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Graduate & Professional Student Senate

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE Meeting Agenda

Monday, January 30, 2017; 6:30 PM
Room 1115, Pearson Hall

- I. Call to order 6:30 P.M.
 - i. Roll Call
 - ii. Statement of Quorum by the Chair
 - iii. Approval of Meeting Notes from October
 - iv. Amendments to the Agenda
- II. Open Forum (40 Min)
 - i. Dr. Craig Ogilvie – Assistant Dean, Graduate College – cogilvie@iastate.edu
 - a. Senator: Will there be a climate survey this spring?
 - b. CO: Had planned every two years, new diversity officer will run university-wide this fall. Smaller one in the spring.
 - c. Senator: Contextual information about where incidents are happening?
 - d. CO: Open comments are humbling. Ranger from unwanted sexual advances to being blamed for equipment broken, to physical assaults. A lot of the problems are within a research group.
 - e. Senator: Regarding ethnicity, distinctions re: Hispanic/Latino/South American?
 - f. CO: Had received the suggestion to offer a broader array of ways to self-identify. Those were aggregated for the data here. Am pushing for greater array to understand better.
 - g. Senator: But, if remembering correctly from survey, had to select one, couldn't select multiple.
 - h. CO: Alright, will do so. [Introduces the short url for suggestions.]
 - i. President: Is our data similar to other universities?
 - j. CO: Yes.
 - k. Senator: Also important for people to see qualitative information.
 - l. CO: Have not published the student quotes. In 2014, had one student do a qualitative analysis to preclude identification of the commenter, and haven't for this survey.
 - m. Senator: Do you think there's any difference in percentages based on sample set of population? Would students not sent the survey have had different experience?
 - n. CO: Always a risk of a sample bias. Am not trying to do a scholarly publication, trying to find out what can do to make graduate students' lives better, get conversations going, effect change.
 - o. Senator: What is 3-years-from-now goal?



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- p. CO: Realistically, not zero. Rather, faculty should take significant change to improve climate in their program and graduate peers should be comfortable to stand up for what's right.
- q. Senator: What was the sample number?
- r. CO: 4,600 sent out, 1000 responses
- s. Senator: Are there any ideas from other universities to suggest what would be helpful? Do programs need to be tailored to audience (faculty, under/grad student, discipline)?
- t. CO: Yes, drawing on studies. Workshops will be tailored to the programs
- u. President: What did Fac Sen say?
- v. CO: They committed to doing what they could to support push for attendance at faculty workshops. They'll be embedded in things like ordinary faculty meetings/retreats.
- w. Senator: Someone's video suggestion
- x. CO: Favor face-to-face discussions over videos
- ii. Deb Vance –Interim Director, ISSO – dvance@iastate.edu
 - a. Senator: Some students wanted to know if ISU is doing anything to address/speak out against the ban.
 - b. DV: I report to Martino Harmon, who reports to President Leath. The issue was not addressed in his statement.
 - c. VP: The Association of Land-Grant Universities issued a statement and reiterated the value of int'l students.
 - d. Ogilvie: All students from the 7 countries have been contacted and asked if they need help.
 - e. PAG Chair: Is nationality revealed on forms for immigration status after graduation?
 - f. DV: Yes, on all forms. Not supposed to be a factor in adjudication.
 - g. Senator: Does seeking a postdoc position after graduation require a changed visa?
 - h. DV: Change in immigration status requires executive action.
 - i. Senator: On travel to conferences, should students not travel?
 - j. DV: If outside the US, strongly recommend against going outside the country.
 - k. Senator: Are there prohibitions against citizens of other countries?
 - l. DV: No, just the 7.
 - m. Senator: Indication that others might come up?
 - n. DV: Right now, none.
 - o. Senator: For students supposed to arrive, already granted visa/contract made, how many approximately cannot for 90 days come to the US? (coming summer/fall)
 - p. DV: Don't know, we have limited access to Admissions data.
 - q. Ogilvie: One of the three currently affected is an incoming student.
 - r. DV: If lucky, that person will be here tomorrow.



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- s. Senator: Is the executive order going to affect admissions decisions?
- t. Ogilvie: Will have to write some guidance about that.
- u. President: Can you send the guidance out to everyone/put it on the website?
- v. Ogilvie: Will begin the project.
- w. Senator: Re: eliminating visa interview waiver, what happens if need to extend time to complete program?
- x. DV: I-20 can be extended locally w/o having to renew visa.
- y. Senator: Last week rec'd email from Leath that state funding would be cut \$8 million. What services would be affected?
- z. VP/President: Neither speaker can really address that, will deal w/it at next.
- aa. Senator: How many graduate students from these countries?
- bb. DV: 115 students
- cc. Ogilvie: 102 are graduate students, predominantly Iran and Iraq
- dd. Senator: ISSO site should have the information from your presentation.
- ee. Senator: Do H-1/temporary worker status holders need to leave?
- ff. DV: Right now, no.
- gg. Senator: What about birth in one of the countries? (but not citizen)
- hh. DV: Don't know.
- ii. President: How many students are affected right now?
- jj. DV: Currently aware of 3.
- kk. President: Have the families of the students been reached out to? Any guidance for them? And, is ISSO going to arrange some kind of event w/immigration attorneys?
- ll. DV: Would be more than happy to do the last. For the dependents, we tried to frame the information in student-less terms. None of the 3 is married.
- mm. Senator: Have students stuck outside asked for any specific help? Has university responded?
- nn. DV: One postdoc, one visiting scholar. We told the latter not to come. One is a student admitted for this semester, finally got visa on Jan. 24, then turned away. Is trying again tomorrow.
- oo. Senator: Two friends whose wives are trying to come. Please help them if you can.
- pp. Senator: Need to address this issue of families/community being broken apart. Who are we collaborating with in terms of lawyers? ACLU? (DV: Yes.) Need a statement offering help.
- qq. Senator: Mentioned no more interview waiver for new visa, right?
- rr. DV: Always was for new, now for renewals for everyone.
- ss. Senator: What recourse do I have if I'm traveling domestically and pulled out of security line and asked questions and so forth?



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- tt. [various advice – wish to remain silent until speak w/attorney, etc]
- uu. President: Should have an immigration lawyer in the future. Question about keeping campus friendly. Friday in the library was found more alt-right stuff. What proactive steps can police and ISSO etc. take?
- vv. DV: Need to partner w/a central source of information where concerns can be heard
- iii. Mostafa Amin-Nasere, of the Iranian students organization
 - a. President: As an int'l student and an individual, I sympathize with you. Please communicate the protest time/place.
 - b. Senator: Probably next Thursday.
 - c. Senator: Another question for Vance – Leath's email said about 4,000 int'l students. One aspect of legal services is immigration help, so some contact information should be given out for them.
 - d. Ogilvie: Legal services are available to graduate students as well, but do not have the necessary specialized knowledge.
 - e. Senator: In 90 days, some of these students will be graduating. To think ahead, can graduation be streamed so families can see, can small but meaningful steps be taken?
- III. Senate Reports: (40 Min)
 - i. Report of the President
 - a. Senator: Mentioned 1 credit for students, meaning students on assistantship?
 - b. President: Does not matter.
 - ii. Report of the Vice President
 - a. Senator: Re: Ch. 9 revisions, there is no flow chart of approval, b/c was decided *ad hoc* by the dean. Has the provost indicated by what time he'll report back?
 - b. VP: Working to create a designated flow of action and deadline so things don't get lost. Some parts of the university just want notice, others are supposed to approve.
 - iii. Report of the Treasurer
 - a. Senator: Clarification on why people should see you about potentially becoming treasurer.
 - iv. Report of the Chief Information Officer
 - v. Report of the University Relations and Legislative Affairs Chair
 - vi. Report of the Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference Chair
 - vii. Report of the Professional Advancement Grant Chair
 - a. Senator: Clarification on who chooses final faculty award
 - b. PAG: Graduate College
 - c. Senator: If a conference straddles two months, which deadline should we use?
 - d. PAG: Use the date the conference ends.
 - e. Senator: Are leftover funds transferred over?



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- f. PAG: Yes. And, leftover funding allows funding more students.
 - g. Students: Do you think the committee would be willing to receive the amount of money received?
 - h. PAG: Complicated problem.
 - i. President: Specifically, if we have leftover funds after funding all students, can we increase the amount?
 - j. Senator: Can the scores of all the nominees be released?
 - k. PAG: Sure, next report to the Senate would be fine, just not other supporting documents.
- viii. Report of the Graduate Student Government Senator
- a. Senator: Do we have NYT access now?
 - b. SG Senator: Yes, should
 - c. [some students murmuring that they have not received NYT notice]
 - d. Senator: Problem w/Outlook accounts.
 - e. SG Senator: Will get in touch w/support person, but also should be possible b/c sends you a link
- ix. Report of Special Committees
- IV. Senate Forum (30 Min)
- i. Sen. Nadeem: This executive order affects me personally. Mother-in-law is affected. Just knowing that you can't see relatives who might visit is distressful. Then, people who invested in the process up to this point. Then, refugees who helped the US and in their countries' eyes are traitors. Their fear and distress are justified. Try to lend a helping hand, please do not aggravate the situation. Any first move by us will be exploited. Need to prove that we are respectful and loyal citizens/residents; protest, but avoid damage. Discontent is against a single policy, not an entire country. This time will pass.
- V. Unfinished Business
- i. None
- VI. New Business (30 Min)
- i. Senate Order F17-01: Nominating Graduate Student to the Student Government Senate
 - a. 93% for, 2% against, 0 abstentions
 - ii. Senate Bill F17-02: Updating the Regular Allocations Guideline and FAQ
 - a. Senator: From Vet-Med, ask for clarification re: prohibition on drugs/chemicals
 - b. Treasurer: View it as a capital item, which we don't usually fund. Issue with us as a funding body is that we have to keep track of them, and there is no way to knowingly keep track of such items.
 - c. Senator: Similarity to a disposably item like food. We have the paperwork for keeping track, facilities to dispose of properly.
 - d. Treasurer: Acknowledge, but imagining a bad news event or something



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- e. Senator: Understand have to look out for GPSS as a whole, but targets us, even though using them in fondly-looked-upon public programs like the rabies clinic at the Mesquaki Settlement. Is an outreach to the community.
- f. VP: Point of information – in a question-and-answer
- g. Senator: When applied?
- h. Treasurer: Enforcement since fall (discretion vs. having a rule, which is now)
- i. Senator Grover: Can we table it?
- j. VP: Needs a motion, but also need to allow debate too.
- k. Senator Nielsen: In general w/Vet Med on opposition to bill (Microbiology). Related to outreach and work w/USDA. NSF guidelines about being a presence, educating about what we do. Second, will an exact figure (amount) be provided re: Gateway? Rate is not published.
- l. Sen. Mantilla: Students have special rate. Amount isn't listed b/c it increases every year, despite preference.
- m. Sen. Duchimaza: Seems like this stipulation affects certain programs a great deal, so FC should discuss that more and figure out a compromise. Don't want to see these clubs not being able to fund these events. Encourage other funding sources? Add different policies to implement something?
- n. President: Observation that we also have to abide by Student Activities Center and Campus Org Accounting policies.
- o. Sen. Duchimaza: A notice should be sent to groups applying
- p. Senator: Move to send back to committee, w/caveat that Vet Met gets to discuss
- q. Seconded
- r. Call for UC
- s. Second
- t. No objections

VII. Announcements and Roll Call

- i. VP: What about having rest of semester meetings at Vet Med?
- ii. Senator provides an explanation of VM facility
- iii. President: 23 Bus goes directly here to there.
- iv. Feeling is against.
- v. DuPont's announcement re: Journal of Critical Thought & Praxis
- vi. Mantilla's re: interest in Latin American community. Potluck on April 1. More details later.

VIII. Adjournment