Executive Council Meeting

**March 5, 2025**

**Attendance:**

1. **Call to Order – 5:04 PM**
2. **Approval of the** [**February 2025 minutes**](https://iowa.sharepoint.com/:w:/r/sites/GraduateStudentSenate-ExecutiveCouncil/Shared%20Documents/Executive%20Council/Executive%20Meetings/2024-2025%20Agendas%20%26%20Minutes/Executive%20Council%20Meeting%20Minutes%2002.05.2025.docx?d=wf0bf1cb59ba346c781ac33daf8639db6&csf=1&web=1&e=R9qOwp) – voted on and approved!
3. **Executive Council Updates**
   1. President: Kyleakin Helm-Kwasny
      1. GPSG x GSS meeting: Covered topics such as graduate students’ concern over NIH funding and a recent letter sent out by the OVPR about declaring projects with DEI components; how to report issues with advisors without backlash; clarity on what all the different student government organizations do or handle at the beginning of the academic year; navigating relationships between advisors and students with disabilities
      2. GSS elections are coming up! Start considering what position you would be interested in if you plan to stick around.
      3. Friday Night Vibes will be held on April 11th
      4. GPSG ball will be on April 19th
      5. [Hawkeye Excellence Awards](https://awards.studentlife.uiowa.edu/nominate) nominations are due on March 14th
      6. Letter regarding parking and transportation concerns will likely be brought up at our March 12th meeting
   2. Vice President: Joey Small
      1. Registration for Jakobsen is open until March 10th.
      2. The new horizontal poster will be out after the meeting.
      3. The registration has been good. It exceeded our goal!
      4. Currently 7 judges – the exec council members may find one person each!
   3. Treasurer: Stuti Gupta
   4. Executive Associate: Hee Kyoung Jung
4. 2025-26 Executive Council Election

* After the general meeting on Wednesday, March 12 - Thursday, March 27: Candidate Nomination
* Friday, March 28 – Sunday, April 4: Interest Confirmation
* Wednesday, April 9: Executive Council Election
  1. Membership Officer: Priyanka Newase
     1. Movie – On becoming a guinea fowl
     2. It is planned for the 24th of March.
     3. Once the poster is ready, it will be advertised via social media.
     4. The event needs to be confirmed by the Engagement office before the date of the event.
  2. Parliamentarian: Caleb DeWitt
     1. Constitution revisions – Any major thoughts from executive council before we present it at our general assembly meeting?
  3. Webmaster: Sabrina Ahmed
  4. Social Media Director: Kshitija Kale
     1. Social media campaign – 15 responses so far
     2. The movie poster can be sent to the social media director.
  5. Travel Funds Director: Brooke Yeager
     1. The Cycle 3 scoring will end on March 15.
     2. It is on the way to use up all the budget! Great!
     3. Thesis-dissertation-related funds can be advertised more.

1. **Graduate College Updates**
   1. Dean Thein
   2. Dean Campo
   3. Dean Rodriguez-Rodriguez
   4. CLAS Deans
2. **Planning for March 12th GA Meeting**
   1. Presentation from the Benefits Office
   2. Parking and transportation letter of concern
   3. Opening of GSS elections survey
3. **Open Discussion**
   1. Funding may be available for the graduation regalia rental. Closely look at the commencement website!
   2. The nomination form will be released after the formal announcement at the general meeting next week.
4. **Adjournment – 5:36 PM**