

**GSS Executive Meeting Minutes**  
**3.25.2019**

**1. Graduate College Update – Dean Keller**

- a. Big couple of weeks for the grad college & grad students
  - i. Thursday night (3/28), “Science on Tap” – Hancher, 3MT presenters
  - ii. Also serving as a
  - iii. Friday is meeting with advisory board
  - iv. Saturday is Jakobsen
  - v. On Sunday there will be a big service day – philanthropy
- b. On April 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Dean Keller and Associate Dean Barga going to DC as advocates for graduate college
  - i. Bringing grad student Moe Payne from Chemistry Department
- c. On the 9<sup>th</sup>
  - i. Hawkeye Caucus day in Des Moines
  - ii. Grad students and Associate Dean Steve Barga joining
- d. On the 11<sup>th</sup>
  - i. Research services faire in Kinnick
  - ii. OVPR and Research Service office are putting on a fair to spread the word about orgs that assist with research
  - iii. From 3pm-6pm, hors d’oeuvres and a hosted bar
- e. Kim Chickering leaving April 1<sup>st</sup>
- f. Announcing DEI director soon
- g. Hancher Finkbine Award
  - i. Informed by committee that Jenny Verniero will be receiving a student award
  - ii. Jennifer Lastener (sp?) is receiving a staff award
- h. GSEC back at it on Wednesday after the hiatus during COGs negotiations
- i. Met with some COG students about HR issues
  - i. Who to go to with grievances, issues, questions?
- j. Insurance representatives from Wellmark are coming to give a presentation soon.

**2. Alcohol Harm Reduction Plan Feedback – Tanya Villhauer and Shelly Campo**

- a. About to enter the fourth 3-year cycle of the Alcohol Harm Reduction Plan
- b. Committee includes representatives from all shared governances
  - i. GSS representative is Emma Gabriel
- c. Melissa Shivers wants to update everyone on progress
  - i. 5+ Drinks in one occasion in last 2 weeks?
    1. Down from ~70% in 2007 to about 50% today
    2. Still well above national average which is about 35%
    3. Still high (70%) among FSL members
      - a. 25% of Undergrads are FSL affiliated
  - ii. New initiatives:
    1. Graduate/Professional NCHA data collection & identify programming needs
      - a. Response rate not as stellar (~20%) as undergrad response rate (96-98%) because it’s not administered in classes (like undergrad survey)
    2. Develop and disseminate a clear process for identifying high-risk drinkers and targeting interaction for faculty/staff

3. Explore ways to involve faculty, staff such as mentoring
  4. Expand evidence-based interventions with FSL members at all years.
  5. Explore hazing prevention practices
  6. Expand FSL scorecard initiative as a pilot to other student org and activities (e.g. intramurals, CAB, Scope, DM, Marching Band, UISG, etc.)
  7. Polydrug use as a metric & address in early intervention/educational efforts
  - iii. Other initiatives:
    1. Athletics donated for expanded LNP
    2. Graduate Iowa City – donated and will partner for LNP
    3. FSL will have a reporting structure to Alcohol Harm Reduction group
  - iv. Full report won't be finalized until around August
- 3. Jakobsen Update – Ryan S.**
- a. All hands on deck
    - i. Still looking for moderators
    - ii. Otherwise, everything seems like it's good to go!
- 4. Constitutional Changes Proposal – Peter**
- a. Sorted in minor / insubstantial changes vs. major
  - b. One major change was the reworking of the Jakobsen Committee language
  - c. Two suggested strikes:
    - i. Reservation that we can “punish” departments that don't have Senators
    - ii. Elected officers do not have to seek reelection to maintain their position
  - d. Gold star award for Peter for being so good at his job
- 5. Budget/Spending Update – Lyndsey**
- a. **We were allocated a little over \$21,000**
    - i. With Jakobsen spending, we have spent ~\$16,000
    - ii. International student committee hasn't spent anything
    - iii. Neither has teaching
    - iv. Grad success may spend ~\$1,500
    - v. Social will spend another \$2k
- 6. Coffee Hour Feedback**
- a. GSS promotional materials to give out
    - i. Maybe joe can help us out?
  - b. Need to hammer down dates a lot earlier!
- 7. Promotional Materials**
- a. New GSS Logo?
    - i. Joe may be able to help us out on that too
    - ii. Want to get it done by end of semester so it's good to go for next year
- 8. Follow-up from last meeting**
- a. #DoesUIowaLoveMe
    - i. Time to write a statement had passed
    - ii. How to institutionalize DEI in GSS through *action*
      1. BUILD training
      2. Visiting cultural houses
      3. Lots of these resources are available online
        - a. Just want to make them more visible
    - iii. Ask people to breakout into committees @ next meeting to discuss a single action to promote DEI in their work

## 9. Elections

- a. We will ask officers what they do in their position
  - i. Weekly/monthly time commitment
  - ii. Things that you have been involved with
- b. Nominations open the entire month
- c. Description of positions must be sent out before meeting
- d. What is the turnover rate Senators this year??
  - i. How do we figure this out???
    1. No straw polls
    2. By show of hands, who will be around?
      - a. This should work

## 10. Open Floor

- a. "GSS/Graduate College/OVRP Research Grants for the Arts, Humanities, and Social Services" new round is coming up April 12<sup>th</sup>
  - i. Need more Travel Funds committee members whose backgrounds are more specific to this grant to help with scoring
    1. Shelley suggested an ad hoc committee to fill this need
    2. If we need a full committee year-to-year, the bylaws will need to be changed
    3. Should we add a third chair whose job is to oversee this ad hoc committee?
      - a. Is this necessary at the moment?
      - b. For now, we'll see how it goes.
    4. Any graduate student can serve on a GSS committee regardless of senatorial status

## 11. Set April 2 Agenda

- a. ACE Presentation – Annette Beck (15 min)
- b. Nomination process
- c. Presentation of constitutional changes
- d. Committee breakout session for Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) discussion
- e. President report
  - i. Update on single deposit model
  - ii. Senator retention/replacement