University of Iowa – Graduate Student Senate
General Assembly
October 3rd, 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. Dean 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 Singhania
   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 30th 5 pm in Wesley Center
d. Additional meeting - Oct 16th 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 4th, 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