Executive Council Meeting

**April 2, 2025**

**Attendance:**

1. **Call to Order – 5:05 PM**
2. **Approval of the** [**March 2025 minutes**](https://iowa.sharepoint.com/:w:/r/sites/GraduateStudentSenate-ExecutiveCouncil/Shared%20Documents/Executive%20Council/Executive%20Council%20Meeting%20Minutes%2003.05.2025.docx?d=w70948aa0aa3940d98e1563fc25a70701&csf=1&web=1&e=vkWc7f)
3. **Executive Council Updates**
   1. President: Kyleakin Helm-Kwasny
      1. Graduate Student Appreciation Week: April 7-11th
      2. Friday Night Vibes: April 11th
      3. GPSG x Member Governments Ball: April 19th
      4. GSS Transitions:
         1. Please start filling out you transition document ASAP. Let’s try to have these sent out to the new officers by the May meeting.
         2. [Template for transition document](https://iowa.sharepoint.com/:w:/r/sites/GraduateStudentSenate-ExecutiveCouncil/Shared%20Documents/Executive%20Council/Graduate%20Student%20Senate%20Transition%20Template.docx?d=w65ab2be9d23b42c987849bd7be464de3&csf=1&web=1&e=ucOJSY)
         3. Please also try to meet with the incoming officer by the May meeting
   2. Vice President: Joey Small
      1. Updates on how Jakobsen went.
         1. Reviews are in and positive.
         2. There was no significant issue apart from a minor audio problem.
         3. Amazing presentations and talks. Great food!
         4. For the future conference(s): We can market panel discussions more!
         5. Thanks to Dean Rodriguez-Rodriguez and Dean Campo for the talk and participation!
         6. Winners will be selected tomorrow.
   3. Treasurer: Stuti Gupta
      1. We have been using up the budget!
   4. Executive Associate: Hee Kyoung Jung
4. 2025-26 Executive Council Election

* Friday, March 28 – Sunday, April 4: Interest Confirmation (in progress)
* Wednesday, April 9: Executive Council Election
  1. Membership Officer: Priyanka Newase
     1. Movie showing—the attendance was lower than expected. Potentially a movie selection? The last-minute announcement?
     2. "Balance, Belong, Succeed: Mental Health Tools for Academic Excellence"
        1. Date: April 10, 2025
        2. Time: 4 – 6 pm
        3. Organizers: The Human ToxSAC and CPGSA
        4. Topics: Graduate student mental health and wellness
        5. Activities: rock painting, slime making, and more!
     3. The QR code for Qualtrics Membership survey will be available.
  2. Parliamentarian: Caleb DeWitt
  3. Webmaster: Sabrina Ahmed
  4. Social Media Director: Kshitija Kale
     1. She can share photos from the Jakobsen conference. Reach out to her!
     2. Nominations and pictures for the Graduate Student Appreciation came in. The event will be epic!
  5. Travel Funds Director: Brooke Yeager
     1. Working through the final cycle.
     2. Thomas will give a final presentation in May.
     3. She intends to add eligibility regarding the projects that must be completed during graduate studies.

1. **Graduate College Updates**
   1. Dean Thein
   2. Dean Campo
      1. Information on the Dean search forum will be available tomorrow.
   3. Dean Rodriguez-Rodriguez
      1. The uncertainty international graduate students have faced has been addressed.
      2. Communications regarding the funding uncertainty will be made.
   4. CLAS Deans
2. **Planning for April 9th GA Meeting**
   1. Presentation from COGS
   2. Executive Council/Elected Positions election
   3. Vote on Parking and Transportation letter to escalate to GPSG
   4. TBD: Discuss resolution on establishing an Academic Freedom and Defense Coalition
      1. A potential letter/statement addressing international graduate student uncertainty and recent detainment at some institutions
3. **Open Discussion**
4. **Adjournment – 5:38 PM**