



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduate & Professional Student Senate

SENATE BILL S20-11 SENATE MEETING April 6, 2020

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4 TITLE: Amending the Articles of Cooperation between Student Government and the
5 GPSS
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7 WHEREAS: The Student Government (SG) has amended their by-laws, thereby establishing
8 the Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) as the constituency council
9 for the College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM), and
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11 WHEREAS: The GPSS has passed legislation requiring that nominations for vacant SG CVM
12 Senators be provided by the GPSS CVM Senators in the form of a GPSS Senate
13 Order, and
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15 WHEREAS: The GPSS must approve such a Senate Order before the GPSS is able to fill the
16 vacant SG CVM seat by appointment, and
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18 WHEREAS: Any amendments to the Articles of Cooperation must be approved by a two-thirds
19 vote in both the GPSS and Student Government, be it therefore
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21 ENACTED: That the Articles of Cooperation of the SG and the GPSS be amended as attached,
22 and be it further
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24 ENACTED: That copies of this Senate Bill and the proposed Articles of Cooperation be sent to
25 the appropriate members of Student Government for consideration.
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27 Sponsors:

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43 **Student Government & Graduate and Professional Student Senate**
44 **Articles of Cooperation**

45 Preamble

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47 Student Government (SG) and Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) have a special and unique
48 relationship, supported by decades of history, which is different than the relationship between SG and any other
49 organization. This document has a primary status in the enumeration of the rights and responsibilities of the two
50 governmental bodies, as well as codifying independent legitimate authority.
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52 SG is the only student government organization on campus that represents all students:
53 undergraduate, non-traditional, graduate, and professional. Accordingly, SG allocates student fees in a manner to
54 benefit the student body as a whole, by funding such entities as the Daily, the Committee on Lectures, and Student
55 Legal Services. SG is also able to speak to the university administration and outside groups on behalf of the entire
56 student body.
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58 GPSS is the independent government body that handles matters of concern to graduate and professional
59 students that fall outside of the scope of the SG by-laws. Specifically, GPSS confronts issues of professional and
60 academic advancement common to graduate and professional students such as the funding of travel grants. In
61 addition, GPSS funds graduate and professional student groups which are not eligible for funding through the SG
62 student fees allocation process.
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64 Beyond its funding responsibilities, GPSS is charged with the representation of graduate and professional
65 student interests in policy-making decisions, both on and off campus. This representation requires that SG and GPSS
66 consult one another in the deliberation of issues that may affect the two constituencies differently. It is the
67 responsibility of both institutions to establish and maintain communication with one another on such issues.
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69 As a result of the organization and responsibilities of GPSS, its role is different than both SG and a
70 constituency council. Its special status within the overall structure of ISU student governance is one that
71 complements, and is independent of, the governance structures of SG and enhances the overall representation of
72 student interests at ISU. In the interest of both the SG and the GPSS, the following Articles of Cooperation shall
73 serve as an outline of procedures for communication, funding, and representation.
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75 1. Inter-Government Communication

76 1.1. *Executive Officers*

77 1.1.1. The executives of SG and the executives of GPSS, including, but not limited to, the President and
78 Vice-president of each body, shall meet prior to the first meeting of the fall and spring semesters to
79 review the goals of each body for that semester, and to discuss other items of mutual interest.

80 1.1.2. During at least one meeting of both the spring and fall semesters, the SG and the GPSS Executive
81 Officers shall address each other's legislative body concerning the activities, accomplishments and
82 pertinent legislation of the past and upcoming academic years.

83 1.2. *Graduate and CVM Senators on SG*

84 1.2.1. Graduate and College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) senators seated on SG serve on GPSS as
85 senators--at-large.

86 1.2.2. SG elections.

87 1.2.2.1. The graduate students will vote for SG senators for the Graduate College during the SG elections
88 that will serve as SG senators and the GPSS senators at-large. The SG Election Commissioner

will notify the elected graduate senators and the GPSS Executive Council of the election results within one week of the official certification of results.

1.2.2.2. The CVM students will vote for SG senators for the CVM during the SG elections that will serve as SG senators and the GPSS senators at-large. The SG Election Commissioner will notify the elected CVM senator(s) and the GPSS Executive Council of the election results within one week of the official certification of results.

~~1.2.2.1.2.3.~~ Any committee requirements for senators in SG can be fulfilled by a Graduate College or CVM senator by serving on a GPSS committee(s).

1.3. *Vacant SG Graduate or CVM Senators after election*

1.3.1. If any of the SG Graduate College or CVM senator seats are not filled during the SG elections, which may occur while the general GPSS senate is not in session, the GPSS President ~~will~~may issue an executive order to temporarily fill any vacancies. The GPSS Senate can ratify the executive order or select new graduate students to fill the vacancy during the first meeting of the GPSS Senate following the executive order.

~~1.3.2. For any vacant SG Graduate Senator seats may be filled by a GPSS Senate Order nominating a graduate or professional student, introduced by one or more GPSS Senators and passed by the GPSS.; GPSS Senator(s) can introduce a bill to nominate a graduate or professional student as GPSS Senator-at Large.~~

1.3.3. Vacant SG CVM Senator seats may be filled by a GPSS Senate Order nominating a graduate or professional student sponsored by one or more GPSS Senators from the CVM and passed by the GPSS.

~~1.3.2.1.3.4.~~ The Speaker of the SG shall be the primary point of contact for referring the incoming Graduate College senators.

1.4. *Minutes, Bills, and Resolution*

1.4.1. The Secretary or Chief Information Officer of each body shall make available a copy of the approved minutes, bills, resolutions, and other pertinent correspondence to the Secretary or Chief Information Officer of the other body within one week of each meeting upon request.

2. Funding

2.1. *Student Activity Fees*

2.1.1. SG and GPSS shall split the Student Activity Fees paid by graduate and professional students:

Fiscal Year	SG	GPSS
2019	46%	54%
2020	42%	58%
2021	39%	61%
2022	36%	64%

2.1.2. The SG shall receive 1/3 and the GPSS shall receive 2/3 of the Student Activity Fees paid by graduate and professional students after FY 2022.

2.2. *Sponsored Events*

2.2.1. Jointly funded events shall be sponsored whenever appropriate. All appropriate publicity shall equally display the SG and the GPSS logos, and the words “funded by SG and GPSS” shall appear on all appropriate publicity material.

3. Representation

3.1. The Finance Director of SG and the Treasurer of GPSS shall each appoint a voting representative to serve on each other’s Finance Committee.

3.2. In committees overseeing issues of importance to both SG and GPSS, representatives of both bodies should be present.

- 130 3.3. The GPSS University Relations and Legislative Affairs chair or a designated appointee, shall serve as a
131 voting member on the SG University Affairs Committee.
- 132 4. Supremacy
- 133 4.1. The Articles of Cooperation shall supersede the By-laws of SG and GPSS.
- 134 5. Amendments
- 135 5.1. Amendments to the Articles of Cooperation shall take effect after $2/3$ of seated senators in each legislative
136 body approve the amendments, which must be presented in written bills, the body text of which is the same
137 in both bills.
- 138 6. Ratification
- 139 6.1. Ratification of the Articles of Cooperation shall require a $2/3$ vote of seated senators of each legislative body
140 and shall take effect immediately upon passage.