



# IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

## Graduate & Professional Student Senate

### GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE

#### Officer Reports

Monday, November 27, 2017

#### I. President Vivek Lawana

1. Thank you all for filling out the last month's meet your dean request. You must have seen my previous email and have blocked your calendars. If not please see the date below
  - a. **College of Veterinary Medicine**  
When? 4.00-5.00PM, November 29, 2017  
Where? Dean's Conference Room, CVM
  - b. **College of Human Sciences**  
When? 10.00-11.00AM, November 30, 2017  
Where? 2210, Memorial Union
  - c. **College of Business**  
When? 4.00-5.00PM, December 4, 2017  
Where? TBD
  - d. **College of Engineering**  
When? 11.00-12.00PM, December 5, 2017  
Where? 3155, Marston Hall
  - e. **College of Liberal Arts and Sciences**  
When? 1.00-2.00PM, December 7, 2017  
Where? Oak Room, Memorial Union
  - f. **College of Agriculture and Life Sciences**  
When? 2.00-3.00PM, December 12, 2017  
Where? TBD
  - g. **College of Design**  
When? TBD  
Where? TBD
    - o Please RSVP here- <https://goo.gl/forms/MNLO7E2TA05ITxdL2>
2. I had conversations with CFO and university federal relations person regarding the new tax plan. I guess we have communicated the email from NAGPS regarding what can be done. However, I have no further information in this regard.
3. I would like to introduce Sen. Meghana Akella as second student representative Campus and Community Commission. Please feel free to send her any questions and suggestions in this regard.
4. Student wellness campaign-
  - o What areas of wellness will you be interested in focusing?



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- I am looking for a volunteers.ISSO wants to host an event for new incoming grad students in Spring 2018. Will you guys be interested in attending such event?
- 5. Graduate Alumni Relations Committee is formed by the grad college.
  - Representatives from Grad college and Student alumni association, graduate students career service director and GPSS representative. If you are interested in being part of it, then please let me know.
- 6. Graduate college Chapter 9 rewriting. I defer to VP Weston and URLA Chair Belding. What should be done? Should we bring Dean Graves here?

### II. Vice President George H. Weston

#### 1. Rules Committee

- a. I am hoping that we can vote on all 3 governing documents at this November meeting. The Constitution will still require a second vote in January due to requirements currently in our governing documents.
  - 1. If you wish to offer an amendment, please submit it in writing to the CIO. This will make it easier for him to write the proposed amendment, so that all senators are able to see it.
  - 2. The senators on the Rules Committee worked hard on these documents and are ready to answer your questions to the best of their abilities. If you have something that we may have missed, we welcome feedback or suggested amendments.
- b. Student Government wants to wait until January to discuss the Articles of Cooperation, so we should have a meeting that first or second week of the semester with them.

#### 2. Social Committee

- a. Looks like that we will be holding a post-show reception on March 6, 2018 after *A Gentleman's Guide to Murder*. Tickets will be \$25 each and we will need to have at least 25 tickets purchased. I will find out if there is a maximum number of people that can attend and if we need to establish an earlier than expected deadline for commitments. Expect details by mid-January to be sent out before or with the email that goes out a week before the regular GPSS meeting.
- b. The Spring Social will take place in April and it will likely take place at Perfect Games.

### III. Treasurer Maria B. Mantilla Perez

#### 1. Treasurer Activities:

- Payments for regular allocations were processed.
- The finance committee received a request for GPSS special allocations from the Graduate Research in Evolutionary Biology and Ecology (GREBE). The group is planning a symposium on February 2018.



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- The finance committee was favorable to the request, but it was proposed to grant this group the same proportion that was given to clubs for regular allocations (94.49%).
- The Senate will finally decide to vote favorable or not to this request.

### IV. Chief Information Officer Gaurav Kandoi

1. Nothing to report.

### V. University Relations and Legislative Affairs Chair Michael Belding

1. Vacant committees:
  - a. Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee
  - b. Faculty Senate Facilities and Educational Resources Committee
  - c. Policy Library Advisory Committee
  - d. Student Health Advisory Committee
  - e. Work/Life Advisory Committee
2. US House of Representatives tax plan provision to tax graduate student tuition awards: Vivek and I sent Rep. King a letter asking him to oppose that part of the bill, explaining why it would be detrimental to have our tuition awards taxed. The bill was passed and will have to be reconciled with the Senate version, which does not contain the provisions on higher education that the House version contains.

### VI. Professional Advancement Grant Chair Kevin Natukunda

1. Distribution of PAGs in accordance with the PAG policy\
  - a. All applicants, both priorities 1 and 2 that applied before the deadlines (November 15th, 5:00pm) for December meetings/conferences were approved.
2. Margaret Ellen White Award
  - a. We only received 4 applications

### VII. Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference Chair Hannah Dong

1. Updated Research conference program  
outline: <http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/sites/default/files/Research%20Conference/2018%20GPSRC%20program%20schedule%20.pdf>
2. Submission form is in progress. Plan to open the call for abstracts early December. Final flyer will be sent out after Dec 8. Please spread the information among your constituents.