

University of Iowa – Graduate Student Senate  
General Assembly  
October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 at 5:30 pm (Zoom)

1. Call to order – 17:32
2. Approval of September Minutes – Approved by majority vote
3. Graduate College Updates
  - a. Deam Campo
    - i. Tuition scholarship – deadline Nov 1  
(<https://grad.uiowa.edu/scholarship/graduate-tuition-scholarship> )
    - ii. Seeking student commencement speakers for master’s and doctoral
    - iii. <https://commencement.uiowa.edu/ceremony/graduate-masters-commencement-ceremony-2>
    - iv. <https://commencement.uiowa.edu/ceremony/graduate-doctoral-commencement-ceremony-3>
  - b. Dean Getz
    - i. Marcus Bach Fellowship for Dissertation/thesis projects in Arts and Humanities. Due date Dec
    - ii. CLAS Dissertation Writing Fellowship due in the Spring.
4. UCS Presentation (20 minutes)
  - a. Dr. Scott Liu (scott-liu@uiowa.edu)
    - i. Help you to cope with your feelings and provide methods to manage them
    - ii. Psychiatric services in Student Health (Free consultation)
    - iii. Self-care is very important. Please make time for your mental health!
5. Executive Council Reports
  - a. President- Karley Monaghan
  - b. Vice President- Mekhla Singhanian
  - c. Treasurer- Soheil Hosseini
    - i. Met Stuart in SOBO to talk about details in the budget (see end)
  - d. Executive Associate-Stuti Gupta
  - e. Membership Officer- Jordan Ismaiel
  - f. Parliamentarian- Valeria Cota
  - g. Webmaster- Kyleakin Helm-Kwasney
    - i. Please send email with a photo! (Brynn-helm@uiowa.edu)
    - ii. Will add updated list of resources for Graduate students
  - h. Social Media Director- Hannah Nennig
    - i. Please send out posters to solicit senators in departments.
  - i. Travel Funds Director- Emese Kovacs
    - i. Working on making GSS travel funds website more accessible for everyone
    - ii. Send her FAQs for travel funds if anyone has asked you questions!
6. COGS Update- John Tappen
  - a. This week start Membership blitz (will be out in buildings to talk about why it is important to join)

- b. Union is member funded, so membership is very important!
  - c. Next general meeting - Oct 30<sup>th</sup> 5 pm in Wesley Center
  - d. Additional meeting - Oct 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm – will discuss student fees (also international student fees)
7. GPSG Update
- a. Voting on GPAC funding occurred
  - b. Can ask some money for food (have upto \$1000 at our disposal that needs to be divided among all committees)
  - c. Hawkeye caucus going to DC to talk to officials about graduate student issues at the federal level (want to know what bothers graduate students, for example: rent is insane!)
  - d. GPSG and USG are working with campus safety to get safety alarm systems.
8. Committee Updates
- a. Graduate Teaching- Joey Small
  - b. International Student- Stuti Gupta
  - c. Jakobsen- Mekhla Signhania
    - i. 3MT – met with Vivian from Grad Success center to find judges
  - d. Social and Service- Valeria Cota and Hannah Nennig
    - i. Will get in touch with Cortado soon for coffee hours
    - ii. Apple picking event at Wilson's soon (event is approved!) details to come soon (after meeting with committee).
  - e. Travel Funds- Brooke Yeager (Cycle 1 update)
    - i. Given this cycle \$13,518.45
    - ii. Have \$73,328.82 left!!! Please encourage people to apply
    - iii. Accepting applications for cycle 2. Applications due: Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023
    - iv. Degree related travel funds – to help with travel for things that you need to fulfill your degree requirements (not towards conferences)
9. Budget Discussion
- a. \$15,877 available this year! Please use it otherwise it will be gone.
  - b. Budget voted on and approved!
10. How to use Engage
- a. Put in events 2-4 weeks in advance. Can't advertise until the event is approved.
11. Vote on e-Waste proposal
- a. Chem Grad student to work with Office of Sustainability. Want to propose this for the year of 2030.
  - b. Will send out survey once it is in the general files.
12. Adjournment – 19:03