



Graduate Student Senate  
General Assembly Meeting  
Minutes  
28-January-2013

The University of Iowa  
Graduate College  
205 Gilmore Hall  
Iowa City, IA 52241  
(319) 335-3260

**1. Call to Order—6:00pm**

- a. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

**2. Introduction of Senators**

**3. 2:2:2** (2 Senators: 2 Departments: 2 Minutes)

- a. Clint Rice, Biology (Darwin Days)  
b. Nicholas Kelly, English

**4. Dean's Report**

- a. Career Guidance for Graduate Students
- i. Grad College funded staff to facilitate career assistance for graduate students
  - ii. Versatile PhD [www.versatilephd.com](http://www.versatilephd.com)
    1. Feedback regarding the utility of this service is welcomed. Feedback can be sent to Deans Berkowitz or Keller
  - iii. Toward Best Practices
    1. Departments interested in assisting graduate student writing ability
  - iv. "Fellowship Season"
    1. Presidential Graduate Fellows
    2. Deans Graduate Fellows
    3. Ballard-Seashore Dissertation Fellowship
    4. T. Anne Cleary International Dissertation Fellowship
    5. Summer Fellowships

**5. Agenda Items**

- a. Guest Speakers
- i. Dr. Ann Laros, Student Health
  - ii. Kathy Widetch (sp?)
    1. Encourage grad student utilization of Student Health Services
      - a. There is no co-pay
      - b. General health
      - c. Psychological health
      - d. Chronic disease
      - e. STD screening
      - f. LGBTQ services
      - g. Immunizations
    2. QuickCare is not affiliated with Student Health
- b. Nominations for Finkbine Medallion
- i. GSS needs to nominate two GSS members for the Hancher-Finkbine Award. The nominees can be any member of (delegate, executive board member, or executive) and are to be the members that you feel represent leadership, learning, and loyalty. This award is an opportunity for you to recognize someone whose hard work has made a difference on this campus. Medallions are presented at the Finkbine Dinner, to be held this year on Tuesday, April 19, 2013, in the Main Lounge of the IMU. More information can be found at this website: <http://studentlife.uiowa.edu/about/finkbine-dinner-awards/>.
    1. Kimberly Hoppe
    2. Ben Gillig

**5. Executive Reports**



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- a. President's Report—Kimberly Hoppe
  - i. Congratulations to the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology for winning Penny Wars! Thank you to everyone who participated, a total of \$433.66 was donated to the Johnson County Crisis Center, Thank you to everyone that attended the family pool night at the CRWC.
  - ii. 77 pounds of food was donated to the Johnson County Crisis Center
  - iii. **Main Library Graduate student quiet study space**, Spaces are still available to graduate students to access the secured quiet study space in the Main Library. This year, 126 graduate students have already gained access to the study room. Space is available for ANY graduate student regardless of post-comps standing.
    1. Still spaces open and available – do not need to be working on a dissertation to be eligible
  - iv. Publicity, we would like to construct a large poster that GSS can display at events. If you or anyone you know is interested in art, design, marketing, publicity, etc. please contact me
  - v. GSS/Graduate College Videos, we will begin filming 2 videos for promotional purposes ASAP. If your department has events that you would like filmed and included in the videos please contact me
  - vi. If you would like your announcements disseminated to the GSS senators please send them to Kimmy Hoppe or Bryan Brown. Only exec council and committee chairs are able to send emails using the GSS listserve
- b. Vice President's Report—Elizabeth Deifell
  - i. Nothing to report
- c. Treasurer's Report—Jordan Yanke
  - i. Nothing to report
- d. Membership Officer's Report—Katie Kidwell
  - i. Nothing to report
- e. Parliamentarian's Report—Andrew Juhl
  - i. Nothing to report
- f. Graduate Council Report—Azar Eslam Panah, Kimberly Hoppe, James Skretta, Lindsey Thomas
  - i. Upcoming meetings and minutes are posted at:  
<http://facstaff.grad.uiowa.edu/graduate-council/meetings>
- g. ECGPS Delegate Report—Tiara Perez, Kimberly Hoppe
  - i. <http://ecgps.uiowa.edu/>
  - ii. Graduate Global Health Symposium has posted the presentation online: <http://ecgps.uiowa.edu/about/iowa-graduate-global-health-symposium/>
  - iii. Upcoming Grant deadlines, <http://ecgps.uiowa.edu/grants/>  
Travel Grants February 17, 2013 @ 11:59PM  
Professional Development Grants March 8, 2013 @ 11:59PM  
Research Grants March 8, 2013 @ 11:59PM  
Service Grants March 15, 2013 @ 11:59PM
  - iv. Hawkeye Caucus  
Please contact to [Samuel-konchar@uiowa.edu](mailto:Samuel-konchar@uiowa.edu) if you are interested in coordinating a trip to Des Moines and/or representing the Graduate College.



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- v. Public Engagement and Promotion
  - 1. The Office of Government Relations is ready to help you and your organization share your stories of engaging Iowans with the legislators that represent that area. If you or your programs has events or is performing fascinating research that would help legislators understand the importance of graduate education please contact [Ashley-rittenhouse@uiowa.edu](mailto:Ashley-rittenhouse@uiowa.edu)
  - 2. Please see document on Public Engagement and Promotion located on the GSS website, attached to the January 28, 2013 meeting agenda.

## 6. Committee Representative Reports

- a. Academic Mentoring Committee—Hayley McLoughlin
  - i. The Mentorship Program, initiated in 2010, and has a slow and steady trickle of applications coming in each semester. We believe the low numbers is due to awareness rather than interest and we have formed a subcommittee to specifically address this issue. We will be posting flyers around campus and sending out listserv emails this semester to increase awareness of the program. **Please make sure to grab a flyer and post around your department.**
  - ii. In conjunction with the Jakobsen awards reception, the Sandra Barkan Academic Mentoring Awards will be presented. **Applications mentor nomination are OPEN!** Please visit <http://gss.grad.uiowa.edu/jakobsen-conference/sandra-barkan-mentor-award> for more information and to apply!
- b. Computer Resources Committee—Sam Trammel
  - i. Nothing to report
- c. International Student Committee—Amr El-Bokl
  - i. Nothing to report
- d. Jakobsen Conference Committee—Sindhura Anamali, Samantha Shune, Shaun Wilkinson
  - i. Submissions are now open! Please encourage graduate students to submit!
- e. Jakobsen Conference Review Committee—James Skretta
  - i. Nothing to report
- f. Legislative Committee
  - i. Nothing to report
- g. Service & Social Committee—Andrew Juhl, Sheri Martin
  - i. The S&S Committee has a slate of things planned for the coming semester. We're attempting to make April into "Graduate Student Appreciation Month"— we'll be providing a billiards tournament, a Ronald McDonald charity dinner, a darts tournament, and the Spring Fling. Additionally, we have a late-semester book drive planned, and possible a Charity Oscars pool for last February. We're always looking for new ideas for events and new members to help us organize our current events, so if you're interested or have ideas, please email [andrew-juhl@uiowa.edu](mailto:andrew-juhl@uiowa.edu).
- h. Travel Funds Committee—Lindsey Thomas, Gabriela Hamerlinck
  - i. Welcome back! We hope that you all had a relaxing/productive/whatever-you-needed-it-to-be winter break.



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- ii. Please join us for the January scoring session tomorrow evening, **Tuesday, January 29, at 5:15 in N106LC** (computer lab in North Lindquist Center). All senators are welcome to assist with reviewing applications, and snacks will be provided.
- iii. We received more than 60 applications during the November funding cycle and funded approximately 95% of those that were eligible. We also received four applications for the Supplemental Award in November and funded all three that were eligible. As always, a big thanks to all who reviewed applications during the November session.
- iv. The remaining GSS Travel Funds deadlines for the 2012 fiscal year are on Thursdays, 11:59PM, as follows: March 28 (this is also the second and final Supplemental Award application cycle), May 23, July 18 (FY2013). The committee meetings during the spring semester will be held at in N106LC (computer lab in North Lindquist Center) at 5:15PM on Tuesday, January 29 and Tuesday, April 2.

## 7. Announcements

- a. Wine and Cheese for Charity Event, Friday February 15th at Old Brick 7-10PM \$5 cover charges will go toward charity chosen by the College (Graduate, Medicine, Business, Dentistry, Law, Pharmacy) with the highest attendance (most money raised)
- b. Stanley International Research Awards Essay Workshop, Wednesday, January 30, 3:30-5 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Centre. If you would like to have your essay(s) reviewed, please email your draft(s) to Karen Wachsmuth (karen-wachsmuth@uiowa.edu) by 5 p.m. on the day prior to the workshop.
- c. Register now for the Intensive Fulbright Workshop for U.S. Students on Friday, February 1, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., 1117 University Capitol Centre.
- d. Registration for the workshop is nearing capacity, so please register *as soon as possible* on the International Programs website: <http://international.uiowa.edu/funding/fulbright-us-studentprogram> (registration will close on January 31, 2013).
- e. Dinner at the Bluebird Diner on January 30th for Guest Chef Night, Proceeds from this event benefit Culinary Starts- a food production training program operated by Shelter House
- f. Women's Resource Action Center Scholarship Application deadline February 13, 2013
- g. Iowa Women's leadership Conference April 23-24, 2013

## 8. Open Discussion

- a. Darwin Days February 7-9 [www.icdarwin.org](http://www.icdarwin.org)
- b. Exploring Divisions Conference April 13 at the IMU

## 9. Adjournment



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2012-2013 Graduate Student Senate  
**Roster of Elected Positions**

**Executive Officers:**

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**Roster of Appointed Positions**

**Committee Chairs:**

Academic Mentoring Committee	Hayley McLoughlin	hayleysm@gmail.com
Computer Resources Committee	Sam Trammell	sam-trammell@uiowa.edu
International Student Committee	Amr El-Bokl	amr-elbokl@uiowa.edu
Jakobsen Conference Committee	Samantha Shune	samantha-shune@uiowa.edu
	Shaun Wilkinson	shaun-wilkinson@uiowa.edu
	Sindhura Anamali	sindhura-anamali@uiowa.edu
Jakobsen Conference Review	James Skretta	james-skretta@uiowa.edu
Legislative Committee	OPEN	
Service & Social Committee	Andrew Juhl	andrew-juhl@uiowa.edu
	Sheri Martin	sheri-martin@uiowa.edu
Travel Funds Committee	Lindsey Thomas	lindsey-thomas@uiowa.edu
	Gabriela Hamerlinck	gabriela-hamerlinck@uiowa.edu

**Additional GSS Representatives:**

Dean's Graduate Student Advisory Committee (DGSAC)	James Skretta	james-skretta@uiowa.edu
Graduate Student Organizations Liaison	Brian Fahey	brian-fahey@uiowa.edu
GPAC	Benjamin Gillig	benjamin-gillig@uiowa.edu



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## **Public Engagement and Promotion**

The University of Iowa is engaged with Iowans across the state every day in many ways from free blood pressure screenings to providing business startups advice and everything in between. This engagement is the key to developing strong and lasting relationships with the citizens of Iowa along with an understanding of our value.

For far too long the University of Iowa has quietly practiced part of our mission of service and creating a better future for Iowans. Now is the time for the University to begin telling our story of community engagement with Iowans from border to border and river to river.

### **How to Engage and Promote**

The Office of Government Relations is ready to help you and your organization share your stories of engaging Iowans with the legislators that represent that area.

### **What do you need to do?**

All we need you to do is to provide the Who, What, When, Where and Why and we will do the rest by putting it into a standard template and sending it to legislators.

Please send all of your engagement activities to Ashley Rittenhouse at [Ashley-rittenhouse@uiowa.edu](mailto:Ashley-rittenhouse@uiowa.edu) we will then do the rest.

### **Local Earned Media**

Working with University Communication and Marketing we will also develop a press release that will be sent to all of the local daily and weekly newspapers in the area. This is yet another way for the University and your college to tell its story of local engagement. Depending on what is needed we may ask for some more details or photos if you have them in order to beef up the release.