



# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

## Graduate & Professional Student Senate

### GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE Meeting Agenda

Monday, January 22, 2018; 6:30 PM  
Sun Room, Memorial Union

- I. Call to order 6:31 P.M.
  - i. Roll Call
  - ii. Statement of Quorum by the Chair
  - iii. Approval of Meeting Notes from November 2017
  - iv. Amendments to the Agenda
- II. Open Forum (40 Min)
  - i. Dr. Vernon Hurte – Associate Vice President and Dean of Students
    - a. Senator: Interested in Student Accessibility Services – will that be renamed?
    - b. LH: Yes, and we'll focus more on an opportunity narrative rather than a service for students with disabilities, so that more people can benefit from it. We will be reengaging our ADA compliance and looking at how accommodations are supported in classrooms and also buildings on campus.
    - c. Senator: Does the Dean of Students office and its departments have liaisons to the Graduate College? How do we go about accessing services?
    - d. LH: Opportunity for this. We are not as intentional as we should be in our outreach to graduate and professional students. One of my goals is to get a sense of context for what the onboarding experience looks like and connecting with Dean Graves on that re: how we can support and partner with the Graduate College
    - e. Treasurer: Together with Student Affairs and the Graduate College, do you have a plan to increase the number of graduate students? Current students do the work of themselves plus those who have graduated. What are you doing to ensure that students have the support that they need and that new students are coming?
    - f. LH: For the DoS office, the beginning is more intentional discussion about how we communicate with grad and prof students. From many departments, the view on grad student experience is that it mirrors the needs of undergraduates. Plan has to begin with a sense of what graduate students' needs are. We cannot ignore that the students' experience outside the classroom is also important.
    - g. President: To follow up, as you know about 50% of the graduate student population is international students. Is there a plan to recruit students as there is for undergraduates?
    - h. LH: Admissions is working on expansion in outreach and travel to international locations where there are larger numbers of students. Over the past 4 months have been



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involved in various diplomatic visits to campus regarding how (not called a pipeline) we can share information about opportunities. W/international students, political climate and uncertainty does affect things.

- i. Senator: On sexual misconduct policy, how is that changing? (It's On Us to Green Dot)
- j. LH: Green Dot was chosen as the prevention education program. The policy isn't being changed so much as the process is, so that it's more streamlined -- assure that there is significant support for the survivor and the accused. For a long time we had basically 2 processes. 1, administrative. 2, legalistic process where one would have the option of going before an administrative law judge. The appeals process will have more people vetting it.
- k. Senator: Will it affect the availability of the response teams? For example, if you call Thielen, you can have ACCESS representatives and Ames Police.
- l. LH: No, that support will remain the same.

ii. Dr. Eliseo De León – Adjunct Assistant Professor -- 2018 State Science and Technology Fair of Iowa

- a. Senator: What is the next round after this fair, just out of curiosity?
- b. EDL: There is a national fair beyond this one

### III. Executive Reports to the Senate: (40 Min)

- i. Report of the President
  - a. Question to Dean Graves: Is there something like a Graduate Diversity and Inclusion officer?
  - b. Graves: There is not, but that can be discussed.
  - c. President: One thing we learned from meetings with deans was that graduate students' activities as a group were generally unknown, so we wanted them to be brought in.
  - d. Senators indicated interest in a listening session with President Wintersteen
  - e. Senator: Open to GPSS or to all?
  - f. President: Initially to senators, and then if desired for all graduate students.
  - g. Graves: Could set a date for senators to raise issues indicated by their constituents, or could have a meeting with graduate students re: what should be taken to the president, rather than a free-for-all so can focus on a few issues that are prioritized.
  - h. Senator: When might the meeting be?
    - i. President: No real indication yet – not February, probably March
- ii. Report of the Vice President
- iii. Report of the 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
  - a. Senator: Is the financial support requested from the deans for the conference's operation



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or for participants?

b. GPSRC: The operation of the conference

vii. Report of the Professional Advancement Grant Chair

a. Senator: Are PAG awards available in the summer?

b. PAG: Yes. The condition is that you must be registered as a student, and you can only receive 1 award per fiscal year.

c. Senator: Vet Med students have been giving questions regarding their fourth year, which is more expensive because they have to pay for tuition and travel, which is currently not allowed for PAG funding, but it is required and is continuing education. Would the PAG committee be willing to talk about whether the PAGs can be used for this purpose.

d. President: The PAG is supposed to fund professional advancement, which that is, so should definitely discuss.

e. Treasurer: Draft something w/the PAG committee and then bring it forward.

viii. Report of the Graduate Student Government Senator

a. Senator: This position also has a scholarship?

b. Treasurer: Yes, but very small -- \$200/semester from GPSS. We are not optimistic that Student Government will match this.

ix. Report of Special Committees

IV. Unfinished Business (30 min)

i. None

V. New Business (30 Min)

i. Senate Bill S18-01 Ratifying the GPSS Constitution

a. Voting: 95% aye, 2% nay, 4% abstain – bill passes

VI. Senate Forum (20 Min)

i. Senator: At our November meeting we approved a resolution for master's students to have hoods at commencement this spring. Some master's students in the School of Education have been meeting with the Graduate College, commencement advisory committee, and a few other bodies – if any of you are master's students, you should have received an email from Dean Graves earlier today. Before moving forward with a policy change that would require purchase or renting, they want to collect feedback. The Vice President forwarded the email to you all. Please send it to your constituents and ask them to complete it by the end of the month to be able to have time to work with the book store. 4 reasons you should vote for it: cost will be low relative to other institutions (about \$30 rent/\$80 purchase); tradition of wearing hoods is practiced across all other Big 12 institutions and the other two Iowa Regents institutions; and graduate college administrators have been supportive but need to hear from students.

ii. Senator: I'm with EEOB and wanted to say thanks for the allocation for our symposium. It



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will be the first weekend in February and everyone is welcome.

VII. Roll Call and Announcements

VIII. Adjournment

NEXT MEETING: Monday, February 26, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the South Ballroom, MU

Pending Approval