



IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Graduate & Professional Student Senate

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 25, 2019; 6:30 PM
Sun Room, Memorial Union

- I. Call to order 6:35 P.M.
 - i. Roll Call - 48 out of 72 meet
 - ii. Statement of Quorum by the Chair
 - iii. Approval of Meeting Notes from February
 - iv. Amendments to the Agenda
- II. Open Forum (40 Min)
 - i. None
- III. Executive Reports to the Senate: (40 Min)
 - i. Report of the President
 - ii. Report of the Vice President
 - a. Perfect Games April 12th 630-9 pm
 1. Free pizza, soda and water
 - b. Rent Musical - \$19
 - iii. Report of the Treasurer
 - a. Executive initiative – new item (i.e. PAG grants for system updates)
 1. \$1,000 as new item and \$3,000 as surplus and need executive board approval.
 1. Movement of money needs approval of the Senators.
 2. **Senator 1:** If there is leftover money from the previous years – will this carryover into the surplus for the following year.
 3. **Treasurer:** Yes. We have more money and next year we secured \$9,000 and \$6,000 to GSPRC from the Graduate College. Rest of the money is going to PAG – because of the high demands.
 4. **Senator 2:** who will have a final say in the payment – who has the final say. How will this work out.
 5. One of the Executive members 0 will need approval of the entire board 0 but if it's more than that, then they can use it or carryover to the executive board.
 6. **Senator 2:** If one of the members doesn't agree with how the money will be spent, how will this work out? Can this be vetoed by any executive member?
 7. **Treasurer:** There's no veto, just a general vote by the executive board.



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- 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. PAG end-of-the-year statistics
 - 1. Year with PAG
 - b. Awards being submitted for Graduate College Award
 - viii. Report of the Graduate Student Government Senator
 - a. Acceptances have been given
 - b. Poster board size confirmation
 - c. Treasurer completed all of the finances and booklets, judging forms
 - 1. Need help with preparing the documents! Free pizza and soda.
 - d. Hands-on CV/Resume' – CCE to look at CV and resume on the spot.
 - e. Professional photographs will be taken by photographer (free).
 - f. ISU Grad Story – How many have reached out to matched up individuals and how is it going.
 - g. **Senator 1:** I was interviewed 2 hours ago. It was easy and straightforward. It was fun to do the interview and I appreciated the interview being conducted. The interviewee plans to send me the document.
 - ix. Report of Special Committees
- IV. Unfinished Business (30 min)
- i. None
- V. New Business (30 Min)
- i. SB-01 Constitution Revision
 - a. Motion to consider as read.
 - 1. 2 changes – make the marketing and public relations committee a permanent committee.
 - 2. Office hour change – for senators to meet with DOGE and students to allow for students to extend the flow of information.
 - 1. **Senator 1:** It says all senators are expected to meet with Dept Admin at least once/semester. Does it mean each senator needs to meet that hour, or can it be spread throughout?
 - 2. **President:** All senators are expected to meet – we want all representatives to meet. Share opinion.



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3. **Senator 2:** A choice is nice – but no agenda if you didn't talk to the DOGE about. Get a general idea of what the issues are.
4. **Senator 3:** Improving communication – doesn't need to be the current complaints, but starting the discussing – ears on the ground to start the process of communication.
5. **President:** As part of the constitution – dissemination of information, legislation, etc. Sponsors – premium amendment – clarification to meet with University Administration – both options will work. Every department has different structure. If someone would like to propose an Ammendment – we can do that.
6. **Senator 4:** One office hour per month – contact hours – each department structure is different. Making announcements to determine the effective. Contact hour – Senator can decide what that hour.
7. **VP:** Wording of contact hours and how we describe them. It's harder to do and carryout – as compared to making it meaningful. URLA as contact person for the okay – we can talk about the wording. Reporting – what the contact hour is – legislates what the definition is. I can amend the wording to add a one contact hour. Needs a relationship with DOGE, Friendly amendment to clause senators are encouraged to have one contact hour.
8. **Senator 5:** In the event that there are difficulties – this would qualify as a concern and you would be able to work with the ULRA chair to meet with those concerns.
9. **Senator 6:** I am not sure it is explicit, something with more depicted verbiage would be required.
10. **Senator 3:** Agrees.
11. **Senator 7:** We know what we want the impact to between students and administration – not so much how senators do it, but to ensure it's how they do it. DOGE responsibilities can vary.
12. **Senator 8:** Agrees what Senator 7 says, we are leaving it open to how senators decide how they want to make it better. To improve communication between graduate students and DOGE.
13. **Senator 1:** Going along with what Amy mentioned – I think a contact hour could potentially beneficial – as long as there is communication between senators and administration.



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(i) **Making friendly amendment.**

14. **VP:** constitution would come into effect next year.

15. **Senator 1:** final reading of the amendment.

16. **Voting** – 42 aye 6-no 2-abstain. Ayes have it.

ii. SB-02 By-Laws Revision

1. Point policy – you could miss 3 meetings, however this law will allow for substitutes to attend, unless you have substitutes for more meetings overall.

2. **Senator 1:** On Mondays – I have class – I contacted our DOGE to find substitute for the meeting. Contacting the executive committee position.

3. **VP:** Point policy – you could miss 3 meetings, however this law will allow for substitutes to attend, unless you have substitutes for more meetings overall.

4. **VP:** would have to vote 2/3

5. **Senator 2:** Current language – currently miss 2 absences, warning, and 3 removal. The current point system – still allows you to miss the absences. This would be more than one semester that could be missed without a substitute.

6. **Senator 3:** Do the points reset at the beginning of the semester

7. **VP:** it's for the academic year only.

8. **Voting:** 45-ayes and 5-no; ayes have it.

iii. SB-03 Budget Adjustments

a. Large budget shortfall due to the graduate population. Mid semester social – so this would be to reinstate the budget for the Rent Musical – to take the surplus and place towards the social.

1. Voting: 47-ayes, 3-no and 1-abstain; ayes have it.

VI. Recess (10 minutes) – 7:26pm to 7:37pm

VII. 2019-2020 GPSS Executive Board Election

i. President: Eleanor Field

ii. Vice President: James Klimavicz

iii. Treasurer: Rui (Michael) Ding

iv. CIO: Ozlem Karakaya

v. GPSRC: Abigail Kropf

vi. URLA: Marcus Jansen

vii. PAG: Qi Mu

VIII. Senate Forum (20 Min)

i. None



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IX. Roll Call and Announcements – 43 out of 72

X. Adjournment