

# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

## Graduate & Professional Student Senate

### GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE Meeting Notes

Monday, January 28, 2013  
7:00 PM  
Sun Room  
Memorial Union

- I. Call to order 7:00 P.M.
  - a. Roll Call – 68%
  - b. Statement of Quorum by Speaker
  - c. Approval of the Minutes - MET
  - d. Amendments to the Agenda - MET
- II. Introduction of new bills and resolutions
  - a. Senate Bill S13-01 Amending the Standing Rules to Improve GPSS Transparency and Efficiency – introduced by Senator Mukherjee
  - b. Senate Bill S13 – 02 Notifying the Senate of changes to Regular and Special Allocation Guidelines for FY2013 – introduced by Treasurer Peters
  - c. Senate Bill S13 – 03 Transfer of surplus funds to reserve account - introduced by Treasurer Peters
  - d. Senate Bill S13 – 04 Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 - introduced by Treasurer Peters
- III. Open Forum
  - a. Senator Pritchard's Survey Announcement –
    - i. Graduate Excellence Committee lead by David Holger, the Associate Provost for Academic Programs and Dean of the Graduate College is seeking feedback from graduate students.
    - ii. Survey is anonymous, can be forwarded to constituents, and all results will be confidential.
    - iii. Link to survey:  
<https://docs.google.com/a/iastate.edu/spreadsheet/viewform?fromEmail=true&formkey=dHFEUXM5dXJzel9hVHVXbU9JVHA5bEE6MQ>
- IV. Senate Forum
  - a. Senate Training Presentation
    - i. URLA Chair Tlach – who can call roll call and when roll call can occur? Senate can request roll call. Roll call is more likely to occur during a particular case such voting on removing a senator from

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the Senate for misconduct. However, roll call can be requested during any bill vote.

### V. Remarks and Reports

#### a. Report of the President - President Kleinheksel: [gpsspresident@iastate.edu](mailto:gpsspresident@iastate.edu)

- i. Tearoom serves lunch Tuesday – Friday at 11.50am. Now it is adding dinner shifts for \$6.50. Reservations are required. Student organizations can book Tearoom up to 80 people. Menus are available online.

1. Tearoom Homepage:

1. <http://www.aeshm.hs.iastate.edu/tearoom/homepage.php>

- ii. Memorial Union has facebook and twitter accounts

1. MU Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/isu.mu?fref=ts>

- iii. GPSS Spring Picnic – no date is set yet. If your department is unavailable for a particular day, please let us know so we avoid scheduling picnic at that time

- iv. Arrival of Child Policy and Sick Policy were adopted and will become effective as of July 1, 2013

- v. University Budget Advisory Committee is setting priorities for the next eight months. If you have feedback for any committee, please verify GPSS Committee page and contact the appropriate committee member.

1. GPSS Committee Homepage: <http://www.grad-college.iastate.edu/gpss/committees/index.html>

- vi. Regular allocations are currently in process. GSB is starting their finance information sessions. I encourage you to consider GSB funding as some organizations serve both undergraduate and graduate student body. For more information visit GSB:

1. <http://www.gsb.iastate.edu/funding.php>

#### b. Report of the Vice President and Rules Committee - Vice President De León: [gpssvicepresident@iastate.edu](mailto:gpssvicepresident@iastate.edu)

- i. Rules Committee is seeking more people to serve on the committee
- ii. We need more help with planning the spring picnic. Please contact Vice President De León, if interested

#### c. Report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee - Treasurer Peters: [gpss treasurer@iastate.edu](mailto:gpss treasurer@iastate.edu)

- i. Regular allocations are due Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> by 5pm. Please encourage your student groups to apply. Forms, guidelines, and

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FAQs are available online: <http://www.grad-college.iastate.edu/gpss/allocations/index.html>

- d. Report of the CIO and Election Committee - CIO Prisacari: [gpsscio@iastate.edu](mailto:gpsscio@iastate.edu)
  - i. Executive Elections are in two months, if you are interested to run for any executive position, please let me know
  - ii. FYI: Locations of future senate meeting will vary
- e. Report of the URLA Chair - URLA Chair Tlach: [gpssurla@iastate.edu](mailto:gpssurla@iastate.edu)
  - i. Lied Rec Center
    1. Now open, reviews on new strength equipment mixed
    2. Decreased number of machines for strength training but number of cardio machines increased
  - ii. Provost Budget Advisory Committee:
    1. Governor's budget proposal to the Iowa Legislature:
      - a. 2.6% increase in funding (\$4.0 million) for ISU
      - b. 3.8 million for Bioeconomy initiative
      - c. \$5.0 million in supplemental funding to phase out in-state tuition set aside
    2. Federal funding facts at ISU:
      - a. Down 14% from last year
      - b. Grant writing has increased 8%
      - c. Increase in private funding but only small percentage of total funding
  - iii. GPSS supported Spring Lecture
    1. Have \$1000 to bring a lecture to Iowa State for graduate students
    2. Ideas sent to [gpssurla@iastate.edu](mailto:gpssurla@iastate.edu)
  - iv. Rules Committee
    1. Will start reviewing By-laws and Constitution soon
    2. If interested contact VP ([gpssvicepresident@iastate.edu](mailto:gpssvicepresident@iastate.edu)) or URLA chair ([gpssurla@iastate.edu](mailto:gpssurla@iastate.edu))
- f. Report of the PAG Chair - PAG Chair Stoehr: [gpsspag@iastate.edu](mailto:gpsspag@iastate.edu)
  - i. PAG process is under review. Please email me if you have any questions.
  - ii. There is still money available for spring semester
  - iii. Planning to draft a bill to improve the PAG process. Contact me if you have any ideas/suggestions
  - iv. Summer 2013 PAG will be reviewed April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013, for the first summer session but you can apply now. All dates will be available online soon.
- g. Graduate and GSB Senator Report

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VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

- a. Senate Bill S13-01 Amending the Standing Rules to Improve GPSS Transparency and Efficiency – presented by Senator Mukherjee
- i. There are a lot of way in which GPSS can operate more efficiently
  - ii. Constituents have right to know when senators are present at the meeting and how they vote
  - iii. Time to record the vote will be much faster than the current procedure
  - iv. What are the procedures for substitute senators? – clickers will not be linked to a particular senator, thus each clicker would allow any senator or his/her sub to register and vote. After swiping the card, clicker will be assigned to a senator/sub for that meeting only
  - v. What about maintenance of equipment? – we will not buy anything that will require updates and/or later fees
  - vi. Programming rates: Software rate is \$10 to pay an undergraduate student
  - vii. Lifetime – the lifetime of card readers is unknown, but it is known to be reliable. This software is being currently used by the other departments
  - viii. Replacement batteries? Not sure about the battery life. We have additional resources available if needed.
  - ix. Surplus funds are available to fund this bill.
  - x. Funds that will not be used by Fall 2013 will be returned to GPSS. The implementation of this process is scheduled for Spring 2014. The system is planned to be tested sometime in Fall 2013.

1. VOTE:

- a. YES: 61
- b. NO: 7
- c. ABSTAIN: 3
- d. PASSES

- b. Senate Bill S13 – 02 Notifying the Senate of changes to Regular and Special Allocation Guidelines for FY2013 – presented by Treasurer Peters

1. VOTE:

1. YES: 62
2. NO: 1
3. ABSTAIN: 5
4. PASSES

- c. Senate Bill S13 – 03 Transfer of surplus funds to reserve account - presented by Treasurer Peters

- i. What is the effect of negative balance? This issue was discussed with our controller. Due to negative balance, last semester we did

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not have enough money to pay student organizations, resulting in delay.

- ii. VOTE:
  - 1. Unanimous Consent
  - 2. PASSES

- d. Senate Bill S13 – 04 Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 - presented by Treasurer Peters

- i. VOTE:
  - 1. Unanimous Consent
  - 2. PASSES

- ii. Will be re-read at the next Senate meeting

### VIII. Announcements

- i. Family Fun Activities this week
- ii. Anyone who is interested in joining Transparency and Efficiency Reporting Committee, please email Senator Mukherjee: [arko@iastate.edu](mailto:arko@iastate.edu)
- iii. ACM Chapter – please inform your constituents, anyone is welcome to join. Executive positions are open.
- iv. Graduate College is assembling Emerging Leaders Academy in which leaders (graduate, post-doc) are selected to participate in year-long program. Anyone is willing to serve on selection committee, but then you'll not be available to apply for this program. Email VP for more information. Information should be available on February 8<sup>th</sup>.
- v. Margaret Ellen White nominations update – nominations are currently undergoing a second phase of selection
- vi. Students who are just starting to write their thesis/dissertation are encouraged to attend info session organized by Graduate College. The Powerpoint presentation and thesis checklist are available on the Thesis website, <http://www.grad-college.iastate.edu/current/thesis/seminars/seminars.php>

### IX. Adjournment @ 8:55pm