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Graduate & Professional Student Senate

Meeting Notes
Monday, August 26, 2013
7:00 PM
South Ballroom, Memorial Union

- I. Call to order 7:06 P.M.
 - a. Roll Call – 60% MET
 - b. Statement of Quorum by Speaker
 - c. Approval of the Minutes – MET
 - i. Yes : 23
 - ii. No : 0
 - iii. Abstain: 0
 - iv. PASSED
 - d. Amendments to the Agenda:
 - i. Senate Forum struck off
 - ii. Strike off Bill F13-01
 - iii. Rename Bill F13-02 to F13-01
 - iv. Yes : 22
 - v. No : 0
 - vi. Abstain : 1
 - vii. PASSED
- II. Open Forum
 - i. President Prisacari explained the student fees and shared the proposals for student fee increase. President Prisacari and Treasurer Hemls are members of a special student fees committee and hence they wanted to share what they have learnt in the committee meetings so that when they go back and vote, they represent the voice of the Senate.
 1. GSB
 - a. Deficit of \$102,286.50 due to incorrect student enrollment projections, GSB will use its Reserve account
 - b. Student organization vehicle use
 - i. Transportation insurance (\$60,000)
 2. Cyride
 - a. slight increase in 2014-2015 (2.4%) 2015-2016 (3.7%), 2016-2017 (3.6%), and 2017-2018 (3.4%) due to increased ridership; use GSB Trust Fund over the next 3 years
 3. Athletics
 - a. \$31.50/semester (same since 2005)
 4. Building Fees (same)



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5. Technology Fee – will remain the same - \$92/semester
 6. Health Fee - will remain the same – \$98/semester
 7. Health Facility Fee - same
 8. Recreational Fee - will remain the same – \$160.80/semester
 - a. History of \$160 – few years ago each building had its own fee which impeded to use funds as needed on any building
 - b. In the future many ask for a small increase to accommodate the inflation rate
 - c. Completed:
 - i. Lied Soccer Complex – modified the lighting fixtures (\$135,000)
 - ii. Third floor Lied Recreation Center Renovation (\$1.1 mln.)
 - d. In progress:
 - i. Flood mitigation at Lied recreation Center, will be completed by fall 2013 (FEMA - \$300K; Rec. Services - \$500K)
 - ii. Recreation fields improvements Project 2010 (cost - \$528,610)
 - iii. Beyer roof (budget - \$600,000)
 - iv. Student Health Services
 9. ISU Daily Fee – installment of new fee: \$5/semester; \$2/summer
 10. Registrar’s Office: installment of new, one-time fee: International Student Orientation - \$120
- ii. Discussions:
- Senator Lawana - How \$120 will be spent? – Cultural orientation.
- Senator Goodmin - will the vote be for individual fees or all together – Depends on whether there is consensus or not.
- Senator Zenko - How Daily plan to survive in long term?
- Senator Anderson - ISU Daily is geared towards undergrads. will grad students will get representation? - Daily Editor Chief contacted President Prisacari and they are invited to upcoming GPSS events.
- Senator Ramezani - Who votes in fee committee?
- President, Vice President, Finance Director of GSB and President and Treasurer of GPSS.
- Senator Mantilla - \$120 is too much. Daily should see readership numbers. Also, In Agronomy there is seminar for departmental International student. That might help more.
- Senator Ramezani - Student Organization for Iranian students perform orientation and that is enough for new students. So \$120 should be passed to those organizations.



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Senator Anderson – A half-day session won't help. Spending time with native students help.

Senator Lois - Please vote against fee increases

- III. Senate Forum [NONE]
- IV. Introduction of new bills and resolutions
 - a. No new bills
- V. Remarks and Reports
 - a. Report of the President – President Prisacari
 - i. Arrival of New Child: went into effect July 1, 2013, offers up to 6 weeks of paid time-off
 - ii. Old GPSS files are now being stored at the Special Collections, Parks Library
 - iii. Plans with GSB:
 - 1. Ratio discussion will occur later this semester
 - 2. Re-evaluation of GSB Senator-at-large requirements
 - 3. Revising its regular allocations: should GSB define how much orgs. can get in allocations based on tier of the student orgs?
 - 4. Graduate Orientation
 - a. Thursday September 5th, 5:30PM-7:30PM, Alumni Center
 - b. Welcome by
 - i. Academia (CELT, Library)
 - ii. Student Services (Student Services, Health Services, Legal Services)
 - iii. Student Experience (Graduate College, GPSS)
 - iv. Remarks by Provost Wickert
 - c. Need videographer
 - d. Registered attendance as of today: 97 students
 - 5. ISU has one of the best budget years!
 - 6. Faculty size is increasing (about 60 new faculty)
 - 7. Campus renovations:
 - a. Truxel Hall is due this Fall
 - b. Curtis and Lago are being renovated
 - c. Marston Hall to be renovated
 - d. Biosciences construction is to be finished soon
 - b. Report of the Vice President and Rules Committee - Vice President Tlach
 - i. Rules Committee
 - 1. New Legislation
 - a. Senate Bill F13-01: Found favorable



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2. Recruiting new members to review bills before the Senate meeting
- ii. GPSS Fall Social
 1. Scheduled for Friday Sept. 6, 2013 5:30-7:30PM – Maple Shelter of Brookside Park
 2. Food and drinks from Dahl’s Foods of Ames
 3. Organized by GPSS, sponsored by Office of Student Affairs
 4. Menu: Hamburgers, Boca burgers, hot dogs, chips, homemade cookies, drinks
- iii. Future Socials
 1. Anyone with social ideas email gpsvicepresident@iastate.edu
- c. Report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee - Treasurer Helms
 - i. Finance Committee. The Finance Committee prepares the budget and makes recommendations for allocations of the funds of the Graduate and Professional Student Senate. The Treasurer serves as the Chair for the Finance Committee. In addition, the Finance Committee will:
 1. Compose a bill of guidelines for regular and special allocations during the spring semester to be used for the following year
 2. Notify the senate of any changes to the guidelines due to current circumstances.

Accounts: Start of FY2014

Account	Balance Forward
8224 –Expense/Reserve Account	Expense = 17,281.23 Reserve = 45,000.76 Total = \$62,281.99
8225*	0

*8225 was reserve account – sum transferred into expense account to compensate for negative balances

Accounts: FY2014

Account	Income	Expenses	Balance
8224-Expense/Reserve Account	\$1.85	\$53,376.50	\$8907.34
8225*	\$8,000	\$0	\$8,000

Note: 8225 now serves as the holding account for department donations to the GPSS Graduate Conference.



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- d. Report of the CIO and Election Committee - CIO Mukherjee
 - i. New website for GPSS: <http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/>
 - ii. Clickers to be purchased and implemented for the current senate for greater efficiency and transparency of GPSS
 - iii. Invitation to join the Tech Committee, in charge of website, clickers etc. If interested please contact the CIO at gpsscio@iastate.edu
 - iv. GPSS obtaining a laptop from grad college (free of cost) for the general use of the executive committee and specially for running clickers software.

- e. Report of the URLA Chair - URLA Chair Huffman
 - i. Sign up sheets distributed for various committees. Being part of these committees are important as through these committees students can voice their opinion to the University.
 - ii. URLA Chair will update everyone with the list of all committees in which any student can serve.

- f. Report of the PAG Chair - PAG Chair Diddi
 - i. New PAG form in GPSS Website
 - ii. Only 63 PAG applications funded in Summer; 82 not approved.
 - iii. Fall \$35K allocated

- g. Graduate and GSB Senator Report
 - i. GSB doesn't meet till later this week and thus nothing much to report.

- VI. Old Business
 - a. Senate Bill F13-01 - Amending the Constitution (3rd & final read)
 - i. Vote on the bill:
 - 1. Yes: 21
 - 2. No: 0
 - 3. Abstain: 2
 - 4. PASSED

- VII. New Business [NONE]

- VIII. Announcements
 - i. Grad Orientation – more information on the GPSS Website
 - ii. Fall Social – more information on GPSS Website
 - iii. Senator Lawana – good progress on GPSS Conference. First meeting of conference committee. Please attend if interested. Details on Website



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- iv. New Inspired by Teaching Graduate Learning Community – first meeting is coming up, more information will be posted soon
 - v. Attend Orientation – meet few Senators
 - vi. Picnic – funded by Student Affairs
 - vii. New Senators – if need help see Vice President Tlach
 - viii. Great speakers are coming to GPSS this year, please invite your constituents to attend the open forum and ask questions:
 - 1. Next months: Health Insurance Staff
- IX. Adjournment @ 08:51pm