

General Assembly Meeting

November 6, 2024

Attendance:

1. **Call to Order – 5:31 PM**
2. **Approval of October 2024 minutes – voted on and approved!**
3. **Presentation from Student Health**
 - a. Services offered
 - General medicine
 - Women’s health
 - Psychiatry
 - Weight management
 - Eating disorders
 - International travel shots and education
 - Immunotherapy (allergy shots)
 - Immunizations
 - On-site laboratory
 - Nurseline
 - Coordination of care with specialists UIHC
 - b. IMU Nurse Care is in G103 IMU; no appointment is required.
 - c. Measles, mumps, and MMR vaccinations required by students
 - d. Scheduling appointments is available via MyChart or call 319-335-8394
 - e. The department charges for lab tests, but the student activity fees cover the cost of seeing providers, so no billing would be involved.
 - f. Student wellness provides programs for fitness, nutrition, stress management, sleep, and sexual health, among other things.
 - g. Link: studenthealth.uiowa.edu
4. **Executive Council Updates**
 - a. President: Kyleakin Helm-Kwasny
 - i. GSS letter in support of COGs “End the Fees” campaign was taken to GPSG and has now been elevated to Dean Angie Reams and VP Sarah Hansen
 - ii. 3MT Final Competition is tomorrow. 12-3pm @ Iowa Theater IMU
 - iii. Post election event on Friday, November 8 @ Merf Atrium
 - b. Vice President: Joey Small
 - i. Jacobsen – The meeting is planned tomorrow.
 - ii. Artwork contest announcement will be coming.
 - c. Treasurer: Stuti Gupta
 - d. Executive Associate: Hee Kyoung Jung
 - e. Membership Officer: Priyanka Newase
 - i. International student committee – Meeting will be next week.
 - f. Parliamentarian: Caleb DeWitt
 - i. Reworking the constitution – In the near future we will be sending it out for opinions from all senators.

- ii. Chairs who are new to the committee can let Caleb know, then he will reach out to the previous chairs/members to have the constitution updated.
- g. Webmaster: Sabrina Ahmed
- h. Social Media Director: Kshitija Kale
 - i. Once the Jacobson theme will be decided, it will be announced through social media.
 - ii. You can inform Kshitija about any department events that need advertising.
- i. Travel Funds Director: Brooke Yeager
 - i. Application for cycle 2 for presentation travel/conference funds is open from October 7th-December 2nd.

5. Graduate College Updates

- a. Dean Thein
- b. Dean Campo
 - i. A couple of weeks away from the Thanksgiving break. Take good care of yourself!
- c. Dean Rodriguez-Rodriguez
 - i. Nominate the faculty for the Faculty Mentor Award – The deadline is earlier next semester.
 - <https://grad.uiowa.edu/faculty-staff/dgs-graduate-faculty/awards/outstanding-mentor>
 - Mentoring is important. Faculty members have been discussing it and strive to achieve it.
 - ii. First gen graduate student panel
 - Make sure that the resources are important and available. She can help with finding them.
 - Community-building: Work together to strengthen it!
- d. CLAS Deans

6. COGS Updates

Looking for dates for the bargaining.

Recertification was successful.

7. GPSG Updates – Travis Fischer

- a. In the spring, GSS wrote a letter in support of the COGs "End the Fees" campaign. I presented this to GPSG, which elevated it to Dean Angie Reams and Vice President Sarah Hansen.

8. Grad Council Updates – Tennessen

- a. The 10/24 Grad Council meeting consisted several changes to graduate programs
- b. Mostly consisted of realigning programs with accreditation standards, closing old programs, and moving a program online
- c. Grad Council is part of the approval process for changes to academic programs for graduate students, including approving new programs and closing old ones
- d. Programs changes typically originate in departments/colleges, final approval comes from the Board of Regents

- e. Reach out to GSS representatives if you are experiencing program changes! The representatives below are representing departments as listed:
 - Kyleakin Helm-Kwasny (Biological and medical sciences)
 - Mansour Golpour (Fine arts and humanities)
 - Caleb DeWitt (Physical, mathematical, and engineering sciences)
 - Tennessen (Social sciences and education)

9. GSS Committee Updates

- a. Service and Social Committee: Travis Fischer
- b. Jakobsen Committee: Joey Small
 - i. Jakobsen conference will be held on March 29, 2025.
- c. Teaching Committee: Claire Christian
 - i. Continues with the peer observation and developing a one-stop resource for new TAs (FAQ page)
 - ii. If you know about TA training in each program or have any important information that shall be noted in the FAQ, please contact Claire.
- d. International Students Committee: Priyanka Newase
- e. Travel Funds Committee: Thomas Dainty

10. Open Discussion

- a. Student Wellness offers light boxes (also called Happy Lights) that can be checked out free for a month. These lights mimic natural light and can help treat Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) during the winter months. Learn more about checking out a light box [HERE](#).

11. Adjournment – 6:06 PM