Executive Council Meeting

**February 5, 2025**

**Attendance:**

1. **Call to Order : 5:04 PM**
2. **Approval of the** [**November 2024 minutes**](https://iowa.sharepoint.com/%3Aw%3A/r/sites/GraduateStudentSenate-ExecutiveCouncil/Shared%20Documents/Executive%20Council/Executive%20Meetings/2024-2025%20Agendas%20%26%20Minutes/Executive%20Council%20Meeting%20Agenda%2011.18.2024%20%281%29.docx?d=we925e836ee34423f8a0975304c9159d6&csf=1&web=1&e=xurCZM) – Voted and approved!
3. **Executive Council Updates**
	1. President: Kyleakin Helm-Kwasny
		1. Still in the works: GPSG ball for all member governments. Likely in March or April.
		2. Spring semester initiative: Can we get our GSS committees to host at least one event each? How can we better support our committee chairs?
			1. Social/service is planning to partner with Graduate College Office of Student Success and Belonging for an event during Grad Student Appreciation Week (potentially Friday Night Vibes).
			2. This might be a good week for some of our committees to host events!
* Clear-cut/concrete expectations and recurring events would make them feel more obtainable.
* Collaboration between committees is also possible to lift some burden off chairs' shoulders.
	+ 1. Letter regarding parking and transportation concerns will likely be brought up at our Feb 12th meeting.
	1. Vice President: Joey Small
		1. Jakobsen: The e-poster is now ready. The link can be uploaded to the website.
		2. The event is open for non-presenters.
		3. Will think of how to transport presentation boards to IMU – may cost some money!
		4. The Unfinished Symphony: Graduate Student Research & Connection Lab
* Date: March 28
* Session 1: 10:30 AM to noon / Session 2: 1:00-2:30PM
* Location: 2750 UCC
	+ 1. Panelist recruitment for the conference… One may say yes!
	1. Treasurer: Stuti Gupta
		1. We should spend some money on events!
	2. Executive Associate: Hee Kyoung Jung
	3. Membership Officer: Priyanka Newase
	4. Parliamentarian: Caleb DeWitt
		1. Constitution revisions – Any major thoughts from executive council before we present it at our general assembly meeting?
		2. For convenience, the points for change will be shared at the general meeting, not the entire details.
	5. Webmaster: Sabrina Ahmed
	6. Social Media Director: Kshitija Kale
		1. Will post the Jakobsen conference e-poster.
	7. Travel Funds Director: Brooke Yeager
		1. Cycle 3 started on Jan 1.
		2. 46% of the budget has been spent. Looks good!
		3. Some committee members will be helping the Jakobsen committee for grading.
1. **Graduate College Updates**
	1. Dean Thein
	2. Dean Campo
		1. Fellowships are opening up. Please remind colleagues to apply.
	3. Dean Rodriguez-Rodriguez
		1. Recruitment is underway for Jakobsen judges.
		2. International program is working on a document to inform faculty about some changes in response to the executive orders.
		3. Feedback before next Friday on the graduate student app would be helpful.
		4. Sabrina has helped with international student panels and more. Great work!
	4. CLAS Deans
2. **Planning for December 4th GA Meeting**
	1. Presentation from Student Legal Services (Kshitija – Can you confirm with them?)
	2. Constitution revisions
	3. Parking and transportation letter of concern (TBD)
	4. Jakobsen Conference – Let’s get lots of people to sign up to present and to judge.
		1. A GREAT opportunity for presentation practice in a smaller and familiar setting
3. **Open Discussion**
	1. The Graduate Council plans to organize a session on graduate student disability support. All insights are helpful.
		1. What can we do better from the student and faculty sides?
	2. The nomination for the graduation speaker will be announced shortly.
	3. The next executive GSS election will be discussed in the upcoming executive meeting.
4. **Adjournment – 5:56PM**