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Graduate & Professional Student Senate

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE Meeting Agenda

Monday, October 27th, 2014; 7:00 PM
Memorial Union South Ballroom

- I. Call to Order 7:00 PM
 - i. Roll Call
 - ii. Statement of a Quorum by the Vice-President
 - iii. Approval of Meeting Notes
 - iv. Amendments to the agenda
- II. Introduction of New Bills and Resolutions
 - i. SB-F14-08 – Fall 2014 Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) Regular Allocations
- III. Open Forum
 - i. Michael Crum, Vice President for Economic Development and Industry Relations
 - ii. Elaine Newell, Ombudsperson
- IV. Senate Forum
 - i. PAG Committee
- V. Remarks and Reports
 - i. Report of the President – President Arko Mukherjee
 - ii. Report of the Vice President and Rules Committee – Vice President Zachary Zenko
 - iii. Report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee – Treasurer Timothy Rakitan
 - iv. Report of the CIO and Elections Committee – CIO Sneha Singh
 - v. Report of the URLA Chair and URLA Committee – URLA Chair Ruchir Goswami
 - vi. Report of the PAF Chair and the PAF Committee – PAF Chair Cory Kleinheksel
 - vii. Report of the GSB-Senator at Large
- VI. Unfinished Business
 - i. None
- VII. New Business
 - i. SB-F14-08 – Fall 2014 Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) Regular Allocations
- VIII. Announcements
- IX. Adjournment



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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
 - a. Recruitment



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- 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



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President Report

1. Graduate Career Services: Interviews are on. Currently down to 4 candidates. The process should be done by November and the selected candidate should be on board by January 2015.
2. POS Online application is now live. Students can now submit online POS forms.
3. Research conference:
 - a. Any contacts for a keynote speaker?
4. Met UNI graduate students on October 14th representing GPSS.
5. GPSS represented at Meet your Government Day.
6. The exec committee meets the Provost Friday October 17th.
7. Iowa State University joins University Innovation Alliance as a founding member. More information: <http://www.theuia.org/>
8. Graduate College currently debating the number of undergraduate credits allowed in graduate POS form.
9. Attached are slides from the Annual Report from the Ombuds Office.

Vice President Report

1. Suggestions for supplementary materials to be sent with legislation
 - a. After an inspiring chat with Provost Wickert, I would like to suggest that legislation – especially complicated legislation – includes an attachment that explains the implications. A recent example is the legislation brought before the Senate with tracked changes. This supplement material, though not required, could make the argument prior in favor of the bill prior to the Senate meeting. This will give the Senate more time to read it, think about it, and come up with reasoned discussion points.
 - b. This would also give the Senate ample time for fact checking, outside of the Senate floor.
 - c. Importantly, it should be noted that any legislation coming before the Senate floor is not necessarily endorsed by the executive council, university, or any Senate committee. The points of view argued in the supplementary material should always be based on fact and evidence and are not necessarily the points of view of the executive council, university, or any Senate committee.



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Treasurer Report

Treasurer's Report: 10/27/2014

- Regular Allocations:
 - \$9,036.83 awarded in Regular Allocations; \$4,963.17 unused from Fall cycle
 - In total, 14 requests considered; more expected next semester
 - Send us your ideas for how to use the leftovers
- Special Allocations:
 - We spent \$1,500 to support the Lectures program; this depleted our Specials Allocations. Anyone interested can write legislation to move surplus funds into Specials.
- Socials surplus:
 - We've still got \$763.72 leftover from the Fall Social. Somebody tell me how to spend it!

CIO Report

- 1) Updates from Operations Committee Meeting
 - a) GPSRC Web Page Update
 - b) Automation of voting results generation
 - c) Online Senator Nomination
- 2) Online Regular Allocation Updates



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URLA Report

- 1) Need graduate student representation for following:

Committee	Description
Student Affairs Committee of Faculty Senate	https://www-facsen.sws.iastate.edu/councils/academicaffairs/student-affairs-committee
GSB Senator at-large	Serve on both GPSS and GSB senates in a liaison capacity

- 2) The second Professional Development Seminar scheduled for Nov 10th has been postponed, since it is conflicting with the Senate meeting for November itself. It should be noted that the Senate meeting was shifted from Nov 17th to Nov 10th due to Richard Dawkin's lecture which is partially being sponsored by GPSS. The new dates for the professional development seminar would be communicated soon.

- 3) GPSS Research Conference:
 - a. Need Faculty participation for judging
 - b. Call for abstracts would start around mid-November
 - c. Please provide feedback regarding who you would like to see as a Keynote speaker or what workshops you would like to see at GPSRC 2015. Drop an email to gpsurla@iastate.edu



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PAG Report

1. Senators please remind your constituents to submit their [Margaret Ellen White Graduate Faculty Award](#) to you. Then Senators please submit to me before the next Senate meeting. Each department or program is allowed 1 nomination per senate representative.
2. PAG Committee met and corresponded to begin preparing educational materials for the transition to the new policies and procedures. Those draft materials will be ready and presented at the October GPSS meeting. Senator feedback is requested.
3. New PAG Policies and Procedures were posted prominently to the PAG website. Department contacts were notified of the new PAG procedures beginning January 1st, 2015.
4. To complete the New System transition smoothly
 - a. Senator feedback at the October Senate meeting is critical in our final draft of educational materials for Students and Department Staff.
 - b. Educational materials will finalized and posted to the website.
 - c. PAG applications will begin to be accepted on November 16th. No changes to the application form is anticipated at this point.
 - d. Prior to December 16th, the PAG committee will conduct a mock lottery using past applications to simulate the lottery procedure.
 - e. Between December 16th and 22nd, the PAG committee will conduct the first lottery of the new system.



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Senators at Large

Bike Share Program

On Wednesday, October 15, 2014, the Government of the Student Body (GSB) passed Senate Bill 2014-2-048 (Senate and Executive Collaboration on Bike Share and Campus Transportation) to fund the Bike Share Program.

City Council Meeting

GSB met with the City Council on Wednesday October 8, 2014 and discussed issues regarding Ames housing and Cyride transit. The Ames housing website, Cityofames.org, will be useful to all ISU students and the Ames Community at large. There is assurance of crime free housing with this arrangement, unlike Craigslist. Modifications will always be done in case there is demand from the students and the tenants.

Upcoming Business

1. Upcoming meeting with Cyride Board of Trustees

When: Thursday, December 4th at 7:45 am

Where: CyRide Headquarters in CyRide Conference Room

Topic: Final Budget Discussions, action, if any, would be taken

Information: <http://www.cyride.com/index.aspx?page=1394&recordid=2893>



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SENATE BILL F14-08

SENATE MEETING October 27th, 2014

TITLE: Fall 2014 Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) Regular Allocations

WHEREAS: The GPSS allocates funds to graduate and professional student organizations twice a year, and

WHEREAS: The GPSS Finance Committee has reviewed all Fall 2014 allocation requests and heard appeals for the recommendations made by the GPSS Finance Committee, be it therefore

ENACTED: That the GPSS allocate funding to graduate and professional student organizations as follows:

Graduate/Professional Student Organization	Amount
American Association of Small Ruminant Practitioners	\$800
Animal Breeding and Genetics Graduate Student Organization	\$675
Environmental Science Graduate Student Organization	\$800
Feral Cat Alliance	\$600
Graduate Students in History	\$574.41
Graduate Research in Evolutionary Biology and Ecology	\$800
Indian Students' Association	\$400
Phorum	\$350
Student Affairs Graduate Association	\$400
Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Dental Society	\$787.42
Surgery Club	\$800



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Toxicology Graduate Student Association	\$650
Veterinary Business Management Association	\$600
Veterinary Public Health Club	\$800
TOTAL	\$9,036.83

Sponsors: CHAKRABORTY, A. FIGUEROA, A. HSU, C.
 SPENCER, M. TRIPATHY, A.

Arko Provo Mukherjee, President

Zachary Michael Zenko, Chair of the Senate



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