

Report of the President

Report of the Vice President

Dr. Charles Small has been elected as the interim VP for diversity, equity and inclusion
Join the rules committee and/or submit legislation to be passed

Report of the Treasurer

- Special Student Fee Committee meeting:
 - Cyride proposes a 2% (\$10.5) increase in fees citing budget deficit due to pandemic, so expect this increase in the Student Services category of mandatory fees for FY23.
 - Let me know if you have questions views/suggestions about this proposal
- Fall 2021 allocations

Report of the Senate Information Officer

Report of the Senate Engagement Officer

Faculty Senate notes:

The faculty senate is currently working on creating 4 new undergraduate degrees:

B.S. in Healthcare Management [21-3] from Business

Masters of Community Development [21-4] from college of design

Master of Entrepreneurship [21-5] from Business

Certificate in Science Communication [21-6] from Greenlee, English, LAS, etc.

Ag Science has asked for this to be taken back to academic affairs for clarification.

The major topic of debate is about the U.S. Diversity requirements. This summer the Faculty EB approved the new policy with 3 out of 4 conditions that the senate approved last spring because the Provost won't sign it with 4. Many faculty feel like this decision should not have been made by the EB because they directly went in opposition to two separate votes from the senate. This debate will continue next month.

They are also working on how they want the meeting minutes to be presented. While meeting minutes have been presented in long form for over a decade, some faculty members only want a condensed version distributed. This debate is something we should probably keep an eye on.

There was also discussion about the new WorkFlex program. For more information see the article and announcement in the Inside Iowa State publication.

If you want long-form notes from the meeting please email me.

Report of the Conference Chair

Calling on senators to join the Conference Organizing Committee.

Report of the Graduate Health and Wellness Chair

- Thank you for feedback on the Health and Wellness Symposium. Official save the date went out to university admin/other stakeholders last week, and registration will open in November
- Headspace is \$10 annually for students
- Initial wellness committee meeting on October 19th
- Flu shots/covid vaccines available on campus at Thielen and pop-up clinics. Visit health.iastate.edu for more details and to make an appointment.
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Report of Student Government Senators

- Student Senate voted on and approved a number of funding bills and line item transfers for various student organizations. Feel free to contact me (John Carter) for information on the specific organizations.
- They also seated an at-large senator to the Student Initiatives Committee as well as a number of students to the PR Committee.
- Confirmed the nomination of a new Resident Hall Senator: Khushi Patel
- Approved funding for the Student Initiatives Committed to assure that it is able to efficiently and effectively do their work.
- A large discussion was had on adjusting the responsibilities of student senators. Specifically, there was a bill put forward that sought to shift the outreach credits senators are required to fulfill to simply credits that could be satisfied by attending “student-facing” senate events. The bill did not pass, but it generated a useful discussion on how and why senators should engage with the student body.
- At the 10/13 meeting of the senate, the senate heard a presentation from the Travel Assistance Program, which is looking to help international students with travel home between breaks and storage over the summer. The presentation focused on the outcomes of recent survey that found, among other things, that 59.5% of respondents experience a gap between leases in the summer, 35.1% have nowhere to go between breaks, and 37.8% found summer storage to be very stressful. When asked about the input from graduate students, specifically, they noted that more international graduate students responded to the survey, but undergraduates make up a larger portion of international students at ISU as a whole.