



# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

## Graduate & Professional Student Senate

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3 Meeting Agenda  
4 Monday, April 22, 2013  
5 7:00 PM  
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- 9 I. Call to order 7:00 P.M.
- 10 a. Roll Call
- 11 b. Statement of Quorum by Speaker
- 12 c. Approval of the Minutes
- 13 d. Amendments to the Agenda
- 14 II. Open Forum
- 15 a. Mechanical Engineering Graduate Student Organization (MEGSO)
- 16 b. Curriculum and Instruction Graduate Student Organization (CIGSO)
- 17 c. Steven Leath, University President
- 18 III. Senate Forum
- 19 a. Senator Zhang
- 20 b. Clicker Demonstration
- 21 IV. Introduction of new bills and resolutions
- 22 a. Senate Bill S13 - 13 Executive Council Scholarship Revision
- 23 b. Senate Resolution S13 – 14 Promotion of Graduate Involvement and Leadership
- 24 c. Senate Resolution S13 – 15 Providing Affordable Health Insurance for Family Members
- 25 d. Senate Bill S13 – 16 Transfer of FY2014 Summer PAG Funds to Surplus Account
- 26 V. Remarks and Reports
- 27 a. Report of the President - President Kleinheksel
- 28 b. Report of the Vice President and Rules Committee - Vice President De León
- 29 c. Report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee - Treasurer Peters
- 30 d. Report of the CIO and Election Committee - CIO Prisacari
- 31 e. Report of the URLA Chair - URLA Chair Tlach
- 32 f. Report of the PAG Chair - PAG Chair Stoehr
- 33 g. Graduate and GSB Senator Report
- 34 VI. Old Business
- 35 a. Senate Bill S13 – 06 Amending the Constitution: Inclusion of Compulsory Statements and
- 36 Correction of Syntax Errors (Yellow)
- 37 b. Senate Bill S13 – 07 Amending the Constitution: Redefining the Officers of the Senate (Gray)
- 38 c. Senate Bill S13 – 08 Amending the Constitution: Redefining Senator Roles and the Graduate
- 39 Student to Senator Ratio (Green)



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- 1           VII.       New Business
- 2           a.   Senate Bill S13 - 13 Executive Council Scholarship Revision
- 3           b.   Senate Resolution S13 – 14 Promotion of Graduate Involvement and Leadership
- 4           c.   Senate Resolution S13 – 15 Providing Affordable Health Insurance for Family Members
- 5           d.   Senate Bill S13 – 16 Transfer of FY2014 Summer PAG Funds to Surplus Account

6   VIII.   Announcements

7   IX.     Adjournment

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Meeting Notes  
Monday, March 25, 2013  
7:00 PM  
Sun Room  
Memorial Union

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9 I. Call to order 7:00 P.M.  
10 a. Roll Call – 65%  
11 b. Statement of Quorum by Speaker - MET  
12 c. Approval of the Minutes - MET  
13 d. Amendments to the Agenda  
14 i. Move Open Forum before introduction and new bills and resolutions  
15 ii. MET  
16 II. Introduction of new bills and resolutions  
17 a. Senate Bill S13 – 06 Amending the Constitution: Inclusion of Compulsory Statements and  
18 Correction of Syntax Errors (Yellow)  
19 b. Senate Bill S13 – 07 Amending the Constitution: Redefining the Officers of the Senate (Gray)  
20 c. Senate Bill S13 – 08 Amending the Constitution: Redefining Senator Roles and the Graduate  
21 Student to Senator Ratio (Green)  
22 d. Senate Bill S13 – 09 Amending the By-Laws: Creating a Separate Articles of Cooperation  
23 Document  
24 e. Senate Bill S13 – 010 Amending the By-Laws  
25 f. Senate Bill S13 – 011 Special allocation for the Professional Advancement Grants (PAGs)  
26 g. Senate Bill S13 – 012 Spring 2013 Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS)  
27 Allocations  
28 III. Open Forum  
29 a. Paul Johnson, Student Legal Services  
30 i. Student Legal Services (SLS) provides free, confidential legal advice and services for  
31 current ISU students, spouse cardholders, and registered student groups  
32 ii. SLS is located in 0367 Memorial Union, just across M-shop  
33 iii. Services provided by SLS include: administrative law, criminal law, consumer issues,  
34 employment issues, landlord-tenant issues, wills and powers of attorney  
35 iv. SLS does not handle cases that involve student vs. student, student vs. university,  
36 university disciplinary matters, and outside Story County  
37 v. SLS was just recently added to the Dean of students website  
38 vi. SLS began in 1985 with one part-time attorney. Prior to that year, ISU had a legal clinical  
39 run by the Drake students  
40 vii. Currently 22% of total students who use SLS are graduate students



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- 1                                   viii. Services used by graduate students the most: notary services, issues with  
2                                   landlords, creation of wills
- 3                                   ix. GSB continues to fund SLS: its library (in-office and online library), services,  
4                                   transportation, etc.
- 5                                   x. Are appointments required?
- 6   1. A lot of times people can just walk in. We don't do phone consultations, as we  
7   don't know who is calling us. This might be a problem for Vet Met. To solve this,  
8   we try to have office hours on Wednesday mornings on Vet Med campus.
- 9                                   xi. Would someone be available for simple consultations if student is out of state?
- 10   1. Yes, we try to accommodate as many students as possible
- 11                                   xii. We get a lot of referrals – from parents (former ISU students), Ames court, and police
- 12                                   xiii. For more information, visit SLS website@ [www.dso.iastate.edu/sls](http://www.dso.iastate.edu/sls)

### 13           IV. Senate Forum

- 14                           a. Graduate Excellence Subcommittee (GES) updates, presented by Senator Pritchard
- 15                           b. GES' objectives: increase graduate enrollment by 40% and increase graduate degrees awarded  
16                           by 20% in 4 years
- 17                           c. URLA Chair Tlach: This is a part of dean's office initiative to keep ISU's membership. ISU is a  
18                           member of elite Association of American Universities. Our current graduate enrollment is what  
19                           we are lacking the most
- 20                           d. Is it really a good idea to recruit graduate students within? We might be disadvantaging our  
21                           students by recruiting within. In some fields, employers don't like hiring someone who has  
22                           his/her undergraduate and graduate degrees from the same institution.

### 23           V. Remarks and Reports

- 24                           a. Report of the President - President Kleinheksel
- 25                                 i. University is currently investigating diversity issues and outreach. If you have any input  
26                                 or comments on this topic, feel free to contact me. I can either provide you with the  
27                                 contact information or forward your feedback.
- 28                                 ii. GSB elections are over, GSB president-elect is Mr. Hughes. Several graduate students  
29                                 were nominated for GSB Senator-at-large so potentially we might have all 3 Senators at  
30                                 large for the next year. There were some issues with the graduate ballots. Several  
31                                 graduate students voted for their academic college rather than Graduate College.  
32                                 Graduate students should not be allowed to vote for undergraduate students.
- 33                                 iii. Associate VP of student affairs is stepping down, two candidates will be on campus next  
34                                 week - April 2 & 3, 2-3pm.
- 35   1. Martino Harmon (April 2, 2pm, Gold Room, Memorial Union):  
36   <http://www.studentaffairs.iastate.edu/Harmon,%20Martino.pdf>
- 37   2. Lisa G. Blazer (April 3, 2pm, 3512 Memorial Union):  
38   <http://www.studentaffairs.iastate.edu/Blazer,%20Lisa.pdf>



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- 2           iv. Additional PAG funds opportunity: The Medical College of Wisconsin is offering its  
3 graduate students an opportunity to earn additional travel funds through a once a year  
4 phone and mail request to alumni and faculty. Only students who participate in this are  
5 eligible to use this additional funding. Should GPSS consider this option as PAG  
6 consistently runs out of money?
- 7           1. Why not consider utilizing surplus funds?
    - 8           a. This money is set aside to avoid running into negative balance
  - 9           2. All students should have an option to participate in this opportunity. However,  
10 these funds should not be limited only to participating students.
  - 11           3. These additional funds could go to the participating students first, then to all PAG  
12 applicants if not used.
- 13           v. What are some graduate students housing needs? Proximity to campus, furnishing,  
14 limited to younger professionals, consideration for families/pets, proximity to grocery  
15 stores, flexibility of lease, noisy neighbors
- 16       b. Report of the Vice President and Rules Committee - Vice President De León
- 17           i. Rules committee has spent this month revising the Constitution and By-laws and we have  
18 made some significant changes
  - 19           ii. GPSS Spring Social – April 5<sup>th</sup> in the Marston field, this event is open to all graduate and  
20 professional students and their families, please share this news with your constituents
- 21       c. Report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee - Treasurer Peters
- 22           i. Finance Committee has reviewed 2 bills: PAG and regular allocation; on both accounts  
23 the vote was favorable
  - 24           ii. GPSS has received \$9,000 less this year from the student fees than last year. We still  
25 have one more distribution on 30 of June which should be slightly higher due to GSB  
26 ration change
- 27       d. Report of the CIO and Election Committee - CIO Prisacari
- 28           i. Clicker Demonstration will take place next month
  - 29           ii. Graduate Research Conference
    - 30           1. Approx. time for this conference: last week of February - mid March, 2014.  
31 Please let me know if there is a major event for your department/program at this  
32 time so we can reschedule this event
    - 33           2. On April 29 I will be presenting this idea at the Associate Deans for Graduate  
34 Programs meeting
  - 35           iii. Nominations for 2013-2014 GPSS Executive Board positions
    - 36           1. Executive elections will be held later today and I am still accepting nominations.
- 37       e. Report of the URLA Chair - URLA Chair Tlach
- 38       f. Board of Regents



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- 1    i. Transparency Committee has been formed including administrators from  
2 Iowa’s public universities, members of the Iowa Legislature, and members of the Board  
3 of Regents
  - 4    1. Increase the transparency of the Board actions to the public
  - 5    2. Better connect with the taxpayers who are helping support the public universities
- 6    ii. Purchase of Land by the Board of Regents for ISU:
  - 7    1. 250 N Hyland at a cost of \$150,000 and proposed to renovate for design offices
  - 8    2. 2121 State Street at a cost of \$950,000 from John Wiley & Sons
- 9    g. Graduate Council:
  - 10    i. Evaluating the roles of Professors-Emeritus
    - 11    1. Can act only as a co-adviser for graduate students
    - 12    2. Also can serve on POS committees
    - 13    3. How long should they be allowed to serve in these roles?
  - 14    ii. Evaluate the use of post-docs to serve on POS committees
    - 15    1. Great opportunity for post-docs and also provide more options for students
    - 16    2. May get POS committees overrun with post-docs
    - 17    3. Post-docs positions may end before students graduate (final defense)
- 18    h. Report of the PAG Chair - PAG Chair Stoehr
  - 19    i. Peer teaching and research awards applications are due this Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.  
20 The winners will be awarded at April Senate meeting.
  - 21    ii. All summer applications can be submitted now, but will not be reviewed until April 20<sup>th</sup>.  
22 You are only allowed 1 PAG per fiscal year, so if you have applied and received PAG  
23 during this fiscal year, your application will be automatically denied. To verify your  
24 status, please contact your department contact as they are notified first.
- 25    i. Graduate and GSB Senator Report
- 26 VI. Old Business
- 27 VII. New Business
- 28    a. Senate Bills
  - 29    i. Senate Bill S13 – 06 Amending the Constitution: Inclusion of Compulsory Statements  
30 and Correction of Syntax Errors (Yellow)
    - 31    1. Table to read and discuss all the bills first (UC)
    - 32    2. Vote:
      - 33    a. Yes: 66
      - 34    b. No: 0
      - 35    c. Abstain: 0
      - 36    d. PASSES
  - 37    ii. Senate Bill S13 – 07 Amending the Constitution: Redefining the Officers of the Senate  
38 (Gray)
    - 39    1. CIO Prisacari: Currently 4 officers are serving double roles. By removing Senator  
40 privileges from these 4 officers would open up only 4 additional seats in Senate



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for the departments officers are coming from. Do you think that with 30 external committees and 6 internal GPSS committees GPSS currently does not provide you and your constituents enough opportunities for leadership?

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2. CIO Prisacari: According to Student Activities Center policies, a student organization cannot function without a President and Treasurer. By removing the Senator privileges and restricting eligibility only to current senators we are in fact, taking away leadership opportunities from the graduate students and possibly facing the risk of fulfilling the Executive seats if not enough current senators choose to run for the executive positions.
  3. Senator Beyer: what about the students who have served as Senator in the past? Can we change this line to “senators who have served or are currently serving as a Senator?”
  4. Not every department is lucky to have many graduate students who are interested in serving as the Senator. Both big and small departments are struggling to fill their seats. Some of us are here because no one else wants to serve as a Senator.
  5. CIO Prisacari: why not leave up to the department to decide whether the student who was elected in the Executive Office can represent his/her department while serving as an executive.
  6. Adopt amendments to the bill
    - a. Yes: 66
    - b. No: 0
    - c. Abstain: 0
    - d. PASSES
  7. Table the bill
  8. Vote:
    - a. Yes: 65
    - b. No: 0
    - c. Abstain: 1
    - d. PASSES

iii. Senate Bill S13 – 08 Amending the Constitution: Redefining Senator Roles and the Graduate Student to Senator Ratio (Green)

1. Senator Kaplan: just to clarify, according to the GPSS Constitution, GSB Senator-at-large does not represent his/her department.
  - a. URLA Chair Tlach: That is correct.
2. Vote on Limiting the discussion to 5 minutes:
  - a. Yes: 43
  - b. No: 14
  - c. Abstain: 5
  - d. PASSES
3. Vote on adopting the changes (UC)
4. Bill Vote:
  - a. Yes: 60
  - b. No: 5
  - c. Abstain: 1





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### d. PASSES

2 iv. Senate Bill S13 – 09 Amending the By-Laws: Creating a Separate Articles of  
3 Cooperation Document

4 1. Vote:

- 5 a. Yes: 66
- 6 b. No: 0
- 7 c. Abstain: 0
- 8 d. PASSES

9 v. Senate Bill S13 – 010 Amending the By-Laws

- 10 1. Senator Mukherjee: I suggest to cap senate meeting to 3 hours so leaving at 10pm  
11 should not be counted against the attendance.
- 12 2. PAG Chair Stoehr: I understand your concern, however, we are all here because  
13 we want to be here, not because we have to be. We are discussing important  
14 issues that sometime may take an extra time. As senators, we are well aware of  
15 this time commitment.
- 16 3. CIO Prisacari: we might have meetings with long agenda that require quorum  
17 such as our elections tonight. Seeing Senators leave after 10pm will negatively  
18 impact GPSS functionality.
- 19 4. President Kleinheksel: this is something for the next VP and CIO to decide: how  
20 to better time the meeting
- 21 5. If something occurs only once such as executive elections, why not cap it?
- 22 6. Senator Goodrich (sub): As agenda is emailed ahead of time, senators have a good  
23 expectation of time before coming to the meeting.
- 24 7. Vote on adapting addition to the By-laws “unless the meeting proceeds longer  
25 than three hours”
  - 26 a. Yes: 18
  - 27 b. No: 37
  - 28 c. Abstain: 9
  - 29 d. FAILS
- 30 8. Vote on the amended bill (UC)
- 31 9. Vote on the bill:
  - 32 a. Yes: 66
  - 33 b. No: 0
  - 34 c. Abstain: 0
  - 35 d. PASSES

36 vi. Senate Bill S13 – 011 Special Allocation for the Professional Advancement Grants  
37 (PAGs)

- 38 1. President Kleinheksel – do we have enough money to fund this bill as we have  
39 received \$9,000 less this year than last year?
  - 40 a. Treasurer Peters – yes. Our surplus account will still have \$6,000 left
- 41 2. PAG Chair Stoehr– we are always trying to accommodate as many as possible  
42 students, but reality is, we might not always have enough funds
- 43 3. President Kleinheksel – is there a reason why this sum is only allocated to spring  
44 semester?





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a. PAG Chair Stoehr– currently we aiming at funding 10 presenters and 10 non-presenters. We already have extra funds for summer onwards from GSB ratio switch.

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4 4. Vote:

- 5 a. Yes: 61
- 6 b. No: 1
- 7 c. Abstain: 3
- 8 d. PASSES

9 vii. Senate Bill S13 – 012 Spring 2013 Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS)  
10 Allocations

11 1. Vote:

- 12 a. Yes: 65
- 13 b. No: 0
- 14 c. Abstain: 0
- 15 d. PASSES

16 2. Treasurer Peters: Thank you to all the senators who have assisted their student  
17 organizations in the process of applying for regular allocations.

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19 ~ 5 minute break ~  
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21 b. Executive Elections

22 i. President

- 23 1. Senator Mukherjee nominated President Kleinheksel, he declined  
24 2. Candidate: CIO Prisacari

25 a. Served in GPSS 1 year, 3rd year PhD student in Human Computer  
26 Interaction

27 b. Interests/objectives:

28 i. Transition to online application format (regular allocations, senator  
29 verification, PAG application)

30 ii. Continue working with the Graduate College to better serve and  
31 connect with the graduate student population. Potential topics  
32 include: Graduate orientation program and Graduate Student  
33 Success Center

34 iii. Build a stronger relationship with GSB. This year we particularly  
35 struggled with getting and keeping GSB Senator-at-large. Also I'd  
36 like to discuss in more detail what does 50-50 ratio mean for GSB  
37 and for GPSS and weather we need to consider changing it again.

38 c. Senator Hale: why graduate orientation? Departments already have it.

39 i. CIO Prisacari: several years ago Graduate College used to offer an  
40 orientation for all incoming graduate students. Currently not all  
41 departments/programs offer a graduate orientation so some



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students are at disadvantage and are not fully aware of all services and resources that are available to them. This idea was brought up several times this year in the Senate meetings and was reflected in the Senator Pritchard's report for Graduate Excellence Subcommittee.

d. President Kleinheksel: I have worked with Anna since December. She is well prepared for this position.

e. Vote:

i. Yes: 57

ii. No: 0

iii. Abstained: 1

iv. PASSES

f. CIO Prisacari is GPSS President elect

ii. Vice-President

1. Candidates: Senator Zenko and URLA Chair Tlach

a. Senator Zenko is a graduate student in kinesiology, has been in GPSS for one year, has previous experience working with student organizations

b. URLA Chair Tlach – 5<sup>th</sup> year PhD student in chemistry, currently serves on executive cabinet, serves on Rules Committee, has been a Senator in the past. He plans to graduate next year.

2. Senator Zenko, is this the only position you are running for tonight?

a. No, I am also running for PAG Chair position.

3. Vote:

a. Senator Zenko (4)

b. URLA Chair Tlach (53)

c. Abstained (1)

4. URLA Chair Tlach is GPSS Vice-President elect

iii. Treasurer

1. CIO Prisacari nominated President Kleinheksel, he accepted

2. Candidates: Senator Helms (not present) and President Kleinheksel

3. Treasurer Peters: both candidates are very knowledgeable and have experience with the finance operations. However, Senator Helms, coming from Veterinary Medicine will greatly help to better connect graduate and professional students. Currently, Vet Med students are feeling distant. We need a Vet Med student on the Executive Board.

4. Senator Mukherjee: Cory has been on GPSS for several years, having him would be an advantage to the new Executive Board.



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2 5. Treasurer Peters: both candidates have the experience, but we have  
3 to look at the continuity of execs. Last year we had a very “green” team. Having  
4 new and old execs on the same team is of benefit to us.

- 5 6. Senator Pritchard: I have had some extended conversations with Cory and what  
6 GPSS means to him. He has a great vision for GPSS. Vet Med student would  
7 greatly diversify exec board. It is very hard to vote for someone who is not  
8 present and cannot share his vision with us tonight.
- 9 7. CIO Prisacari: Cory has tremendous expertise regarding GSB’s operations.  
10 Having him on Executive Board would be an asset to GPSS especially when we  
11 plan to review the GPSS/GSB ratio this year again.
- 12 8. Vice President De León: no doubt, Cory has great connections and expertise, but I  
13 am leading towards new blood. Senator Helms will bring new ideas and diversity  
14 to new cabinet.
- 15 9. Senator Den Herder: from my experience, we have no problems Cory being our  
16 treasurer. Senator Helms would like to represent everyone, not just Vet Med.
- 17 10. Vote:
- 18 a. Senator Tim Helms (42)
  - 19 b. President Kleinheksel (16)
  - 20 c. Abstained (0)
- 21 11. Senator Helms is GPSS Treasurer elect

### iv. CIO

- 22 1. President Kleinheksel self-nominated
- 23 2. Candidates: Senator Mukherjee and President Kleinheksel
- 24 3. Senator Dalluge: Cory, would you consider URLA nomination?
- 25 a. No
- 26 4. Senator Kaplan: Cory, will you have the time to implement all the changes to the  
27 GPSS website?
- 28 a. Yes, this is my second to last year.
- 29 5. Senator Pritchard: Cory is the NSF fellowship recipient. He knows what he is  
30 doing and the changes he is proposing are very doable for him.
- 31 6. Senator Agarwal: Senator Mukherjee is very passionate about GPSS, he  
32 motivated me to join the Senate.
- 33 7. Senator Diddi: as the first year senator, Senator Mukherjee has put a lot of effort.  
34 This is especially evident by how much effort he’s putting into Transparency bill  
35 and committee.
- 36 8. Senator Singh: Arko is very dedicated. He will do a good job as CIO.
- 37 9. CIO Prisacari: both candidates are excellent. Cory has helped me on numerous  
38 occasions with the GPSS website and technical issues I encountered. Arko has



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expressed his interest in this position several weeks ago. Since then we've met several times. So both of them are well aware of what this position entails and are well prepared for it.

10. Vice President De León: Arko has been a very strong and active voice in GPSS. Cory has been with GPSS for several years. Regardless how he stays involved, it will be to GPSS advantage.

11. Vote:

- a. Senator Mukherjee (35)
- b. President Kleinheksel (22)
- c. Abstained (1)

12. Senator Mukherjee is GPSS CIO elect

v. URLA Chair

1. Senator Huffman was nominated, he accepted

2. Candidates: Senator Huffman, Senator Saleem, and PAG Chair Stoehr

3. URLA Chair Tlach: Senator Saleem has done an excellent job with social.

4. Vice President De León: I've known Senator Huffman for a while. He is very intelligent and has a good sense of humor. And again, I am leading towards "new blood".

5. Vote:

- a. PAG Chair Stoehr (17)
- b. Senator Saleem (12)
- c. Senator Huffman (29)

6. Senator Huffman is URLA Chair elect

vi. PAG Chair

1. PAG Chair Stoehr nominated President Kleinheksel, he declined

2. Candidates: Senator Zenko, Senator Singh, and Senator Diddi

3. PAG Chair Stoehr: Senator Diddi has the knowledge and is well prepared for this position

4. Senator Mukherjee: Senator Singh has the computer science expertise; she will be able to transition PAG applications to online format

5. Treasurer Peters: I have worked with both Senators Singh and Diddi. Both are excellent candidates

6. Senator Kaplan: computer expertise is important, but I think PAG Chair does more than just approving PAG applications

7. Senator Mukherjee: to me, it is more important to transition to online format, so computer expertise is essential to this position.

8. Vice President De León: the depth of the position is only scratched by application process.



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9. Vote:

- a. Senator Singh (6)
- b. Senator Zenko (8)
- c. Senator Diddi (44)

10. Senator Diddi is PAG Chair elect

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6 VIII. Announcements

7 a. SAC Nominations

8 The Student Activities Center is currently seeking nominations for the 2013 Student  
9 Organization Awards. Categories include:

10 Outstanding Student Leader of the Year

11 Outstanding Commitment to Diversity

12 Outstanding Commitment to Service

13 Outstanding Event of the Year

14 Outstanding Student Organization Adviser of the Year

15 Deadline is March 31

- 16 b. DAAWAT fundraising dinner organized by SANKALP a non-profit student organization, this  
17 Saturday at The Plex. The funds collected will be going to sponsor a variety of projects in dinner:

18 <http://www.facebook.com/events/428240097270884/>

- 19 c. Sri Lankan Night – this Saturday in Great Hall, show is free, dinner is \$10

20 <http://www.facebook.com/events/317349691701041/>

21 IX. Adjournment @ 11:38pm

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**SENATE BILL S13-13**  
**SENATE MEETING April 22, 2013**

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- TITLE:** Executive Council Scholarship Revision
- WHEREAS:** The Executive Council members of the Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) are currently awarded with a scholarship during the fall and spring semesters out of the GPSS budget, and
- WHEREAS:** The current Executive Council members have indicated a decrease in the dollar amount of their scholarship would not change their dedication to the GPSS, and
- WHEREAS:** Decreasing the Executive scholarships would increase the available funds for the GPSS,
- WHEREAS:** The Executive scholarships are currently based on a percentage formula of tuition paid, and
- WHEREAS:** Setting a specific value for each executive scholarship would simplify the budget allocation estimate for Executive scholarships, and
- WHEREAS:** The Executive scholarship value should be more appropriately based on the time commitment of the officer position, be it therefore
- ENACTED:** That the GPSS Executive Officers be awarded their respective financial scholarship as outlined in the attached table.

Officer	2012-2013/ semester <sup>1</sup>	Predicted 2013- 2014/ semester <sup>2</sup>
President	\$1,745.10	\$1,700.00
Vice President	\$1,163.40	\$1,100.00
Treasurer	\$1,856.40	\$1,200.00
CIO	\$1,163.40	\$1,100.00
URLA Chair	\$1,163.40	\$1,100.00
PAG Chair	\$1,163.40	\$1,100.00
Total/semester:	\$8,255.10	\$7,300.00
Year Total:	\$16,510.20	\$14,600.00
Savings:		\$1,910.20

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<sup>1</sup>Number is based on percentage of tuition paid and is variable between semesters.

<sup>2</sup>Fixed semester values.



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## Graduate & Professional Student Senate

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2 Sponsors:

3 Tlach, B.	Prisacari, A.	Peters, A.	Stoehr, A.
4 Helms, T.	Mukherjee, A.	Huffman, P.	Diddi, S.

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### SENATE RESOLUTION S13-14

### SENATE MEETING APRIL 22, 2013

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5 TITLE: Promotion of Graduate Involvement and Leadership

6 WHEREAS: There are several opportunities and needs for graduate and professional student involvement throughout  
7 Iowa State University which would provide the development of leadership, networking, and collaborative  
8 skills in addition to building the curriculum vitae or resume of students, and

9 WHEREAS: All graduate and professional students will be leaders in their field and will have demands and  
10 responsibilities beyond those required of a graduate or professional program, and

11 WHEREAS: Several opportunities and programs for professional development and/or campus involvement already  
12 exist specifically for graduate and professional students or to all students that lack participation and  
13 involvement from graduate and professional student body, and

14 WHEREAS: All graduate and professional students have unique talents, personalities, and interests that would benefit  
15 the graduate and professional student body and Iowa State as a whole while with strengthening the  
16 relationships between graduate and professional students and administrators, faculty, staff, and  
17 undergraduates, and

18 WHEREAS: Encouraging and mandating involvement beyond current academic requirements would broaden the skill  
19 set and provide a distinct advantage of Iowa State graduates when seeking employment upon completion  
20 of their program, be it therefore

21 RESOLVED: The Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) recognizes the importance and benefits of graduate  
22 student involvement and realizes the general lack of encouragement from departments, programs, and  
23 advisors, be it further

24 RESOLVED: The GPSS supports the mandatory involvement of all graduate students at Iowa State University in  
25 various roles, programs, and organizations that may be determined according to each department or  
26 program, be it further

27 RESOLVED: Copies of this resolution be sent to the Graduate Council, the Graduate College, the Dean of Students, and  
28 the Office of the President.

29 Sponsors:

30 Tlach, B. Prisacari, A.  
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33 Cory J. Kleinheksel, President

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### SENATE RESOLUTION S13-15

### SENATE MEETING APRIL 22, 2013

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- 5 TITLE: Providing Affordable Health Insurance for Family Members
- 6 WHEREAS: Graduate and professional students commonly have a family or start a family while attending Iowa State  
7 University, and
- 8 WHEREAS: Mandates by Iowa State University for international students require health insurance for the family  
9 members of graduate and professional students, and
- 10 WHEREAS: The current health insurance offered by Iowa State for spouse, child, or spouse/child can exceed one-half  
11 of the monthly average stipend of graduate students, and
- 12 WHEREAS: Providing lower cost student family health insurance will promote greater opportunities and marketing of  
13 Iowa State to prospective students with families, and
- 14 WHEREAS: Iowa State still has an opportunity to take bids for health insurance needs for the upcoming year, be it  
15 therefore
- 16 RESOLVED: The Graduate and Professional Student Senate supports providing lower cost health insurance through  
17 Iowa State or through a selected alternative provider for family members of Iowa State University  
18 students, be it further
- 19 RESOLVED: The GPSS present its case to the Student and Scholars Health Insurance Program Office (SSHIP) and the  
20 SSHIP Committee, be it further
- 21 RESOLVED: Copies of this resolution be sent to the Graduate Council, the Graduate College, the Dean of Students, the  
22 Student and the SSHIP Office.

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24 Sponsors:

25 Tlach, B.                      Prisacari, A.                      Mukherjee, A.

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Cory J. Kleinheksel, President

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J. Eliseo De León, Chair of the Senate

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### SENATE BILL S13-16

### SENATE MEETING APRIL 22, 2013

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5 TITLE: Transfer of FY2014 Summer PAG Funds to Surplus Account

6 WHEREAS: \$5000 of additional funds were allocated in Senate Bill S13-04 to the FY2014 Summer Professional  
7 Advancement Grants (PAG)s as a result of increased funds from Student Activity Fees resulting from the  
8 50/50 GSB/GPSS split, and

9 WHEREAS: Several senators, graduate and professional students have expressed interest in developing an Iowa State  
10 Graduate Research Conference, and

11 WHEREAS: Funds are needed to initiate the planning and design of the conference, and

12 WHEREAS: An additional \$1000 has already been rolled into the PAG account from the “speaker/programming” line  
13 item by 1 April 2013 in the absence of a scheduled speaker/program as stipulated in Senate Bill S13-04,  
14 be it therefore enacted

15 ENACTED: \$4000 be transferred from the FY2014 summer session PAG account to the Graduate and Professional  
16 Student Senate surplus account.

17 Sponsors:

18 Tlach, B.      Prisacari, A.      Peters, A.      Helms, T.      Diddi, S.

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27 Cory James Kleinheksel, President

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Jose Eliseo De Leon, Chair of the Senate



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### SENATE BILL S13-06

### SENATE MEETING MARCH 25, 2013

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5 TITLE: Amending the Constitution: Inclusion of Compulsory Statements and Correction of Syntax Errors

6 WHEREAS: The Rules Committee is charged to review the Graduate and Professional Student Senate Constitution  
7 each year, and

8 WHEREAS: The current Constitution in place for the Graduate and Professional Student Senate does not accurately  
9 represent the proceedings of the Senate, and

10 WHEREAS: Student Activities Council mandates compulsory language with reference to discrimination practices, and

11 WHEREAS: The current Constitution contains a number of syntax and grammatical errors, be it therefore

12 ENACTED: That the Graduate and Professional Student Senate Constitution be amended as attached.

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14 Sponsors:

15 Tlach, B. Creager, N. Zenko, Z. Dick-Perez, M. Prisacari, A.

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### SENATE BILL S13-07

### SENATE MEETING MARCH 25, 2013

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5 TITLE: Amending the Constitution: Redefining the Officers of the Senate

6 WHEREAS: The Rules Committee is charged to review the Graduate and Professional Student Senate Constitution  
7 each year, and

8 WHEREAS: Eligibility and definition of the Officers of the Senate can be more clearly defined, be it therefore

9 ENACTED: That the Graduate and Professional Student Senate Constitution be amended as attached.

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12 Sponsors:

13 Tlach, B.

Creager, N.

Zenko, Z.

Dick-Perez, M.

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### SENATE BILL S13-08

### SENATE MEETING MARCH 25, 2013

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- 5 TITLE: Amending the Constitution: Redefining Senator Roles and the Graduate Student to Senator Ratio
- 6 WHEREAS: The Rules Committee is charged to review the Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS)
- 7 Constitution each year, and
- 8 WHEREAS: The current Constitution in place for the GPSS does not accurately represent the proceedings of the
- 9 Senate, and
- 10 WHEREAS: The number of Graduate and Professional Student Senators has grown to a critical value, and
- 11 WHEREAS: The roles and definitions of the Senators and Senators-at-large of GPSS can be more accurately defined,
- 12 be it therefore
- 13 ENACTED: The GPSS Constitution be amended as attached.

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20 Sponsors:

21 Tlach, B.                      Creager, N..                      Zenko, Z.                      Dick-Perez, M.

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J. Eliseo De León, Chair of the Senate



# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

## Graduate & Professional Student Senate

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### IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE



### CONSTITUTION

The Graduate and Professional Student Senate of Iowa State University is an elected body through which graduate and professional students express their concern for the welfare of graduate and professional students at the University, develop and disseminate ideas for the improvement of graduate and professional education, and contribute to the formation of relevant University policy. The Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) is the representative, deliberative, and administrative organization of the graduate and professional student body of Iowa State University, and is a duly constituted independent collegiate organization within the University.

#### ARTICLE I. THE GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE

1. Representation. Each graduate department, interdepartmental, and professional program may elect one Senator for each fraction of ~~40~~ ~~(50)~~ one hundred (100) graduate or professional students enrolled with a maximum of ~~5~~ ~~four~~ (4) Senators per department, where enrollment in a department, interdepartmental and professional program major is defined at <http://www.registrar.iastate.edu/enrollment/statsmajor>. Interdepartmental majors will be counted as members of their major rather than their home departments. Additionally, the special status of Senator-at-large shall be granted to the President and Vice-President of the GPSS and the Government of the Student Body (GSB). Senators representing the Graduate College.

2. Eligibility. Any student enrolled at least halftime (unless fewer credits are required in the final stages of their degree as defined by the Continuous Registration Requirement) in a graduate department, interdepartmental, or professional program at Iowa State University may be elected as a Senator. Each graduate/professional program may create more restrictive rules for electing Senators if they choose. Iowa State University and the





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1 GPSS do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, age, ethnicity, religion, national origin,  
2 pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, sex, marital status, disability, or status as a  
3 U.S. veteran.  
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### 5 3. Definitions

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7 i. Senators. A Senator is an elected ~~departmental~~ representative registered in good standing with the  
8 Graduate College or any of the professional colleges ~~and within the~~ University. Each Senator will have one  
9 vote in the Senate.  
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11 ii. Senators-at-large. The following positions carry the status of Senator-at-large. Status as a Senator-at-large  
12 shall not count against a departmental quota (ARTICLE 1, section 1, representation), and is not subject to  
13 departmental election procedures as otherwise defined in the By-laws or the Standing Rules.

14 a. ~~President Officers of the Senate.~~ The ~~President Officers of the Senate~~ shall represent the Senate as a  
15 whole and shall not carry a vote except Vice-President who shall only vote ~~to decide in the occurrence~~  
16 ~~of a tie.~~

17 b. Graduate GSB Senators. They shall ~~be granted voting rights in GPSS as Senators at large and shall~~  
18 represent the graduate student body as a whole. They shall also act as a liaison between GSB and GPSS  
19 to facilitate efficient and productive legislation by the two bodies and to strengthen representation of  
20 student concerns to administration. ~~GSB Senators at large shall carry one vote.~~ GSB Senators who  
21 represent the Graduate College shall be elected to GSB by the graduate student body or, in the case of  
22 a vacancy or special circumstances, appointed to GSB by GPSS as defined in the GSB Constitution and By-  
23 Laws  
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25 iii. Session. A scheduled meeting of the seated Senate.

26 4. Terms. Members of the Senate are elected by graduate or professional students, ~~as the case may be, in their~~  
27 ~~departments~~ for one year terms that begin in August or January and may be re-elected for as long as they  
28 continue to be in good standing with the ~~graduate~~ Graduate college College or college College of Veterinary  
29 Medicine.  
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31 5. Officers. The officers of the Senate are the President, Vice-President, Chief Information Officer, ~~and Treasurer,~~  
32 ~~University Relations and Legislative Affairs Chair, and Professional Advancement Grant Chair.~~ Henceforth, this  
33 order shall be known as the order of seniority. ~~The duties and responsibilities of the officers shall be defined~~  
34 ~~and be limited to:~~  
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36 a. ~~President:~~

37 i. ~~Preside over the GPSS Executive Council meetings.~~

38 ii. ~~Preside over any general meetings of the graduate and/or professional student body.~~

39 iii. ~~Supervise normal internal operations of the Senate.~~

40 iv. ~~Coordinate and direct the activities of the operating committees.~~

41 v. ~~Assume risk management responsibilities for acts of the organizations or events produced~~  
42 ~~by the organization.~~



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1 vi.—Such other responsibilities as authorized by the Senate. Authorization may  
2 be reviewed by the Senate as necessary.  
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4 b.—Vice-President:

- 5 i.—Assume the responsibility of the President in the case of the President's absence.
- 6 ii.—Preside over Sessions of the Senate or designate the chair with the approval of the Senate.
- 7 iii.—Conduct the Senate Sessions according to the rules of procedure set by the Rules  
8 Committee.
- 9 iv.—Determine whether or not a quorum is present.
- 10 v.—Chair the Rules Committee.
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12 c.—Chief Information Officer:

- 13 i.—Record and file records of activities of the Senate and its agencies.
- 14 ii.—Keep a record of attendance at Senate Sessions.
- 15 iii.—Handle and maintain a record of all Senate correspondence.
- 16 iv.—Conduct roll call votes.
- 17 v.—Maintain the GPSS webpage and email listservs.
- 18 vi.—Have a functional knowledge of GPSS rules and proceedings.
- 19 vii.—Chair the Elections Committee.
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21 d.—Treasurer:

- 22 i.—Collect, keep a record of, and arrange for the safekeeping of such monies as the Senate may obtain.
- 23 ii.—Disburse such monies as the Senate approves through a Senate Bill unless other procedures are outlined in  
24 the Bylaws or Senate Bill.
- 25 iii.—Report to the Senate for approval at all regular sessions, all income and expenses and maintain records of  
26 all transactions.
- 27 iv.—Maintain financial records for inspection at any time by members of the Senate.
- 28 v.—Chair the Finance Committee.
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30 6. Sessions.  
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- 32 i. The Graduate and Professional Student Senate meets once per month during the fall and spring semesters,  
33 except in the months of December and May. ~~during the Fall and Spring semesters.~~ Summer sessions may  
34 be held at the discretion of the Executive Council for Senators who are in place and present at Iowa State  
35 University.  
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- 37 ii. The Vice-President shall call additional sessions as directed by the Senate or a written petition of 30% of the Senate  
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40 7. Powers and Duties.  
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1           i. The Senate may discuss and take a position on any subject of concern to the graduate and  
2 professional student body. The Senate may discuss and make policies within its jurisdiction. The Senate  
3 may also allocate funds by Senate Bill or through an approved budget. Allocation of funds shall never  
4 exceed the actual funds possessed by the Senate.

5           ii. Issues must be referred to a vote of the graduate and professional student body upon receipt of a petition  
6 of five percent (5%) of the graduate and professional student body (as determined by the Office of the  
7 Registrar), or may be referred by the Senate. The vote shall be through a process approved by the Senate  
8 and the voting process shall be open for not less than one regular class day (9am to 5pm).

10           iii. The Senate may call general meetings of the graduate and professional student body.

12           iv. The Senate is the judge of its membership.

14           v. The existence of the Senate shall not preclude other means of communication between the graduate or  
15 professional student and the University.

### 17 ARTICLE II. THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

19           1. Membership. The Executive Council consists of the Senate officers and the chairpersons of the University  
20 Relations and Legislative Affairs and Professional Advancement Grant committees.

22           2. The duties and responsibilities of the officers shall be defined and be limited to:

#### 24           i. President:

25           a. Preside over the GPSS Executive Council meetings.

26           b. Preside over any general meetings of the graduate and professional student body.

27           c. Supervise normal internal operations of the Senate.

28           d. Attend annual President's training in compliance with Student Organization regulations.

29           e. Coordinate and direct the activities of the operating committees as defined in article III.

30           f. Assume risk management officer responsibilities for acts of the organizations or events produced by  
31 the organization.

32           1. The role of risk management officer is [a] to recommend risk management policies or procedures  
33 to the GPSS, [b] to submit documentation to ISU's risk management office and [c] to ensure that  
34 risk management procedures are implemented at all the organization's events.

35           g. Such other responsibilities as authorized by the Senate. Authorization may be reviewed by the Senate  
36 as necessary.

#### 38           ii. Vice-President:

39           a. Assume the responsibility of the President in the case of the President's absence.



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1            b. Preside over Sessions of the Senate or designate the chair with the approval of the  
2            Senate.

3            c. Conduct the Senate sessions according to the rules of procedure set by the Rules Committee.

4            d. Determine whether or not a quorum is present.

5            e. Chair the Rules Committee.

6            f. Reserve monthly meeting venue through university's room reservation request.

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8            iii. Chief Information Officer:

9            a. Record and file records of activities of the Senate and its agencies.

10           b. Keep a record of attendance at Senate Sessions.

11           c. Handle and maintain a record of all Senate correspondence.

12           d. Conduct roll call votes.

13           e. Maintain the GPSS webpage and email listservs.

14           f. Have a functional knowledge of GPSS rules and proceedings.

15           g. Chair the Elections Committee.

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17           iv. Treasurer:

18           a. Collect, keep a record of, and arrange for the safekeeping of such monies as the Senate may obtain.

19           b. Disburse such monies as the Senate approves through a Senate Bill unless other procedures are  
20           outlined in the By-laws or Senate Bill.

21           c. Report to the Senate for approval at all regular sessions, all income and expenses and maintain records  
22           of all transactions.

23           d. Maintain financial records for inspection at any time by members of the Senate.

24           e. Attend annual Treasurer's training in compliance with Student Organization regulations.

25           f. Chair the Finance Committee.

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27           v. URLA Chair:

28           a. Coordinate graduate and professional student body representation on university committees, collects  
29           feedback from those committees as well as legislative affairs.

30           b. Plan speaker/programming for graduate and professional student body

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32           vi. PAG Chair:

33           a. Review and allocate professional advancement grants according to guidelines set by the Senate for  
34           GPSS awards and scholarships.

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36           2.3. Terms. The term of office for Executive Council members shall expire upon the adjournment of the April  
37           session.

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39           3.4. Eligibility. The Executive Council members are elected by and from the Senate.

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41           i. All members of ~~or incoming~~ Senate who have served or are currently serving as a Senator are eligible to  
42           serve as ~~other~~ Executive Council members.



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1           ii. Members of the Executive Council or nominees to be elected to the Executive Council must  
2 meet the following requirements:  
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- 4           a. Have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 and meet that minimum cumulative  
5           GPA in the semester immediately prior to the election/appointment, the semester of  
6           election/appointment and semesters during the term of office. In order for this provision to be met, at  
7           least six hours (half-time credits) must have been taken for the semester under consideration.
- 8           b. Be in good standing with the University and enrolled at least half-time (six or more credit hours),  
9           unless fewer credits are required in the final stages of their degree as defined by the Continuous  
10           Registration Requirement during their term of office.
- 11           c. Be ineligible to hold an office should the student fail to maintain the requirements as prescribed in (a)  
12           and (b).  
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14           iii. The Senate may recall, if necessary, any of the members of the Executive Council by a two-thirds<sup>2/3</sup> vote  
15           of elected senators. Election of a new Executive Council member shall proceed through special election  
16           procedures.  
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18           ~~4.5.~~ Meetings. The President shall call meetings of the Executive Council at the request of any member of the  
19           Council or as is necessary. These meetings will be advertised appropriately before the ~~council~~ Council meeting.  
20           Each member of the Executive Council shall have one vote.  
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22           ~~5.6.~~ Powers and Duties.  
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- 24           i. The Executive Council represents the Senate while the Senate is not in session.  
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- 26           ii. The Executive Council is responsible directly to the Senate for all its activities and decisions.  
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- 28           iii. The Executive Council may act on behalf of the Senate only on issues requiring action prior to the next  
29           Senate session and a quorum for a special Senate session cannot be attained.  
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- 31           iv. The Executive Council must report all its activities, actions and decisions to the Senate at the next Senate  
32           session.  
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### 34           ARTICLE III. COMMITTEES

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36           1. Permanent Standing Committees.  
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1           i. Finance Committee. The Finance Committee prepares the budget and makes  
2 recommendations for allocations of the funds of the Graduate and Professional Student Senate. The  
3 Treasurer acts serves as the Chair for the Finance Committee. In addition, the finance Finance committee  
4 Committee will:

- 5 a. Compose a bill of guidelines for regular and special allocations during the spring semester to be used  
6 for the following year.
- 7 b. Notify the senate of any changes to the guidelines due to current circumstances.

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9           ii. Rules Committee. The Rules Committee prescribes all general and special rules of procedure necessary for  
10 the orderly consideration of Senate business. All questions of a procedural or legal nature are directed to  
11 the Rules Committee. The Vice President serves as the Chair for of the Rules Committee.

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13           iii. Elections Committee. The Elections Committee is responsible for ensuring that all Senate positions are  
14 filled. All questions regarding GPSS membership are directed to the Elections Committee. The Chief  
15 Information Officer is the Chair of the Elections Committee, which:

- 16 a. Supervises elections of Senators and Executive Council members.
- 17 b. Supervises special elections needed to fill vacancies.
- 18 c. Maintains a record of attendance at all Senate sessions and notifies Senators as well as their  
19 departments or professional programs of their nonattendance.

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21 ~~vi. Professional Advancement Grant Committee. The Professional Advancement Grant Chair will work with a  
22 representative from the Graduate College for travel awards, and form a committee to select the Graduate  
23 Research and Graduate Teaching award winners for the Fall and Spring semesters.~~

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25           iv. University Relations and Legislative Affairs Committee. Questions regarding public and university policy  
26 on graduate and professional students shall be referred to this committee. The duties of this committee  
27 include

- 28 a. Advocating graduate and professional student concerns to local, state, and federal officials.
- 29 b. Monitoring governmental actions affecting graduate and professional students.
- 30 c. Coordinating Senate actions to influence public policy on graduate and professional student concerns.
- 31 d. Recruit graduate and professional students to serve on University Committees.
- 32 e. Serving as an investigative committee for the Senate when the occasion arises.
- 33 f. Work closely with the Senators-at-large to GSB on issues that concern both Senates.
- 34 g. Serve as a liaison to the GPSS regarding Board of Regents activities.

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37 v. Professional Advancement Grant Committee. The Professional Advancement Grant Chair will work with a  
38 representative from the Graduate College for travel awards, and form a committee to review GPSS awards  
39 and scholarships.



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1 2. Other Committees. The Senate may establish such other standing or temporary ad hoc  
 2 committees as its business requires.

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 4 3. Committee Chairpersons. All committees including University Relations and Legislative Affairs and  
 5 Professional Advancement Grant, and University Relations and Legislative Affairs Committees shall have a  
 6 chairperson. If a committee does not have a chairperson, the President of the Graduate and Professional  
 7 Student Senate or the Senate shall appoint one.

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 9 ARTICLE IV. ADVISER

10 1. The duties of the Adviser(s) shall include:

- 11 i. Be available to provide advice to Senators and Executive Council members.
- 12 ii. Act as a liaison with the University Administration and in any other situation where a non-student
- 13 spokesperson is needed.
- 14 iii. Maintain confidentiality on any information given or when advice is sought, except where violation of law  
 15 or University policy is at issue in the occasion of law or University policy violations.
- 16 iii-iv. Attend annual Advisor's training in compliance with Student Organization regulations.
- 17 iv-v. Sign all expenditures made by the organization.

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 20 2. Selection. The Adviser shall be selected through consultation between the President of the Senate, and the  
 21 Office of the Senior-Vice President for Student Affairs and the Office of the Senior-Vice President and Provost. A  
 22 majority vote of the Senate shall be required to confirm the appointment of the Adviser.

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 24 3. Term. The term of the Adviser shall be ongoing until resignation or removal by a two-thirds vote of a 60%  
 25 ~~quorum~~ of the Senate. Selection of a new advisor shall proceed through procedures outlined in Article IV,  
 26 paragraph 2.

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 28 ARTICLE V. SUPREMACY OF RULES

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 30 1. The following shall be the order of supremacy of rules and policies of the Graduate and Professional Student  
 31 Senate:

- 32 i. Constitution
- 33 ii. Articles of Cooperation
- 34 iii. By-laws
- 35 iv. Acts of the Senate as passed through Senate Bill

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 37 2. All acts and rules of the Senate shall be in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws as well as  
 38 Iowa State University rules and regulations.





# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

## Graduate & Professional Student Senate

### 1     ARTICLE VI. FINANCES

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3     1. All monies belonging to this organization shall be deposited and disbursed through a bank account established  
4     for this organization at the Campus Organizations Accounting Office and/or approved institution/office (must  
5     receive authorization via Campus Organizations Accounting Office). All funds must be deposited within 48  
6     hours after collection. The Adviser to this organization must approve and sign each expenditure before  
7     payment.

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9     2. No dues shall be required for membership as a Senator.

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### 11    ARTICLE VII. BY-LAWS, AMENDMENTS, AND RATIFICATION

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13    1. By-Laws. A set of By-Laws shall be written and maintained to specify the rules for elections and rules of  
14    procedure for the Senate and the Executive Council. Amendments to the By-Laws shall require approval from  
15    two-thirds of all Senators present, where those two-thirds are also a majority of all Senators currently elected  
16    and verified.

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18    2. Amendments. Amendments to the Constitution may be initiated by the Senate, or by a petition to the Senate of at least one  
19    hundred (100) combined graduate and professional students. An amendment must be approved at two senate sessions that are at  
20    least two weeks apart. At each senate session, approval must be by two-thirds of all Senators present, where those two-thirds are  
21    also a majority of all Senators currently elected and verified.

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23    3. Ratification. This Constitution shall be ratified upon approval of three-fourths of the Senate.

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25    If the Constitution or By-Laws are amended, the Chief Information Officer shall send an updated copy of both to the  
26    Student Activities Center within ten days of the amendment.

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