

## Executive Council Meeting

August 26, 2024

Attendance: Kyleakin, Sabrina, Caleb, Stuti, Hee Kyoung, Kshitija, Priyanka, Joseph, Brooke, Dean Thein, Dean Campo

1. **Call to Order – 5:02**
2. **Executive Council Introductions**
  - A. Name/Program/Role in GSS/What's the weirdest thing you've ever eaten?
  - B. Reviewed the roles and descriptions (responsibilities)
3. **Graduate College Welcome and Updates**
  - A. Dean Campo
    - i. Welcomed the GSS
    - ii. The deadline for the fellowship is in September.
    - iii. Graduate student employment issues
  - B. Dean Thein
    - i. Welcomed the GSS
    - ii. New graduate/professional orientation was well attended.
    - iii. Graduate student enrollment is steady with a slight increase.
    - iv. New associate Dean – Dr. Ana M. Rodríguez-Rodríguez
      - Plans to establish the guidebook on graduate studies
      - Intends to address key issues that programs and students facing
      - Has particular interest in international students
      - Change in demographics – Countries of origin for international students have been increasingly diversified - concerning how to meet and assist their needs
4. **Planning for the First GA Meeting**
  - A. GSS nomenclature:
    - i. Reviewed GSS nomenclature
    - ii. Dean Campo - GSEC also discusses working conditions and other matters of employment.
  - B. Positions that need to be filled:
    - i. Delegate for the Council on Teaching – Serves on the council that chooses teaching award recipients
      - The information will be distributed during the GA meeting in September.
  - C. Survey Set-Up for GSS Committees
    - i. Reviewed committees
    - ii. Jakobsen Graduate Development Committee needs people for food ordering and logistics for the conference.
    - iii. Qualtrics survey will be sent out for people to indicate their preference on the committee(s) to serve (GA meeting).
  - D. Email for GSS Senators to Send to their Departments
    - i. It includes what it means to be in the GSS and upcoming events.
    - ii. The email needs to be drafted as the email sent in the past is lost.
    - iii. Joseph can help with drafting.

- E. Sign-up for helping get food for GA meetings:
  - i. [Pickup Food Sign-Up.xlsx](#)
  - ii. It is encouraged to serve wider options of food from local restaurants.

## 5. Open Discussion

- A. GSS Logo: An executive member from the previous term created a new logo for GSS to use, however, the Graduate College has a logo already university approved for GSS and for the future, this is the logo we must use.
  - i. <https://brand.uiowa.edu/lockup/3816>
  - ii. Kyleakin – Buttons are being printed to be distributed during the GA meeting.
- B. Joseph – Teaching Committee
  - i. Peer observations – Joseph will finish the sign-up form.
  - ii. Survey across departments for TAs – what they need
- C. Joseph will be absent for the next GA meeting – will leave a memo regarding the teaching committee and Jacobson committee
- D. Sabrina – Email to Sabrina for those who want their photo to be uploaded on the website
- E. Kyleakin – Funding cycle for student organizations from GPSG has been announced; spread out the word to student organizations around!
- F. Kshitija – Plans to highlight each GSS executive member on social media; Questions will be sent out soon.

## 6. Adjournment – 5:37