



Graduate Student Senate
General Assembly Meeting Minutes
December 4, 2018
Approved on: TBD

The University of Iowa
Graduate College
205 Gilmore Hall
Iowa City, IA 52241
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- 1. Call to Order General Assembly Meeting—6:00pm** – KaLeigh White
- 2. Introduction of Senators** (5 mins.)
 - a. **28 senators**
- 3. Graduate College Report** (10 mins.) – Associate Dean Shelly Campo
 - a. Graduate College commencement @ Hancher
 - b. Deadline for Deposits of dissertations and Theses today
 - c. Changes on website:
 - i. Cleaned up website
 - ii. Still needs some clean up – snafu
 - iii. Divided landing page into 4 buckets to reduce massive amount of text
 - iv. Cleaned up internal fellowship page
 - v. Grad student employment agreement – new section relating to health accommodations. Same process as faculty and staff – for applying for services.
 - d. CLAS dissertation writing fellowships will be out soon (letters for)
- 4. Library Speaker** (15 mins.) – Linda Walton and John Culshaw
 - a. John Culshaw
 - i. Subscription Update
 - ii. Not first time this has happened – decade ago.
 - iii. Serial expenditures increased by 521%
 - iv. Consumer Price Index only increased by 118%
 - v. Cause? . . .
 - vi. University gets packets for subscriptions – like a cable TV deal. You get some of what you do not want or need.
 - vii. Unsustainable Price increases – try to minimize impact of inflation increase.
 - viii. Looking for low use materials, those with high cost per use, and duplicate content available in other sources.
 - ix. Decisions needed to be made about what will be maintained before the end of the Fiscal year in July.
 - x. Working to promote open access – open access repositories.
 - xi. Increase in purchase of electronic journals over physical journals.
 - b. Linda Walton
 - i. Every department has library liaison with list of what will be cut within the respective discipline.
 - ii. Cancellation begins January 2020
 - iii. Up against a fixed budget with increasing journal prices = unsustainable model.
 - iv. Interlibrary loan is not a solution to the problem, it's a bandaid.
 - v. This is an international problem for institutions.
- 5. Reports**
 - a. **President Report** – KaLeigh White (5 mins.)
 - i. New CLAS Dean = Steve Goddard
 - ii. Grad. Student Employment Committee
 - iii. Who are committee chairs???



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- iv. Everyone needs to spend money so budgets are not cut - don't be stingy
- b. **COGS Report** (5 mins.) - Inga
 - i. Contract negotiation year
 - ii. 5% raise proposed for salaries
 - iii. cost of living increase 3%
 - iv. Board of Regents will bring counter proposal Dec 12 at noon in 351 IMU – public meeting – come if you can.
 - v. There will be grade in at 10-12 am (email will be sent out)
 - vi. KaLeigh: we will allow Cogs a few minutes each meeting to keep in the loop.
- c. **Graduate Student Employment Committee Report** (5 mins.)
 - i. HR rep. talked about benefits etc.
 - ii. Staying constant through 2020 – the benefits
- d. **Graduate Council Report** (5 mins.)
 - i. Met last Thursday
 - ii. Discussed reorganization of biomed sci
- e. **GPSG Delegates Report** (5 mins.)
- f. **Committee Reports** (10 mins.)
 - i. Graduate Student Success Committee
 - 1. No report
 - ii. Graduate Student Teaching Committee - Sydney Skuodas
 - 1. Met with center with teaching
 - 2. Discussed what they are doing trying to figure out what we can do
 - 3. Gonna help in the spring to facilitate a discussion group
 - 4. Focus on STEM
 - iii. Jakobsen Committee
 - 1. Email sent for art
 - 2. Kaleigh: Ryan and KaLeigh met on phone call with Tom Jakobsen the son of Jake Jakobsen.
 - a. Trying to incorporate professional development opportunities
 - iv. International Student Committee - Alexandro Cazares
 - 1. No meeting
 - 2. Looking to work next semester
 - v. Service and Social Committee
 - 1. Working with association of multi social scientists
 - 2. No time to do anything because it is December
 - 3. Next semester we will do work
 - vi. Travel Funds Committee
 - 1. Jan and Feb 2019 deadlines
 - 2. Approved 30 applications
 - 3. Funding around 60%
 - 4. Wrapped up two deadlines including research grant for arts and hum
 - 5. Need scorers ASAP
 - 6. Scoring sessions this weekend ~90 minutes – reach out to Lindsey.



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6. Old Business

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

7. New Business

- a. No new business
b. If you need an alternate, you can send anyone from your Department.

8. Adjournment – 7:00 PM

Announcements

- a. **Next Travel Funds Application Deadline – January 18th**
i. The next [GSS Travel Fund application](#) deadline is Jan. 18, 2018 by 11:59 PM. This round of applications is for conferences occurring between Sept. 1, 2018 and Feb. 31, 2018.
- b. **Next General Assembly Meeting – Tuesday, February 5th, 2019**
i. The next Graduate Student Senate general assembly meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 5th, 2019 from 6:00-7:00PM at the Old Capital Mall conference center (UCC-2520D).
- c. **COGs Work-In – Wednesday, December 12th 10am – 12pm, 351 IMU**
i. COGs have proposed to the University that all permissive (legal) topics be restored to our contract. These are things such as work hours, offer letter deadline of 4/15, sick days, the grievance process, and more. The University is presenting their counter-proposal at 12pm on 12/12. For two hours prior to this public meeting **(10a-12p), we will have a work-in** (like a peaceful protest sit-in) in the hallway outside 351 IMU. Bring your work to show the University that it works because we do! Plus, there will be snacks!



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2018-2019 Graduate Student Senate
Roster of Elected Positions

Executive Officers:

President	KaLeigh White	kaleigh-white@uiowa.edu
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Committee Chairs:

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