



Graduate Student Senate
General Assembly Meeting
Minutes – Pending Approval
March 3, 2020

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** – Peter Miller
2. **Introduction of Senators** (2 mins.)
3. **Graduate College Update** – Dean Varga (5 mins.)
 - a. Dean Keller will give the State of Graduate Education Address on April 16 at 5:30 P.M., Art Building West, reception afterwards
 - b. National Meetings
 - i. Creating Inclusive Graduate Communities, Council of Graduate Schools summer meeting in Boston in July, the Graduate College will be presenting at this conference
 - ii. Workshop for supporting graduate student health and well being
 1. Workshop will be in October
 2. Graduate College selected from hundreds of graduate schools
 3. Will host a series of listening posts on this topic
 4. There will be a focus on issues for students who are veterans
 - c. Deadlines for fellowships are coming soon, Graduate College Summer Fellowship
 - d. Corona Virus
 - i. Dean Varga is a member of working group at the university on the corona virus
 - ii. CDC keeps revising its recommendations
 - iii. Committee is meeting several times to develop plans if the University has to close
 - iv. You should be aware that while the corona virus presents a significant concern for some populations, elderly, underlying conditions, etc., it is less severe in young healthy individuals. But, these young healthy individuals can still carry the virus and spread it
 - v. Could impact applications for funding from the Graduate College for travel to places where there is an outbreak
4. **Reports**
 - a. **President Report** – Christian Bako (2 mins.)
 - i. Grad Student Appreciation Week
 1. April 6 through April 10
 2. If you are interested in becoming involved, keep an eye out for a survey about Graduate Student Appreciation Week
 - ii. Nominations
 1. Starting nominations next meeting
 2. Think about running for a position
 3. Talk with the person currently in the position if you are interested
 - iii. GSS Coffee Hour
 1. Social and Service has done a great job getting it up and running
 2. 50 graduate students last week
 - b. **Other officer reports** (2 mins.)
 - i. Treasurer Report – Jennie Liu
 1. Social and Service Committee is spending money
 2. No Jakobsen Conference implies that there is more funding than usual
 3. If your department student organization is hosting an event, it might be possible to use some GSS funds
 4. Think about ways that your GSS committee can effectively use funds



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- c. **COGS Report** – Rachel Maller (2 min.)
 - i. Faculty Forward event, Friday, March 6 from 2:30 to 4:30 at Cortado
- d. **GPSG Delegates Report** – (1 min.)
 - i. Had meeting with the city council
 - ii. Talked about safety and transportation
 - iii. Talked about new apartment building
 - iv. Talked about housing affordability for students
- 5. **Committee Meetings** – (15 mins.)
- 6. **Old Business**
 - a. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** (1 min.) – Christian Bako
 - i. Motion to approve
 - ii. Approved
 - b. **Food at Exams and Committees Resolution Update** – Ellen Kiser (2 min.)
 - i. Discussed last time
 - ii. At this meeting, discussed changes
 - 1. Added thesis defense committees
 - 2. Corrected a grammatical error
 - iii. Discussed adding thesis and dissertation
 - iv. Approved the change relating to the thesis and dissertation addition
- 7. **New Business**
 - a. **Handbook and Constitution Updates** – Peter Miller (4 mins.)
 - i. Showed the amendments
 - ii. Will vote on the changes at the next meetings
 - iii. Peter discussed the changes
 - iv. These changes related to the social media manager position
 - v. Contact Peter if you have questions
 - b. **Elections for New Positions** – Christian Bako (10 mins.)
 - i. Social Media Manager
 - 1. Laura Stephens was elected
 - ii. Vice President
 - 1. Kody Waldstein was elected
 - iii. GPSG Delegate for Fine Arts and Humanities
 - 1. Emma Gabrielle was elected
 - c. **CCC Conference Funding Request** – Caroline Cheung (4 mins.)
 - i. The English Department is hosting this conference
 - ii. Theme is "Justice Framed"
 - iii. Interdisciplinary conference
 - iv. Asking for up to \$2000 for honorarium for a new speaker and for a pedagogy roundtable event
 - v. The conference will provide value for all graduate students, Christian supported GSS funding this conference
 - vi. Questions
 - 1. Has Caroline looked for other sources of funding? Yes.
 - 2. What percentage of GSS' budget is \$2000? 11%
 - vii. Vote to approve granting the funding request
 - viii. The funding request was approved
 - d. **COGS No Fees Campaign** – Christian Bako (1 min.)



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- i. Request from COGS for GSS to sign a letter of support for the COGS No Fees Campaign
- ii. Can also individually sign a petition in support of this campaign
- iii. Discussion
 1. Aligns with the mission of GSS
 2. Fees affect graduate students in different ways
- iv. This vote is postponed to the next meeting

8. Committee Updates - (10 mins.)

- a. AdHoc OVPR Grant Review Committee
- b. Teaching
- c. International
- d. Student Success
- e. Jakobsen
- f. Social & Service
 - i. Leap into 2020 with GSS @ Clinton Street Social Club on Thursday, March 5th from 6-8pm!
 - ii. Free food!
 - iii. Drink specials!

9. Adjournment – 7:00 PM

Announcements

- a. **Leap into 2020 with GSS @ Clinton Street Social Club! – March 5th**
 - i. **When:** Thursday, March 5th 2020 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm
 - ii. **Where:** Clinton Street Social Club (18 1/2 S. Clinton Street)
 - iii. **Who:** All University of Iowa graduate and professional students
 - iv. **Food:** Hors d'oeuvres (e.g. charcuterie boards, pulled pork sliders, wings, veggies and hummus, plus more!). Vegetarian options available.
 - v. **Drinks:** Attendees are welcome to enjoy the drink specials which will include 2 drinks at Happy Hour prices (1/2 off) and their normal drinks menu.
 - vi. **Please RSVP using this [link!](#)**
- b. **Next Travel Funds Application Deadline – March 6th**
 - i. The next [GSS Travel Fund application](#) deadline is Mar. 6, 2020 by 11:59 PM. This round of applications is for conferences occurring between February 1, 2020 and June 30, 2020.
- c. **Future Travel Funds Application Deadline – April 24th**
 - i. The last [GSS Travel Fund application](#) deadline of this academic year is April 24, 2020 by 11:59 PM. This round of applications is for conferences occurring between March 1, 2020 and June 30, 2020.
- d. **Next General Assembly Meeting – Tuesday, April 7, 2020**
 - i. The next Graduate Student Senate general assembly meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 7th, 2020 from 6:00-7:00PM at the Old Capitol Mall conference center (UCC-2520D).



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- e. **Building Student-Faculty Power at UI – Friday, March 6th, 2:30-4:30pm**
 - i. Join Faculty Forward, UI students and faculty, for a meet and greet at Cortado on Friday, March 6th 2:30-4:30pm. Together, students and faculty can find common ground and learn about their issues on campus. Coffee and pastries will be provided. Feel free to drop-in at any time during the event. This event is open to all faculty, students, graduate students, and community members.
 - ii. Like and share [the event on Facebook!](#)
- f. **GSS Cortado Coffee Hour - Wednesday, March 11th**
 - i. Do you like coffee? Do you like cookies? Do you like meeting graduate students from other departments? If so, please join GSS at Cortado Coffee & Café (26 S. Clinton Street) for a series of weekly "coffee-breaks" for ALL graduate students. Coffee and cookies will be available for free from 2:00-3:00. The semester, the coffee hour is on alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays. The next coffee hour is **Wednesday, March 11.**
- g. **AMS/GSS Coffee Break**
 - i. GSS is now partnering with the Association of Multicultural Scientists (AMS) to host a weekly coffee break. This event happens each week in MERF 3112 on the west side of the river. Coffee, doughnuts, and fruit will be available. Everyone is welcome, come and go as needed!
- h. **Graduate & Professional Student Appreciation Week – April 6th - 10th**
 - i. National Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week celebrates the 5,000+ graduate and professional students that make the University of Iowa a great place for research and learning. The Week was originally started in 1993 by the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students as a way to show appreciation for the contributions, impact, and value of graduate students nationally and supporting their wellness and professional development.
 - ii. GPSG Vice President, Thomas Pak, has been working hard as a part of the team that's putting on Graduate & Professional Student Appreciation Week
 - iii. Please fill out this [short survey](#) by **Monday, March 9** to help them continue planning. Please pass along to your classmates, colleagues, and friends to help us gather as much input as possible. If you have any other feedback you think may be useful, don't hesitate to [email Thomas](#).



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2019-2020 Graduate Student Senate
Roster of Elected Positions

Executive Officers:

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Executive Associate
Membership/PR Officer
Parliamentarian
Social Media Manager

Christian Bako
Kody Waldstein
Jennie Liu
Adam Wood
Caroline Cheung
Peter Miller
Laura Stephens

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Roster of Appointed Positions

Committee Chairs:

Graduate Success Committee
Graduate Teaching Committee
International Students Committee
Jakobsen Conference Committee
Service and Social Committee

Travel Funds Committee

Jessica DeYoung
Sohyun Kim
Kody Waldstein
Guadalupe Munoz Rocha
Rachel Maller
Amanda Adams
Jennie Liu

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