus are very long, the food ends very fast, any thoughts? GOOD question, will ask people in charge.
  - c. Senator Sridharan – is President Leath coming to GPSS? President Smith - YES, next month, all senators please wear business casual for the meeting.

### VI. Old Business

- a. OPEN

### VII. New Business

- a. Senate Bill S12-05 - Amending the Constitution
  - i. TABLED
- b. Senate Bill S12-06 - Amending the By-Laws And Articles Of Cooperation
  - i. TABLED
- c. Senate Bill S12-07 - Amending the Standing Rules
  - i. Senator Woolcock read the bill.
  - ii. Requested to suspend the rules to just read amendments, call for UC, 2nded.
  - iii. Aaron moves to amend by striking line 49.
  - iv. Motion to table the bill to next meeting –
    1. Yes – 20
    2. No – 8
    3. Abstaining – 17
  - v. Aaron – withdrew cut February reference, called to question, 2nded.
  - vi. Call to question –
    1. Yes – 41
    2. No – 1
    3. Abstain – 1
    4. PASSES.
- d. Senate Bill S12-08 - Allocating Funds for a Financial Aid Presentation at The College Of Veterinary Medicine
  - i. Senator Perrine presented,
  - ii. CIO Sarkar – is the event open to all students, also non – vet med? YES.



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- iii. Senator Anderson – how are you planning to notify all other students? THROUGH emails, also GPSS listserv.
- iv. Senator FRANA – do you have funding from any other source? AT THE moment, NO
  1. President Smith – GPSS is the best body to support this event, it is a unique situation that directly affects the vet med major.
- v. Senator Kleinheksel – any idea so as to what would be an opportune time for all to be able to attend? Any time after 6 pm most probably.
- vi. Call to QUESTION, 2nded.
- vii. VOTE
  1. Yes – 45
  2. No – 2
  3. Abstain – 3
  4. PASSES.

### VIII. Announcements

#### a. President Smith

- i. ISU President Leath will be coming to GPSS next month, will have a short presentation, please come prepared with questions, representing the graduate student population, please dress accordingly.
- ii. Will veto the standing rules bill, discussion needs to be done on the constitution and bylaws before that.

### IX. Adjournment @ 8:35 pm