Call to order 6:30 PM
i. Roll Call (59 Senators + 1 Sub in attendance)
ii. Statement of Quorum
iii. Approval of Meeting Notes from September 30th, 2019 (approved)
iv. Adoption of the Agenda
   a. Addition of Senate Order F19-09 Amendment of GPSS Special Committee for Constitutional Review Membership to New Business

II. Speakers (5 min for each speaker)
   i. GPSS Senators
      a. Emmanuel Nsamba (Senator for the Genetics, Development and Cell Biology)
         1. 50 graduate students and 30 faculty in about five buildings
         2. Several events:
            1. Faculty Seminars
            2. Annual Department Research Day (held for the first time this semester) for both faculty and students to present (~80 participants)
            3. Considering introducing post-doc seminars (preparing for defenses, reception of feedback, etc.)
            4. Student directory in consideration to help connect faculty to students with similar interests/projects
      b. Matt Stuart (Statistics Senator)
         1. ~115 students (~42 faculty); one of the larger departments in campus
         2. First statistics laboratory founded in the United States
         3. CSAFE; research assistantships (any type you would want to do)
         4. Student run seminars; faculty from all over the country as well come and present
         5. Points of interest
            1. Prestigious awards were just won recently
               (i) COPSS was won by Hadley Wickham
               2. International Data Mining Cup (held in Berlin) was won by Statistic team from Iowa State
      c. Margaret Parks (Interior Design Senator)
         1. College offers multiple graduate degrees: Masters of Fine Arts (MFA), Master of Arts (MA), concurrent undergraduate and graduate degree; and interdisciplinary dual degrees (MA-MArch)
         2. Health care design, and many other programs
         3. A lot of transition (new curricula and website) and new DOGE
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d. Gitesh Patil (Senator from Ivy College of Business)
   1. ICB provides skillsets and knowledge and expertise from internally known faculties to many diverse students
   2. Clubs that look at data mining, participation in clubs that are not academic in nature, etc.
   3. Addressing real world problems (ie. handling transfer students, maximizing efficiency, etc.)
   4. Scholarship opportunities for students
   5. Transition and expansion physically within the school (combined two departments)

e. Daniel Vincent Sahayaraj (Chemical and Biological Engineering Senator)
   1. Department has 29 faculty members that teach and work administratively
   2. ~70 graduate students; Sweeney Hall and other buildings utilized for research
   3. 6 main focuses of research
   4. Areas of improvement
      1. Interdisciplinary courses across departments
      2. Fees to utilize equipment are somewhat high
      3. Senior grad students may be hired to be department writing consultants
      4. Still see fellowship judged on performance prior to joining ISU (ie. GRE requirements)
      5. Number of conferences students can attend are restricted by funding
      6. Graduate internships should be supported by major professors and faculties
      7. Student insurance should allow for more customization in plans

ii. Jack Polifka (Graduate College)
   a. Introducing special interest group in programming  \(\rightarrow\) GPSS website needs standardization of forms, and may also allow for people interested in programming regardless of skillset and experience

III. Executive Reports to the Senate: (40 min) REFER TO EXEC REPORTS

i. Report of the President
   a. Childcare task force
      1. University childcare taskforce had its first meeting (20 people on the team); majority are staff, but also includes community members from Ames
      2. Child needs survey in 2014 or 2015, unpacking data
      3. Campus climate survey as well indicated this was a need
      4. Put in contact with president (CLOSED GROUP!)
   b. Resource page is being worked on
   c. Graduate College newsletter that circulates monthly (also discussing a semester newsletter with VP
   d. Several senators volunteered for state of the department

ii. Report of the Vice President
   a. Saturday 1-4PM on the Towers (south of campus, close) will be renting games from Rec Services
   b. Dec 8 from 430-630PM at Perfect Games (done in the Spring normally, but will do grill out in the spring); open to all graduate and professional students
   c. Website updates (still in the process, or if you find dead links let them know)
   d. GPSS History page in the process of being made
   e. Faculty Senate Curriculum Committee (for classes with on campus and online sections)
1. Allowing instructors/departments to limit online enrollment to distance education students
2. If there are strong opinions about it, please let him know

f. Questions
1. Biochemistry online (both sections): online section was preferred because of research trial in the process and being able to still have the resources
2. Statistics online was better with research schedule (especially with the complexity and able to pause lecture)
3. Part of the issue is dual-enrollment courses, and the chain of command
4. ME department has both, but online portion is available for in-class students
5. Generally, people would like to be able to be in the online section

iii. Report of the Treasurer
a. 25 Fall Allocation applications, finance committee met on Oct 17th, made decisions on all of them
b. Questions
1. Current policy is that only organizations can apply, but there was a group of graduate students that was organizing a conference; could an exception be made, or could the rules be adjusted?
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   2. Could write an appeal to request special allocation, or find an affiliate department
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iv. Report of the Chief Information Officer
a. Questions about attendance, contact CIO
b. 3 points → removal (missing meeting without a substitute is 1 point; missing with a sub is 0.5 points)
c. Need senators for html coding

d. #ISUGradStories on our website
   1. Open to all graduate students (send to gpsscio@iastate.edu your stories)
   1. Questions on the website https://www.gpss.iastate.edu/archive/isugradstories

v. Report of the University Relations and Legislative Affairs Chair
a. University Wide committee Appointments (almost all filled)
b. Questions, contact Marcus at marcusd@iastate.edu
c. Serving on any of these committees, should have received email with contact from Marcus
d. Senator T shirts (courtesy of the graduate college)
e. University Relations and Legislative Affairs Committee
   1. Met tonight (will likely have something produced by next meeting)
f. 3MT (3 Minute Thesis) is a national competition that we hold the regional contest for here
   1. https://www.gpss.iastate.edu/students/3mt
   2. 6PM October 29, 2019 will have the final competition; snacks will be present; winner of
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tomorrow will be sent to nationals
vi. Report of the Graduate and Professional Student Research Conference Chair
   a. 60 applications for PAG last month (no one was turned down)
   b. Margaret Ellen White Award nominations start now and are due by November 11, 2019 to senators and November 18th to PAG Chair
   c. https://www.grad-college.iastate.edu/academics/awards/white/

vii. Report of the Professional Advancement Grant Chair
   a. First committee meeting on 10/24 for GPSRC
   b. Attending meetings to pitch the GPSRC to students and faculty as well as to gain insight on how GPSRC can better meet the need of students across all colleges
      1. Why aren’t certain colleges submitting?
   c. Meeting with Committee on Lectures (coordination of keynote speaker, in the process of applying for funding)

viii. Report of the Graduate Student Government Senator
   a. Student Body Senate meets weekly
   b. There have been several events of racist activities within apartments and clubs, etc.
   c. Consider what ways can be done to address this issue

ix. Report of the Special Committee on Graduate and Professional Student Wellness
   a. Works with the department of Student Wellness
   b. Defined 8 dimensions of wellness and hope to address them with graduate students specifically
      1. Data gathering has been done to lay down the groundwork (survey for needs assessment) for future endeavors
   c. ISUSSHIP is widely accepted; mental health and counseling services is covered through student insurance even within community practitioners
   d. Get Yourself Tested funded by Student Government
   e. Graduate Student Wellness Week – any ideas, please contact
   f. Roles in our departments and seeing what would be helpful in our more professional roles

x. Report of the Special Committee for Constitution Revisions
   a. Meeting a lot (four hours in the past month)
   b. Basically we are trying to keep the same as much as possible, but trying to adhere to bylaws
   c. New focuses (refer to EXEC REPORTS)

IV. Unfinished Business (30 min)
   i. None

V. New Business (40 min)
   i. Senate Resolution F19-08 Recognition of GPSS Website Design and Implementation Efforts
      a. Motion to consider as read (UC – no objections, no debate)
      b. Passed by unanimous consent
   ii. Senate Order F19-09 Amendment of GPSS Special Committee for Constitutional Review Membership
      a. Senator Johnson has been removed, Senator Robertson’s name has been corrected
      b. Passed by unanimous consent
   iii. Call for Nominations for Graduate Student Government Senators
      a. Senator Johnson currently the only seated Senator
b. $200/semester stipend, do not have to volunteer now

c. Highly recommended by Senator Johnson

VI. Senate Forum (20 min)
i. Graduate Student Newsletter
ii. Regarding the hate speech, racism, etc. in resident halls; President has addressed; this is a good opportunity for us to have a task force to address this situation to address campus climate for GS perspective; ISU Student Senate will also be addressing it

iii. Saturday’s field day will be the last nice day before the winter (Towers Recreation Fields)

VII. Roll Call and Announcements (58 Senators + 1 Sub in attendance)

VIII. Adjournment