



Graduate Student Senate
General Assembly Meeting Agenda
October 30, 2018
Approved on: TBD

The University of Iowa
Graduate College
205 Gilmore Hall
Iowa City, IA 52241
(319) 335-3260

- 1. Call to Order General Assembly Meeting—6:00pm** – KaLeigh White
- 2. Introduction of Senators** (5 mins.)
 - a. 27 Senators in attendance
- 3. Graduate College Report** (10 mins.) – Dean Shelly Campo
 - a. Trying to give away money:
 - i. Diversity Fellowships/Scholarships coming out
 - ii. Hot off the press: Arts, Social Sciences & Humanities Grant
 1. First deadline is November 29th
 2. Goes through the GSS travel funds committee
 3. Can be used for research supplies / software – not travel
 4. Eligible once per program (one per Masters, one per doctorate)
 5. Planning on giving about 10-12 awards but could be more depending on amount granted per award
 - iii. 3MT competition finals starting at 3pm on Friday, 11/2 in Art Building
- 4. Ombudsperson Presentation** (15 mins.) – Cynthia Joyce
 - a. Office of Ombudsperson provides conflict resolution & problem-solving services (confidential, neutral, informal, independent)
 - b. Annual Report – See email attachment for full presentation
 - i. 51% of visits are from staff
 - ii. 50% of issues are hierarchical relationship issues
 - iii. Top grad student issues:
 1. 44% hierarchy issues
 2. 20% career / academic progression
 3. 14% policy violations
 4. 4% peer relationships
 - iv. 2017-2018 Campus issues
 1. Graduate students with serious health concerns
 2. Abrasive behavior (bullying)
 - v. Ombuds office news
 1. Susan Johnson's retirement
 2. Rachel Williams, new faculty University Ombudsperson
- 5. Reports**
 - a. **President Report** – KaLeigh White (5 mins.)
 - i. Searches for Core Leadership positions in of Iowa Administrative Staff
 1. Please review videos of search committee forums and provide input via surveys
 2. CLAS Dean
 3. CDO
 4. Provost
 5. Please make your voices heard!
 - ii. Next meeting: Presentation from Library – cuts from offerings
 1. Come to this meeting prepared with questions and input to make your voices heard about which collections are important to you
 2. Iowa Now newsletter tells how it's going to work – asking for journals that are important to your discipline
 - iii. Listening sessions responding to information collected from CIRU? Surveys



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1. Mellissa Shivers sent an email about this
2. Only an hour – there's food!
- iv. Now accepting snack requests!!
- v. Shoutout to Caroline for keeping membership up to date and looking for opportunities to expand!
 1. Do your part by recruiting senators if there is a vacancy in your department or if you know that a particular department is not currently being represented
- b. **Graduate Council Report** (5 mins.)
 - i. Committee looked at a proposal to create an MS in Public Affairs
- c. **GPSG Delegates Report** (5 mins.)
 - i. Passed legislation on making representatives more visible on department websites (same legislation that we passed last meeting)
 - ii. Gurjap is working on drafting a resolution about the international student fee
 - iii. Friday night vibes is happenin'!
 1. Keep an eye out for these events and let your department know!
- d. **Committee Reports** (10 mins.)
 - i. Graduate Student Success Committee
 1. Met last week
 - a. What does "Graduate Student Success" look like?
 - b. Possible survey on this question
 - c. Closing in on picking a committee chair but not quite there yet
 - ii. Graduate Student Teaching Committee
 1. Trying get a meeting time together
 2. Which issues are graduate students facing in teaching?
 3. Possibly putting together an "Excellence in Graduate Student Teaching" award
 4. Question: What are the responsibilities of the chair?
 - a. Recording hours that the committee puts in
 - b. Keeping lines of communication open with the Executive Council
 - i. This is made easy with the Outlook groups
 - iii. Jakobsen Committee
 1. Theme: "Developments - Building Competent & Conversant Thinkers"
 2. Wanting to build up the professional development aspect of the conference
 3. Call for artwork going out soon
 4. Sponsorships and judges search looking out
 - iv. International Student Committee
 1. No meetings yet
 2. Seeking out international student groups to collaborate with. Goal is to host events with GSS, build relationships, and identify international student issues
 - v. Service and Social Committee
 1. Open to suggestion for events!
 2. Hopefully coming up with a summary for event planning process



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3. Can we use events as a PR event to promote GSS? Possibly across the river to get more exposure?
- vi. Travel Funds Committee
 1. Cycle 2 – 47 applications, 37 eligible, 24 funded, (65% of total eligible apps), \$18,000 in total awarded
 2. Thanks to new committee members!
 3. Question: Is money for international travel or just domestic?
 - a. Answer: Both

6. Old Business

- a. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** (5 mins.) – KaLeigh White
 - i. Minutes approved!

7. New Business

8. Adjournment – 7:00 PM

Announcements

- a. **Next Travel Funds Application Deadline – November 9th**
 - i. The next [GSS Travel Fund application](#) deadline is Nov. 9, 2018 by 11:59 PM. This round of applications is for conferences occurring between Aug. 1, 2018 and Dec. 31, 2018.
- b. **Next General Assembly Meeting – Tuesday, December 4, 2018**
 - i. The next Graduate Student Senate general assembly meeting will take place on Tuesday, December 4th, 2018 from 6:00-7:00PM at the Old Capital Mall conference center (UCC-2520D).



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2018-2019 Graduate Student Senate
Roster of Elected Positions

Executive Officers:

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Roster of Appointed Positions

Committee Chairs:

Graduate Success Committee		
Graduate Teaching Committee		
International Students Committee		
Jakobsen Conference Committee	Ryan Stoldt	ryan-stoldt@uiowa.edu
Service and Social Committee		
Travel Funds Committee	Lyndsey DuBose	lyndsey-dubose@uiowa.edu
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