



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduate & Professional Student Senate

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE

Meeting Notes

Monday September 29th, 2014;

7:00 PM

South Ballroom, Memorial Union

1. Roll call
 - a. Quorum has been met
2. Approval of August Meeting Notes
 - a. Approved
3. Amending the agenda
 - a. Striking the elections and unfinished business
 - b. Unanimous consent
4. Introduction of new bills
 - a. Clarification and correct PAG Policies
 - b. Amending the budgets
 - c. Awareness of new PAG policies
 - d. Nominating GSB Senators
 - e. Setting the deadline of the Peer Research and Teaching awards
5. Open Forum
 - a. Dr. Thomas Hill, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs
 - i. Mission is student success
 - ii. Student Affairs
 1. Help succeed academically and personally
 2. Need help on how they can best help grad students
 3. Need to know what relationships to maintain on an ongoing basis
 4. In the division
 - a. Admissions
 - b. Dining
 - c. International students and scholars
 - d. Health center
 - e. And many more (Each delivering one or more services)
 5. Some are funded via state dollars and others are funded via student fees
 6. Each year funding priorities are established
 7. This year



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- a. Recruitment
- b. Retention
- c. Diversity
- d. Community development
- e. Resource development

iii. Questions

1. Increased enrollment has caused a shortage of graduate housing
 - a. Fredrickson court offered a dedicated building for graduate students, but the demand was too low to sustain. Same with the Kingland development.
 - b. We need to start this discussion with students now and understanding their housing needs now! So we can measure demand and commit facilities. We need to be given enough time though.
 - c. Relationships are important
 - d. Not enough time to bring ISU housing online, so most will be at mercy of the real estate managers throughout Ames.
 - e. It is the President's goal to increase graduate enrollment by 150 students every year until 2020
 - f. Please continue this conversation by contacting Dr. Hill directly.
2. Bike share program
 - a. GSB president had a proposal to do that, but GSB senators did not support this year
3. CyRide changes regarding busy central campus
 - a. Talking about removing it
 - b. Kid was killed
 - c. May now have to walk from the perimeter of the campus
 - d. Think of it like a wellness initiative
 - e. This has been done in other places too
 - f. Senator suggestion
 - i. Ticketing jay walking
 - ii. Install skywalks
 - iii. Identify and mark bike/skateboard paths
4. Enrollment limiting
 - a. We are landgrant
 - b. We must accept everyone that meets the state's standards
5. Childcare staff are needed
 - a. 100's of people are inline



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- b. University doesn't have the resources to support the additions and are unaware of the demand needs
 - b. Laura Doering, Registrar
 - i. There is interest in awarding a leadership excellence award
 - 1. Reading of Senate Bill S14-11
 - 2. Support for adding to transcript
 - 3. Need additional discussion with the commencement committee
 - ii. Bundled fee proposal – one-time records fee
 - 1. Transcript fee
 - 2. Graduation fee
 - 3. Pay upfront (likely under \$200)
 - 4. Then receive free transcripts for life and not have to pay a graduation fee
 - 5. Poll
 - a. Mixed support / mixed objections
 - 6. Goal would be bring in the same revenue annually, but possibly a bit higher than what is needed
 - 7. PDF transcripts may also change this in the future
6. Senate Forum
 - a. Senator Anna Prisacari, HCI
 - i. Free services for grad students
 - 1. Learning communities
 - 2. CIRTL – free workshops and seminars
 - 3. Faculty diversity program
 - ii. Contact for more info
 - b. Finance committee
 - i. Fall social success and money leftover
 - 1. Mini socials
 - 2. Please make suggestions
 - a. Mother's pub pizza
 - b. PhD movie showing
 - 3. Contact the treasurer
7. Exec remarks and reports
 - a. Please read reports for more details
 - b. President
 - i. Tuition and fee increases
 - ii. Research conference committee needs participation and a co-chair
 - iii. Is a dietician needed for graduate students, please fill out the survey



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- c. Vice
 - i. Rules committee members needed
 - ii. Potential for reorganizing exec positions
 - 1. Elimination of PAG Chair
 - 2. Create social committee
 - 3. Create an events chair (a.k.a. conference chair)
 - iii. November 17th meeting will now be on November 10th at Vet Med room 2532
- d. Treasurer
 - i. Online regular allocations applications going well
 - ii. Working on new guidelines for allocations
 - iii. Please join the finance committee
 - iv. Had money left over from the fall social, need suggestions
 - 1. Renting out the ice arena
- e. CIO
 - i. Please give feedback on regular allocations online
 - ii. Authentication on the website now works
 - iii. Please let the CIO chair know if you come in late or need to leave early
 - iv. Website updates
- f. URLA chair
 - i. Report read
- g. PAG chair
 - i. Peer awards
 - ii. Faculty awards
 - iii. PAG Policies updates
 - iv. PAG educational materials will be developed
- h. GSB report
 - i. Bike program bill in creation
 - ii. Please forward questions and concerns
- 8. New business
 - a. F14-06 Updating PAG
 - i. Doubt expressed on rolling over left over funds to the next month
 - ii. Called to question
 - iii. Passed
 - b. F14-07 Modifying the budget for new PAF policies
 - i. Concern for the removal of \$200
 - 1. Split equally over all months
 - 2. Current bill already handles the case of roll over
 - ii. Amendment to strike the removal of \$200



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1. Called to question
 2. Passed
 - iii. Concern that the bill does not do anything
 1. This is a finance bill needed to modify the budget
 - iv. Called to question
 - v. Passed
 - c. F14-03 Awareness of New PAG Policies
 - i. Discussion that departments are not involved in the allocation of PAGs, it is purely an internal to GPSS procedure
 - ii. Called to question
 - iii. Passed
 - d. F14-04 Nominating students to GSB Senate
 - i. Motion to amend to remove the student that withdrew
 - ii. Unanimous Consent
 - iii. Called to question
 - iv. Unanimous Consent
 - e. F14-08 Setting the Peer Research and Teaching award deadline
 - i. Called to question
 - ii. Passed
9. Announcements
- a. Search for new library dean, send to Senator Anderson
 - b. Invite to October 10th Latino food night, \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door
10. Adjournment

Voting Records

- a. <http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/senate/meetings/14-15/September/Vote/Question.html>
- b. <http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/senate/meetings/14-15/September/Vote/Participant.html>