



Graduate Student Senate
General Assembly Meeting
Minutes – Approved October 1, 2019
September 3, 2019

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** – Peter Miller
- 2. Introduction of Senators** (2 mins.)
- 3. Graduate College Update** (5 mins.) – Dean Keller
 - a. Was serving as interim Vice President for Research, no longer serving in that position, back to the Graduate College full time
 - b. The research office is sponsoring a research service fair at Hancher Auditorium, requires registration, activities include round table discussion, look for an email with information
 - c. Personnel Changes
 - i. Communications director, Kim Chickering moved to a different position, recruited Katie McKibben to be communications director
 - ii. Restructured the Office of Graduate Inclusion and renamed it the Office of Graduate Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), the former director, Diana Sproles, was replaced by Elizabeth Lara
 - iii. New Vice President for Research, J. Martin Scholtz
 - iv. New Provost, Montserrat Fuentes, charged with developing new strategic plan
 - d. Association of American Universities (R1 institutions) released call for proposals in response to new Ph.D. initiative, the Graduate College submitted proposals, notified that we were approved, 8 out of 60 institutions approved, will be working with the English, History, Mathematics, and Physics and Astronomy departments
- 4. Reports**
 - a. **President Report** – Christian Bako (5 mins.)
 - i. What is GSS?
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 - a. Part of the shared governance structure of the University of Iowa
 2. How does it fit within GPSG?
 - a. GSS is one of the six member governments of GPSG
 - b. GSS sends 5 voting delegates to GPSG, has a very strong voice in GPSG compared with other member governments
 - c. The delegates come from various areas as well as an at-large delegate, usually the president of GSS fills the at-large position
 3. What is my role as a senator?
 - a. Represent your constituents, other graduate students in your department
 - b. Come to meetings, listen, contribute
 - c. Take the information from the meeting minutes and describe it to your constituents
 - d. Participate on at least one GSS Committee
 - ii. GSS re-branding / new promotional materials
 1. Will be working on amplifying the voice of GSS this semester
 - iii. GPSG is reintroducing a committee structure this year, opportunity to contribute to work that happens in GPSG, keep an eye out for emails about committees and meetings, let Christian know about people interested in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion



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- b. **Vice President Report** – Evan Krasner (2 mins.)
 - i. Jakobson conference, lots of planning involved, should see emails by the end of the month
 - ii. Issue last year: senators not opening emails, will send reminders about the conference, please pay attention to emails
- c. **Parliamentarian Report** – Peter Miller (5 mins.)
 - i. Primer on parliamentary procedure and Robert's Rules of Order
 - 1. See handbook on the GSS website, includes constitution and parliamentary procedure
 - 2. Everyone who signs attendance sheet at GSS meetings has speaking rights
 - 3. See chart of motions in the handbook
- d. **Membership & Publicity Officer Report** – Caroline Cheung (5 mins.)
 - i. Roster update
 - 1. If you are a new senator, please email Caroline Cheung (caroline-cheung@uiowa.edu)
 - ii. Senator transition/retention
 - 1. Will send an email with information about how many seats each department has, can then talk to people in your department about joining GSS
- e. **COGS Report** (2 min.)
 - i. No report
- f. **Graduate Student Employment Committee Report (GSEC)** (2 min.)
 - i. No report
- g. **Committee Appointments and Nominations**
 - i. Rachel Maller, Sociology, GPSG delegate
 - ii. Taylor Henry, American Studies, GSEC
 - iii. Cody Norling, Music, GSEC
 - iv. Sydney Skuodas, Biology, GSEC
 - v. Andrew Horvath, Chemistry, GSEC
 - vi. Avinash Mudreddy, Computer Science, GSEC
- h. **GPSG Delegates Report** – Christian Bako (3 mins.)
 - i. UI Public Private Partnership (P3)
 - 1. 50 year term agreement that the University is exploring, the University is leasing its utilities to a third party operator, the third party will pay the University, will be put in an endowment, moving very quickly, wanted to raise attention to this issue, there are sustainability considerations written into the agreement, has been a transparent process
- i. **Brief Committee Descriptions / Goals** (10 mins.)
 - i. Committee selection survey will be sent out to select your committee(s) – keep a look out!
 - ii. Graduate Student Success Committee
 - 1. Help out with graduate student appreciation week
 - iii. Graduate Student Teaching Committee



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1. Goal was to figure out how to not step on the toes of the Center for Teaching
2. Maybe start with a workshop for graduate students
3. Possibly microaggression training for teaching assistants
- iv. Jakobsen Committee
 1. Interdisciplinary conference in March
 2. Merged with "Open Doors" conference, professional development
 3. Plans and organizes the Jakobsen conference
- v. International Student Committee
 1. Organize multicultural event
- vi. Service and Social Committee
 1. Organize various events, Big Grove, etc.
- vii. Travel Funds Committee
 1. Need a lot of help for scoring the applications
 2. 6 cycles per year, up to 120 applications per cycle
 3. Deadline was this past Friday
 4. Up to 2-hour scoring session every 2 months

5. Old Business

- a. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** (2 min.) – Christian Bako
 - i. Motion to approve
 - ii. Second
 - iii. Passed
- b. **GSS Coffee Hour** (3 mins.) – Christian Bako
 - i. Started last year, free coffee and cookies for all graduate students
 - ii. Working on the coffee hour for this year

6. New Business

- a. **Vaping Forum** (3 mins.) – Emma Gabriele
 - i. Tanya Villhauer is also involved
 - ii. Initiative to problematize vaping on campus
 - iii. Can GSS promote the events that will be happening on the issue of vaping?
 1. Wants GSS to be a sponsor and promote these events via email
 - a. Motion to discuss promotion
 - i. Second
 - ii. It'd be a good idea to spread the word
 - b. Motion to vote on promoting events
 - i. Second
 - ii. Passed
- iv. First event is on September 23, 6:30 to 8:00
 1. Will be sent out in the minutes and announcements
- b. **Forming ad hoc committees** (10 mins.)
 - i. Roster audit and Senator Retention/Transition Committee
 1. Roster is not in agreement with the roster on Campus Labs
 2. Will tackle these issues and make a system to make sure that this problem does not occur in the future
 - ii. Constitutional Changes Committee
 1. Will separate the constitution and the by laws



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- iii. Tabled to old business during the next meeting

7. Adjournment – 7:00 PM

Announcements

a. Suit Up for UI Students – September 15

- i. JC Penney is hosting an event for UI students called Suit Up on September 15th – this event is for undergraduate, graduate and professional students at the University of Iowa to offer an opportunity to receive substantial discounts on clothing to use for coursework, presentations, interviews or other professional events.
- ii. The event will be held from 6:00 to 9:00 P.M.
- iii. For more information, please go to <https://uiowa.joinhandshake.com/events/344446>.
- iv. If you would like to volunteer to assist in the event, please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054DA4A62FA02-jcpenney>.

b. Vaping: The New Look of Nicotine Addiction – September 23

- i. There is an event on September 23 from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. at the Englert Theatre as part of a series on vaping put on by the Iowa Institute of Public Health Research and Policy. This event will consist of a lecture titled “What are E-cigs and What Do They Do?” presented by Tom Eissenberg, and a moderated discussion on e-cig usage in our community and schools. See the [event page](#) for more details and information about future events.

c. Research Services Fair – October 10

- i. The Research Services Fair is at Hancher Auditorium on October 10 from 1:00 to 6:30.
- ii. The Research Services Fair will deliver more opportunities for connecting researchers to collaborators, resources, and tools to accelerate research. The fair brings together researchers of all levels (including faculty, staff, and students), administrators, and more than 60 campus resources that support and enhance research activities. New this year, 35 roundtable discussions will focus on broader impacts, community engagement, and research-related topics.
- iii. Visit the [registration page](#) to learn more and register.
- iv. Note: Registration is required, but attendance is at your leisure.

d. Next Travel Funds Application Deadline – October 4

- i. The next [GSS Travel Fund application](#) deadline is October 4, 2019 by 11:59 PM. This round of applications is for conferences occurring between July 1, 2019 and October 30, 2019.

e. Next General Assembly Meeting – Tuesday, October 1, 2019

- i. The next Graduate Student Senate general assembly meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 1, 2019 from 6:00-7:00PM at the Old Capital Mall conference center (UCC-2520D).



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2019-2020 Graduate Student Senate
Roster of Elected Positions

Executive Officers:

President	Christian Bako	christian-bako@uiowa.edu
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Parliamentarian	Peter Miller	peter-miller@uiowa.edu

GPSG Delegates:

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Graduate Council:

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KaLeigh White	kaleigh-white@uiowa.edu
Christian Bako	christian-bako@uiowa.edu

Webmaster:

Ryan Tribble	ryan-tribble@uiowa.edu
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Roster of Appointed Positions

Committee Chairs:

Graduate Success Committee		
Graduate Teaching Committee		
International Students Committee	Anup Poudel	anup-poudel@uiowa.edu
Jakobsen Conference Committee	Evan Krasner	evan-krasner@uiowa.edu
Service and Social Committee		
Travel Funds Committee	Jennie Liu	yujia-liu@uiowa.edu