

University of Iowa – Graduate Student Senate
General Assembly
October 4, 2022 (6pm)

1. Call to Order 6:01 pm
 1. QR code for attendance
2. Approval of September Minutes
 1. Approved
3. Graduate College Updates
 1. Dean Thein
 1. Seeking nominees for student speaker for commencement (PhD and or Masters) due October 12th
 2. Alumni Speakers for commencement
 3. Gold Rush campaign- short term to raise funds for specific
 1. \$10,000 pilot peer-to-peer mentor program.
 2. This will be separate from current department programs
 2. Dean Campo
 1. Notifications for fellowship awards are sent out this week
4. Executive Council Reports
 - a. President – Nicole States
 - a. November meeting is also over Zoom (same link)
 - b. Door issue should be resolved for December
 - c. October 17th meeting for speaker committee decision (should be people graduating in December)
 - d. Ombudsperson report: <https://ombudsperson.org.uiowa.edu/reports-and-documents>
 - e. UCS support spaces October 13-Nov 17 every Thursday from 4-5 pm over zoom. Specific topic for each week with a guided discussion (self-compassion, mindfulness, stress)
 - f. Grad @ Iowa event volunteers Oct 13th 9-10 am. Talk to undergrads about graduate school: <https://grad.uiowa.edu/grad-iowa>
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 - g. USC Student Advisory Board looking for 10-12 members, promoting mental wellness Fridays 2-3 pm
<https://counseling.uiowa.edu/students/get-involved/student-advisory-board/>
 - b. Vice President – Karley Monaghan
 - a. Nothing
 - c. Treasurer – Lily Kraft
 - a. Nothing
 - d. Executive Associate – Celine Fender
 - a. Nothing
 - e. Membership Officer – Valeria Cota
 - a. Nothing
 - f. Parliamentarian – Anna Leinheiser
 - a. Nothing
 - g. Webmaster – Collin Brown
 - a. Missing a lot of pictures. Look up yourself on the GSS website to make sure you are on there!

- h. Social Media Director – Leah Scharlott
 - a. Engaged in twitter much more
 - b. Highlighting executive members, hope to highlight senators
- 5. COGS Update – Chad Rhym
 - 1. Voting to recertify union Oct 11-25 all non votes are “no”, so VOTE
 - 2. <https://vote.yeselections.com/iaperb/>
 - 3. Election captains to host parties <https://vote.yeselections.com/iaperb/>
 - 4. General body meeting 10-5-2022
- 6. GPSG Update – Sam Wuebker (Carrie Means)
 - 1. Funding requests are due this Friday (10-7-2022)
 - 2. Increase budget to increase funding to campus food pantries
 - 3. Add Juneteenth as a holiday recognized by campus
- 7. Committee Updates
 - a. Graduate Student Voices – Maria-Victoria Perez and Veronica Sule
 - a. Nothing
 - b. Graduate Teaching – Sean Newman
 - a. Workshops at center for teaching
 - b. TA evaluation workshop
 - c. Icon crash course for new TAs
 - c. International Student – Stuti Gupta and Michael Cahill
 - a. Having an event later this month at Wilson’s
 - b. Food festival for the spring
 - c. International Student Fees (lowered/waived)
 - d. Mentoring underrepresented minorities (high school students)
 - d. Jakobsen – Karley Monaghan
 - a. 3MT competition is underway
 - b. Looking for judges for preliminary competition
 - c. Working on the Jakobsen showcase for the Spring
 - e. Social and Service – Valeria Cota
 - a. Coffee Hour (Cortado and Java House)
 - b. GSS only “Friday Night Vibes”
 - f. Travel Funds – Emese Kovacs
 - a. First round has been awarded
 - b. Second round is open
 - c. \$800 for degree related funds
 - d. \$13,210 funding for Conference Presentations
 - e. 16.5% funds used
- 8. Budget Discussion
 - 1. \$23,500 estimated total budget
 - 2. We do not have to put money toward Friday night vibes
 - 3. \$14,800 allocated out
 - 4. Executive Council Salaries \$3525
 - 5. \$5000 contingency
 - 6. Can be used before the budget is approved
 - 7. Reach out to Lily Kraft for budget questions
- 9. Graduate Student Open Floor
 - 1. Mike Cahill- centralized calendar for volunteer opportunities. List of upcoming events

1. Incorporate into the website
2. Committees update
3. Outlook group calendar, calendar tab on teams

10. Adjournment 6:55 pm