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Graduate & Professional Student Senate

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE Meeting Agenda

Monday, February 24, 2019; 6:30 PM
Gallery, Memorial Union

- I. Call to order 6:30 PM
 - i. Roll Call (*attendance taken orally*)
 - ii. Statement of Quorum *6:35P*
 - iii. Approval of Meeting Notes from January 27th, 2019
 - iv. Adoption of the Agenda
- II. Speakers
 - i. Student Government President/Vice President Slates
 - a. *Lydia Greene/Joshua Hanyang*
 1. *Platform*
 1. *Diversity and Inclusion: co-directors of D/I committee in StuGov*
 2. *Mental Health Awareness (only campaign to address): automated scheduling for counseling services vs. current 90 minute paperwork filing*
 3. *Green Initiatives: expanding solar lighting, residence hall recycling competitions, solar charging stations, increased paper and recycled dining materials*
 4. *StuGov Transparency: having a question hotline, expansion of “fireside chats”, monthly tabling requirement for senators*
 5. *ISU 101 Course: information about mental health resources, educational resources, other inclusivity training, rental and tenant guides, financial training etc.*
 6. *Questions*
 - (i) *Courses projected by Cody/Cody administration that was not executed, how do you make it logistically happen, and would it be included in the graduate and post-docs?*
 1. *UG and potentially Graduate students (any students coming to ISU who doesn't know about the resources we have to offer)*
 2. *Student feedback especially multicultural feedback would be more current (we would want this information to be working with student orientation and not overlap information with other programs for new students)*
 - (ii) *Filling out the mental health form online – do you have a plan in place for someone in emergency help/crisis?*
 1. *Yes, providing them with hotlines and the resources ahead of time so that they can be contacted immediately if needed*
 - b. *Morgan Fritz/Jacob Schrader (Senator Schrader present)*
 1. *Morgan is the currently sorority senator, and Jacob is the Vice Speaker this past year*
 2. *Platform*
 1. *Affordability: pilot program for income share agreements vs. a normal loan (seen at Purdue and Utah*
 - (i) *Keeping on the efforts to include*



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- (ii) *Include one day option for orientation*
- (iii) *Effective resell marketplace for sporting tickets*
- 2. *Campus Climate*
 - (i) *Gathered a lot of information in 2017 but didn't do anything with it necessarily*
 - (ii) *Cultural competency training for all students*
 - (iii) *Smaller things*
 - 1. *Feminine hygiene products in more locations*
 - 2. *Buildings that are named include minority and womxn name options*
- 3. *Sustainability*
 - (i) *Composting on campus and yet is burned*
 - 1. *Special bins to be composted in our new facility*
 - 2. *Pushing CyRide buses to be electric/hybrid (getting two new electric buses versus the current diesel buses)*
- 4. *Only electoral slate being funded without Student Activity fees*
- 5. *Questions:*
 - (i) *Will you also make them available in gender inclusive bathrooms as well as all bathrooms?*
 - 1. *Yes, at the very least those locations need to have those so that everyone has access to them*
 - (ii) *In regard to the orientation change that you're pushing for, have you looked into the benefit to students to have a one day versus two-day orientation*
 - 1. *Feel that it gives the same amount of information, but that it would still be more cost effective*
 - (iii) *How does the orientation work here?*
 - 1. *Right before classes (mainly for international students)*
 - 2. *Iowan/domestic students have 4-5 different dates that they have to sign up for and then they highly encourage your family/parents/etc. to be there*

III. Special Orders

- i. *Senate Bill F20-03 Graduate and Professional Student Senate Budget for FY2021 6:54P*
 - a. *Discussion of previous budget and discussions prior*
 - b. *VP office of research wants us to be involved in their research day (negotiations to the minimal amount to be a co-sponsor)*
 - c. *Software Engineer Scholarship (updating the PAG application)*
 - d. *Networking opportunity for Graduate student club leaders (discussions with other StuOrg leaders)*
 - 1. *This would just be limited to the presidents at this point (since there are over 100 Graduate StuOrgs)*
 - e. *Graduate College Transfer – because of the drop of enrollment, we are getting less money than previous years, so we want to keep the same amount of PAG and other costs (so this year we are not asking for money)*
 - f. *Passed Senate Clerk bill in an executive order last semester*
 - g. *No changes to Finance Committee and URLA Chair*
 - h. *Instead of reducing the PAG amount, isn't there a benefit to increasing the amount per student?*



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1. *We could discuss it and we could discuss it in the PAG committee*
2. *Motion to increase the PAG amount to what it was prior 7:02P*
 1. *If we cut the funds, the plan is to use this fiscal year's surplus to fund next years funds*
 2. *The numbers would remain the same, but the budget would drop because the allocation would not be coming from the FY21 allocation to PAG, but would be coming from the previous year*
 3. *Discuss increasing the PAG allocation between \$200-\$250*
 4. *We haven't had to reject anyone's PAG that is eligible even with second applications (we haven't had to reject anyone's application)*
 5. *Because we are seeing less applications being finished, and less PAGs being awarded, shouldn't we be more focused on PAG outreach*
 6. *Sometimes travel cost is just too high to utilize \$200*
 - (i) *The other problem we have come across with this is Master's versus PhD students would essentially have more per their degree program if we went that way*
 - (ii) *These discussions would have to continue with PAG committee*
 7. *WITHDRAWAL OF MOTION 7:18PM with intent for PAG chair to discuss*
- i. *Questions*
 1. *Motion to push order to PAG committee and referred back the bill to Finance Committee 7:21P*

IV. Executive Reports to the Senate: (5 min/section)

- i. Report of the College of Veterinary Medicine (*Not in OFFICER UPDATES Document*)
 - a. *Wanted to give an update about the events at the CVM, and graduate programs are asking*
 - b. *Censure of CVM Administration involved bigotry, and there had been several instances where meetings were addressed*
 - c. *In the meantime while they were being worked on, students were unable to get the education that they paid for and have a right, presenting a barrier to their education*
 - d. *Some of the things they shed light on was heartbreaking, and because of this measure, this has become a catalyst to making systemic changes, and we are in a healing field, so it's our nature to heal.*
 - e. *Happy these students had this opportunity to share this, and happy the student body had access to it*
 - f. *Reached out to the class and asked them moving forward that anything that has happened up to this point is done, but we need to band together and have our opinions met and come together*
 - g. *If you do have people that are affected in your program, this is what these positions are for, this involves more effort to make a more conscious and purposeful effort to form a community and heal our university*
 - h. *James and Ellis want us to see this better, and I thank you so much.*
 - i. *The status quo is just not going to cut it*
 - j. *Bills – we have not had representation in GSB for about 10 years*
 1. *Purpose is to fill a vacancy*
 2. *Standardization of cross-representation that allows the rules to be consistent*
 3. *Motion to deliberate on S20-06 and S20-07 now (passed)*
 1. *S20-06: allows the CVM SG senator to serve as an at-large on GPSS*



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- (i) Passed unanimously*
 - 2. S20-07 Student Government Senators Seats for the College of Veterinary Medicine
 - ii. Report of the President 7:42P ****PLEASE VIEW THE OFFICER UPDATE DOCUMENT****
 - iii. Report of the Vice President **
 - a. *This Thursday 9AM in the Cardinal room will be a social (coffee and light snacks)*
 - iv. Report of the Treasurer **
 - a. *Spring allocation application is February 28*
 - v. Report of the Chief Information Officer **
 - a. *If you do not inform anyone that you will not attend GPSS, you can be removed (several removed and several resigned)*
 - vi. Report of the University Relations and Legislative Affairs Chair **
 - a. *GPSS Senator Informational postcards, etc. and digital forms will exist*
 - b. *Onboarding initiatives*
 - c. *Campus Chalking policy (mirrors other campuses' policies)*
 - vii. Report of the Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference Chair **
 - a. *Wanting to fund an entire conference for a single student*
 - b. *Abstract submission has been extended to March 13*
 - c. *Various workshops and presentations to be accessed*
 - d. *Fliers to put up in your building (we want submission and we also want students to attend!)*
 - viii. Report of the Professional Advancement Grant Chair **
 - a. *March 6 (Friday) PAG applications due!*
 - ix. Report of the Graduate Student Senator-At Large
 - a. *Most of the things we do is just funding*
 - b. *DACA run coming up*
 - c. *University library came and gave a presentation (they are looking for people to train in making and give oral histories); professional press at the library*
 - d. *Declaration of Climate Emergency which we will see tonight*
 - x. Report of the Special Committee on Graduate and Professional Student Wellness **
 - a. *International Circle in March and April (topics related to various parts of being an international student)*
 - b. *Graduate Student Wellness Week (if you want something to happen, please let us know)*
 - 1. *April 13-17th (WRONG DATE IN UPDATE)*
- V. Recess (10 minutes) 8:03-8:13PM
- VI. Unfinished Business
 - i. Proposed Amendments to the GPSS By-Laws and Constitution 8:13P
 - a. *10 amendments*
 - 1. *Renaming GPSRC to Graduate and Professional Student Conference (appropriate relative changes to the proposed constitution and by-laws) to become effective on April 9, 2020*
 - 1. **PASSED**
 - 2. *Adding research day responsibility to the GPSRC chair*
 - 1. **PASSED**
 - 3. *Renaming the GPSRC Chair to Conference Officer (made effective at election on March 30, 2020)*



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1. **PASSED**
4. *Removing PAG Chari as a GPSS officer position, and to make the GPSS President the chair of the Awards Committee and move the duty of replying to PAG inquiries to the GPSS CIO*
 1. *Who will answer PAG related questions and office hours*
 2. *Bugs/issues will also be addressed by the CIO*
 3. *Will this be cumbersome for the CIO? → there are sometimes that the CIO gets busier (ie. there may have to be allocated time to doing this stuff), so there will be busier times and slower times*
 4. *Since the PAG chair is currently a paid position, what will happen to the money allocated? → next motion*
 5. *Will the CIO see an increase in pay? → currently the GPSS president makes \$1700 a semester and the rest of them make \$1100-1200 (treasurer makes more); discussion of making everyone \$1200*
6. **PASSED**
5. *Creation of Wellness Officer as a GPSS officer position (keeping number of executives the same)*
 1. *How do you see the social events legacy continuing? → however, this committee determines it (traditionally there has always been a cook-out, etc. for example)*
 2. *Will there still be a Wellness Coimtee? → yes*
 3. *The idea is to not make the VP's job easier but to change the duties*
 4. *More information of the Wellness Officer, definitely should increase the work of this committee; last year the Wellness Committee held this Wellness Week*
 - (i) **APPEAL** to GPSS → **PASSED**
 - (ii) *We need to make sure that we have a good plan for this precision*
 - (iii) *This is a pretty big undertaking and would be a lot of time and effort, and worrying about funding and is worthy of being an officer*
 - (iv) *This is a new position that is completely voluntary that Senator Losby is working towards Wellness Week at this point; I would hope to continue increasing the work*
 - (v) *There was a lot of opportunity to give feedback, and we have enough to go forward*
 - (vi) **PASSED**
6. *Adding to VP Duties → overseeing relationships with SG*
 1. *Usually our information comes from GPSS At-large students*
 2. *Senate Engagement Committee → perhaps not as applicable*
 3. **PASSED**
7. *Renaming URLA Chair to Senate Engagement Officer*
 1. *Helpful to have the name of officer to remain consistent*
 2. **PASSED**
8. *Adding Senator Onboarding to URLA/SEO (overseeing senator on-boarding and soliciting senator feedback)*
 1. **PASSED**
9. *Renaming CIO to Senate Information Officer*
 1. **PASSED**



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10. *Forming College Chairs where senators could arrange meeting with constitutnecy councils and meet with Eos at least once a semester, etc.)*
 1. *Chairs would not be part of executive council*
 2. *Motion to change “chairs” to “liaisons” **PASSED***
 3. *Consideration for how will we run the election*
 4. ***RISE** from informal discussion*
 - (i) *Motion **FAILS***
- ii. Senate Bill F19-10 Adoption of the GPSS By-Laws Recommended by the Committee for Constitutional Revision (Constitution Revision Committee) 8:56P
 1. *Motion to **DISCUSS** the social events aspect 2.4.5 (8:57P)*
 1. *Allocations come from student activity fees and yet people are not applying for them*
 2. *It is important to discuss the social funding aspect*
 3. *While I sympathize with that, I do think that adding social events will not make as much of an impact of education; a change would lead to a rewriting*
 4. *Main issue with resistance to opening this up is that the Finance committee might have more work and there are specific guidelines, etc.; however, with senators not on that committee, senators feel in the dark as to what they are voting on.*
 - (i) *We have no issues with funding social events for Graduate club presidents*
 5. *With the different funds we have allocated, this is historically used for educational events, but if it is inappropriately discriminating it is inequitable.*
 - (i) *You could easily have a networking social event that is educational*
 6. *What would you spend more than 50% of the money on if it's not food during a social?*
 - (i) *Other spaces, person coming in that may not fit the educational criteria, etc.*
 - (ii) *Potential discussion of switching to maximum capacity for food cost instead of percentage*
 7. ***RISE***
 2. *Call to Question 9:10P → **PASSED***
- iii. Senate Bill F19-11 Ratification of the GPSS Constitution Recommended by the Committee for Constitutional Revision (Constitution Revision Committee) 9:08P
 - a. *Must pass with a 3/4th vote*
 - b. *Ending the officer term in the end of April but the Rules Committee wants to change it to summer, but this may not be necessary*
 1. *Currently the constitution says that positions will stay on into the summer (all executive officers would stay from August 1 to July 31)*
 2. *The executive office is very busy in the summer, and there are rules of succession for senators who graduate*
 - c. *One month of transition should be enough to give them enough preparation*
 - d. *If someone graduates, the person elected will take over*
 - e. *This also allows for easier transition and match the senator cycle as well*
 - f. *Senators need to recognize that we need to get out of this bill what we need, not just consider executive board*
 - g. *It took us 3 months to see this, 1 month to read this, and thus we should leave the senate better than what we found it*



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- h. *Call to question 9:29P* → **PASSED**
- VII. New Business
 - i. Senate Resolution S20-04 Recognition of Service for Judy Strand
 - a. **PASSED** 9:33P
 - ii. Joint Resolution S20-05 Declaration of Climate Emergency
- VIII. Senate Forum
 - i. Nominations:
 - a. *Madelyne Losby - Wellness Chair (self-nominated)*
 - b. *Carrie-Ann Johnson – VP (accepted)*
 - c. *Ellie Field – President (self-nominated)*
 - d. **you must have been a senator**
 - e. *Email other nominations*
- IX. Roll Call and Announcements
- X. Adjournment 9:45P

Senators Present: 54
Senators with Subs: 3