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Graduate & Professional Student Senate

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE Meeting Agenda

Monday, November 10th 2014; 7:00 PM
2532 Veterinary Medicine

- I. Call to Order 7:05 PM
 - i. Roll Call - 43/72
 - ii. Statement of a Quorum by the Vice-President
 - iii. Approval of Meeting Notes – approved by unanimous consent
 - iv. Amendments to the agenda
 - i. Added URLA Chair to Senate Forum,
 - ii. Added Senator Chung to Senate Forum
 - iii. Moved the reports and remarks after new business
 - iv. Added authors to SB-F14-14
- II. Introduction of New Bills and Resolutions
 - i. SB-F14-10 Awarding PAGs Based on Travel Month
 - ii. SB-F14-11 Awarding High Priority PAG Applications Immediately and Conducting a Lottery for Low Priority Applications with the remaining funds
 - iii. SB-F14-12 PAGs Maintaining the Same Level of Students Supported
 - iv. SB-F14-13 Socials Line Item Allocation for Social Event
 - v. SB-F14-14 Sponsor Lecture from Adam Ruben
- III. Open Forum
 - i. Peter Englin, Director, Department of Residence
 - i. Objective: To take feedback from GPSS
 - ii. Introduces himself
 - iii. When started in 2005, the lowest occupancy rate in history
 - iv. Things getting better. Higher occupancy.
 - v. Due to expanding enrollment, need to scale up.
 - vi. Freshmen class almost 6,000
 - vii. Residence primarily undergrad driven.
 - viii. First come, first serve basis in assigning residence.
 - ix. Maybe if numbers start going down, change the strategy to focus residences to Grad and Professional Students
 - x. Private builders suggested new graduate housing with price point of \$800-1100 per bed



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Q&A

1) Q: Difficult to find Roommates. Are you planning to build a platform for facilitating the same.

A: City of Ames working on it: rents mart on city of Ames website. It's free.

2) Q: Are you tracking interest of graduate students to live in campus?

A: Yes. We are 1800 to 2000 beds below the demand for next year.

3) Q: Last year there was a discussion to have grad student lounge in Fredrickson Court.

Any updates?

A: No progress.

4) Q: International graduate students sometime can get delayed in their arrival to US. They get stranded with no place to stay. Any discussion on how to serve them?

A: Over subscribed, whom to serve? Had to turn away over 200 students away from on-campus housing.

Also we are thinking to increase the lease rate.

ii. Nancy Keller, Director, Campus Dining Services

i. Thank you

ii. Have been here for 8 years

iii. Worked with 30 universities

iv. Continuous growth since 2006.

v. 20 million in renovation

vi. Worked with BioBus student, Logistics student and Industrial Engineering students on projects related ISU Dining.

vii. Input costs going up. But prices frozen.

viii. 1800 students work for us. \$15 per hour for student managers.

iii. Questions & Answers:



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- i. Q: Vet Med cafeteria: Possible to have the dinner during dead week and finals week.

A: Tough to get it done since it's not possible to get student volunteer. Also it's not breaking even.

- ii. Q: More Vending machines with card swipes?

A: Would work on it.

- iii. Q: President Mukherjee: Grad students interested in dieticians, despite not being on meal plans

A: It's a priority for Dr. Hill. He is coordinating with different departments.

IV. Senate Forum

- i. Hillary Kletscher, GSB President

- i. Introduces herself.

- ii. Here to discuss 4 topics:

- 1. Enrollment: Resolution with concerns:

- a. Student Health Service
 - b. Osborn drive: Bus and pedestrian traffic
 - c. Online testing centers
 - d. Resident Halls
 - e. Computer Labs

- 2. Signed "It's on us" campaign"

- a. White house campaign against sexual assault

- 3. Cyride:

- a. Board of trustees voting on how to fund cyride. Mostly going to increase student fees.
 - b. Should not increase, since students are already paying university and city of Ames through rents. All of them contribute to Cyride.

- 4. Bike Share:

- a. Feasibility study is still going.
 - b. Working on bike prototypes which can be mass produced.



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Q&A Session:

Comment: Testing Center is expanding for finals week.

Q: Cyride: Why does the university as well as the Student Government contribute as well.

A: Don't know.

- ii. GPSS URLA Chair - Ruchir Goswami
 - i. Need senate's help for GPSRC
 - ii. PAG spends \$180 per student, GPSRC reaches the entire college and impact costs less than \$1 per student
 - iii. Please reach out to your faculty and post docs! They like you better than they like us!
 - iv. Help us make this event successful

Q&A Session:

- 1 Why is GPSRC not on Friday -> no university space available for booking a Friday
- 2 Are you looking at new activities and features this year? -> new speakers, diversity in workshops, more judges, Larger venue than last year
- 3 Have you considered a two day conference? No not right now, but will discuss in the committee.

iii. Senator Chung:

Presented the results of the feedback that was solicited from the Senate about what they would like to do. The most popular choices were:

- 1. Graduate Social
- 2. Pizza Social at Mother's Pub
- 3. Organizing distinguished Lectures
- 4. Organizing a graduate club festival
- 5. PhD Movie Screening.

V. Unfinished Business

- i. None

VI. New Business

- i. SB-F14-10 Awarding PAGs Based on Travel Month



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- i. Bill Read
 - ii. Friendly amendments
 - iii. Voting:
 - 1. Yes: 85%
 - 2. No:8%
 - 3. Abstain:8%
- ii. SB-F14-11 Awarding High Priority PAG Applications Immediately and Conducting a Lottery for Low Priority Applications with the remaining funds
 - i. Bill Read
 - ii. Voting:
 - 1. Yes: 72
 - 2. No:23
 - 3. Abstain: 6%
- iii. SB-F14-12 PAGs Maintaining the Same Level of Students Supported
 - i. Bill Read
 - ii. Amendment:
 - 1. Added: 64% of the Senate during last meeting agreed that this should be done.
 - iii. Voting for amendment:
 - 1. Yes: 66
 - 2. No: 15
 - 3. Abstain: 19
 - iv. Voting on the Bill:
 - 1. Yes: 79
 - 2. No: 17
 - 3. Abstain: 4
- iv. SB-F14-13 Socials Line Item Allocation for Social Event
 - i. Bill Read
 - ii. Friendly Amendment
 - iii. Voting:
 - 1. Yes: 87
 - 2. No: 4
 - 3. Abstain: 9
- v. SB-F14-14 Sponsor Lecture from Adam Ruben
 - i. Bill Read.
 - ii. Voting:
 - 1. Yes: 64
 - 2. No:17
 - 3. Abstain: 19



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VII. Remarks and Reports

- i. Report of the President – President Arko Mukherjee
 - i. Regents having debate on tuition fee freeze. Had meeting with Board Executive Director.
 - ii. Graduate Career Services: Both candidates interviewed. Decision by this week.
 - iii. Presidential scholarships set to increase to about \$1M from current \$400K.
 - iv. Please attend GPSS co-sponsored talk by Richard Dawkins on Monday, 17 Nov 2014 at 8:00 pm – Stephens Auditorium, Iowa State Center
 - v. President Leath’s priorities:
 1. Expand what the University offers to ensure that students have the best college experience possible, and are provided with the support to succeed both inside and outside classroom.
 2. Grow our research enterprise and promote our scholarly work
 3. Focus resources toward efforts that ensure a welcoming, inclusive, and safe campus and community

- ii. Report of the Vice President and Rules Committee – Vice President Zachary Zenko
 - i. All proposed legislation found favorable with one recommendation.
 - ii. Any emails to be circulated to the Senate, must be sent to the VP or CIO. This is to contain frivolous emails being sent to the Senate.

- iii. Report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee – Treasurer Timothy Rakitan

Update about Unspent funding

- iv. Report of the CIO and Elections Committee – CIO Sneha Singh

1) ITS has a system where students can submit ideas that ITS can fund. The more “likes” and discussions an idea gathers, the more the chance that ITS will fund it. For more information, please go to: <http://www.techstarter.iastate.edu/>



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- 2) Call For Senators in the end of January
- 3) GPSRC Webpage update

v. Report of the URLA Chair and URLA Committee – URLA Chair Ruchir Goswami

Need graduate student representation for following:

Committee	Description
All University Judiciary: 4	http://www.committees.iastate.edu/comm-info.php?id=77
GSB Senator at-large:1	Serve on both GPSS and GSB senates in a liason capacity
Student Affairs Advisory Board	http://www.committees.iastate.edu/comm-info.php?id=50

- 1) The Second Professional Development Seminar would be on Wednesday, November 19th at 5:30 PM at Physics 005. Mark Peterson, Director of Graduate Business Career Services would be speaking on "*How to make career choices and how to prepare for it*".
- 2) GPSS Research Conference Updates:
 - a. Need Faculty participation for judging.
 - b. Speaker:

Dr. Peter A. Freeman jointly sponsored by ACM. Details:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Peter_A._Freeman

vi. Report of the PAF Chair and the PAF Committee – PAF Chair Cory Kleinheksel

1. The fall PAG budget has run out. Spring submissions will be accepted very soon.
2. The PAG committee did a rough run through of a lottery. The January lottery will be held between December 16th and 22nd.
3. We passed three PAG bills this month.
4. Faculty awards were due November 10th. The PAG committee developed a review process that will be used to collaboratively review the submissions.
5. Thanks to everyone that beta tested our PAG online app and for CIO for making website updates for me. We have been live with our own app since October 28th and the Google forms submissions have been halted.



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- vii. Report of the GSB-Senator at Large

ISU Growth Open Forum

This past Wednesday October 29, 2014 the Governing Students Board (GSB) hosted a 2-hour Open Forum event with President Steven Leath, Provost Jonathan Wickert, Senior Vice President of Business and Finances Warren Madden, and Chief of Staff Miles Lackey. The following topics were discussed:

1. Enrollment growth and its impact on student services (health, transportation, course offering, academic counseling).
2. The administration is aware of these issues and short-term plans to address them are underway.

VIII. Announcements

- i. Don't Loiter in Vet Med.
- ii. President: Most productive Senate passed more legislations than ever.

IX. Adjournment 9:35 PM

X. Voting Records:

- i. <http://www.gps.s.iastate.edu/senate/meetings/14-15/November/Vote/Participant.html>
- ii. <http://www.gps.s.iastate.edu/senate/meetings/14-15/November/Vote/Question.html>