

GPSS OFFICER REPORT

April 2019

PRESIDENT

- 1) Board of region meeting: possible tuition increases on undergraduate students, more information for graduate students will come later.

VICE PRESIDENT

- 1) The spring social was excellent. We had a great turnout and ~100 pizzas were eaten.
- 2) RENT Musical- if you are going turn in your order by April 22nd 6pm at Stephens Auditorium. You can still join if you want!

TREASURER

- 1) FY 2020 Tentative Budget Bill

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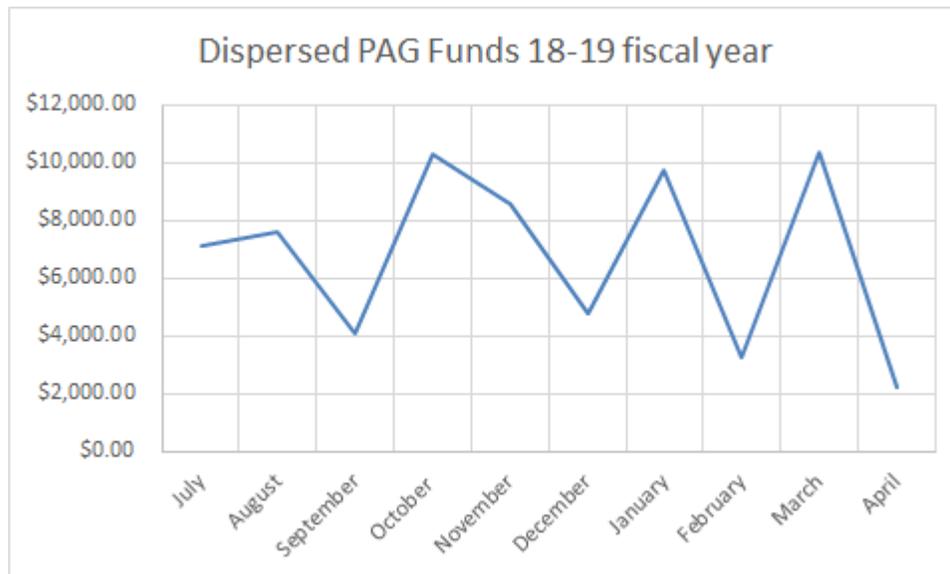
- 1) Facilitated gpsrc conference on social media
- 2) Updated the gpss database on gpsrc oral, poster, registration, and volunteer data.
- 3) The first group of #ISUgradstory interviews are online at <http://www.gpss.iastate.edu/isugradstories>. Please feel free to check it out and send in yours!!

PAG CHAIR

- 1) Until the budget is passed/accepted/implemented we CANNOT allocate PAG funds to applicants (i.e. even if you are priority 1, first-time ever applicant, you will NOT receive a decision until we have the new budget up and running).
- 2) if you have a July conference YOU MUST STILL APPLY BY JUNE 15TH AT 5PM. You can submit an application at any time within the same fiscal year as one in which you have received funding, AS LONG AS THE CONFERENCE IS IN THE NEW FISCAL YEAR (JULY 1ST). If you are confused please email!
- 3) From July 2018 we have approved 415 PAG applications. NOTE: the does NOT mean we have funded 415 people (there are ALWAYS people who default on their PAGs!)
- 4) We have denied 270 applications from July 2018.
- 5) Number one reason people were denied? Insufficient funds (AKA they lost out in the lottery).
- 6) Number two reason? Applying for PAG funds more than once in a year!
- 7) Dispersed funds represent what people actually received from PAG account.

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Remember: November/March have 9k in their account, every other month has 7,200. Why is October so high? Well the previous months had leftover funds, so it got pushed over. What does this mean? Looks like October is becoming a popular month!

Please note that November is still the highest application volume month (we just had to deny a ton of people because there wasn't money left!).

- 8) We DID NOT have to run a lottery for May conferences! (HURRAY!) and we even had some funds to move over to the June monthly account.
- 9) Thank you all for a great year! Qi has been shadowing and asking great questions, she is going to do wonderful things as PAG Chair!

URLA CHAIR

- 1) Graduate Student Wellness Week
 - a. Major success! We had a lot of students attend everyday events. The etiquette dinner was the most attended, and there were several students whom were appreciative of the event.
 - b. Thank you James Klimavicz and Jahyun Kim for helping me throughout the week!
 - c. Thank you to Student Wellness for financially supporting, as well as, providing all of the daily emails with content for graduate students.
 - d. Tentative next Graduate Student Wellness Week – Fall 2019
 - i. Up to the new URLA chair!
 - e. Please fill out the feedback form for further involvements.
 - f. Hosting meetings with all committee representatives before new academic year wraps up.

GPSRC CHAIR

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1. GPSRC went very well! Would like to especially thank all committee members and exec members for making it a success!
2. What went well:
 - a. No major glitches
 - b. Lots of people said they enjoyed it
 - c. The grand challenge themes drew in more audience than a few departments clubbed together. I also think presentations in the big rooms looked nice
 - d. Headshot seemed popular and we got some very good photos from the photographer. Recommend doing this again.
 - e. Feedback system was implemented. Got a few texts and most were nice/helpful comments. Need to expand this next year.
 - f. The social and networking event did not have much audience but it was a step in the right direction. People connected. Can be made into a bigger event.
3. What didn't go so well:
 - a. Low attendance (expected more for workshops and social and networking event). Not too bad otherwise. More advertising and word-of-mouth should help.
 - b. A few student presenters dropped out/did not show up at the last minute. Not sure what to do about this.
 - c. Judges did not correctly tally up individual scores for each category. Especially true for oral presenters where 12% of judges wrote the wrong tally for student presenters. Resulted in a person losing out on an award during the ceremony. Next year, we could verify judges' math.
4. Would like feedback – did you attend the conference? What did you like and what would you like to see changed?
5. Thank you for letting me serve as your GPSRC Chair! I really enjoyed it. With Abigail as the next Chair, I think the 2020 conference is in very good hands!

Student Government Representatives

1. Student Government Body Elections
 - a. President: Austin Graber
 - b. Vice President: Vishesh Bhatia
 - c. New Senators
2. By-Law changes:
 - . Reviewing By-Laws for each committee for efficient work flow for future members
3. New GPSS representatives at Student Government Senate
Any Volunteers?