



Graduate Student Senate
General Assembly Meeting
Minutes
26-February-2013

The University of Iowa
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1. Call to Order—6:00pm

- a. Approval of Agenda and Minutes (~1 minute)

2. Introduction of Senators (~ 2 minutes)

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

- a. Pilar Marce, Spanish and Portuguese
- b. Micah Bateman, Library and Information Science

4. Comments from the Deans

- a. Director of Graduate Studies Meeting
 - i. Potential Career paths post degree
 - ii. Powerpoint Presentation
 - 1. Towards Best Practices
- b. Summer Fellowship deadline extended to March 8th

5. Agenda Items

6. Executive Reports

- a. President's Report**—Kimberly Hoppe
- b. Vice President's Report—Elizabeth Deifell
- c. Treasurer's Report—Jordan Yanke
- d. Membership Officer's Report—Katie Kidwell
- e. Parliamentarian's Report—Andrew Juhl
- f. Graduate Council Report—Azar Eslam Panah, Kimberly Hoppe, James Skretta, Lindsey Thomas
- g. Graduate Student Organizations Liaison—Brian Fahey
- h. ECGPS Delegate Report—Tiara Perez, Kimberly Hoppe
- i. DGSAC Chair Report—James Skretta
- j. Webmaster Report—James Skretta

7. Committee Representative Reports

- a. Academic Mentoring Committee —Hayley McLoughlin
- b. Computer Resources Committee—Sam Trammel
- c. International Student Committee—Amr El-Bokl
- d. Jakobsen Conference Committee—Sindhura Anamali, Samantha Shune, Shaun Wilkinson
- e. Jakobsen Conference Review Committee—James Skretta
- f. Legislative Committee
- g. Service & Social Committee —Andrew Juhl, Sheri Martin
- h. Travel Funds Committee ** —Lindsey Thomas, Gabriela Hamerlinck

8. Announcements **

9. Open Discussion

- a. Know your GSS Senator poster – send your picture to Kimmy
- b. ECGPS president nominations next meeting—March 2th
- c. GSS Executive Council Nominations—April 23rd
- d. Academic mentoring in search of graduate students participate in luncheon for undergraduate interest in graduate education.
- e. Graduate student appreciation month is coming soon!! Pay attention to your emails.



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- f. Spanish and Portuguese with the French departments are showing French and Spanish speaking films each Wednesday at 7:30 please see the Division of World Languages and Cultures Website

10. Adjournment

**Reports Included

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5. Executive Reports

- a. President's Report—Kimberly Hoppe
 - i. Know your senator- thank you for sending me your photos for the poster!
 - ii. Upcoming meeting schedule:
 - a. March 25th- ECGPS election
 - c. April 23- Executive Council Nominations
 - d. May 6th- ELECTIONS
 - iii. If you would like your announcements disseminated to the GSS senators please send them to me 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. Meeting minutes and information is available at: <http://ecgps.uiowa.edu/>
 - ii. 'Cheese for Charity' raised over \$1600 for Ronald McDonald House, thank you to everyone who attended!
 - iii. Hawkeye Caucus is April 2nd, transportation is provided to DesMoines: bus leaves at 8am and returns around 3:30pm. Food is provided. Free stuff is provided - University of Iowa bag, lanyard, etc.
The training session is in UCC 2520D on Wednesday, March 27th, at 6:30pm. I strongly encourage everyone to attend. We will be given talking points and pointers for talking with legislators. Please contact me if you are interested in attending!
- h. DGSAC Delegate Report—James Skretta
 - i. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (CLAS) would like to know how it can better serve you. CLAS is an essential part of the University and plays an important role in helping to secure funding and institute positive change in your department.



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Use the following link to take a short, anonymous survey – it will take no more than 5 or 10 minutes of your time. Your responses are important and will be influential in helping to determine policy in the near future. If your department is not housed in CLAS, we still encourage you to participate and share your opinions. Every student's voice matters. Thank you for your time, and best wishes!

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JRSYJKH>

- i. Webmaster's Report—James Skretta
 - i. Nothing to Report

6. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Mentoring Committee—Hayley McLoughlin
 - i. We are currently planning a student panel Q & A session over the Jakobsen Conference lunch hour for students interested in learning more about Graduate school and the application process from current Graduate students. That being said, we are asking for GSS senators and/or their fellow graduate students that are interested in sitting on the panel. **Please contact Hayley McLoughlin (hayley-mcloughlin@uiowa.edu) if you are available or provide your information on the sign up sheet near the GSS attendance sheets!** We will need students on the graduate panel to arrive about 10 minutes before the scheduled event held from 12:30-1:30pm on April 6th.
 - ii. Additionally, reminder to all graduate students who have worked as a mentor. The Academic Mentoring Committee is still accepting applications (until March 22nd) for the Sandra Barkan Outstanding Mentor Award (<http://gss.grad.uiowa.edu/jakobsen-conference/sandra-barkan-mentor-award>). Looks great on a CV!!
- b. Computer Resources Committee—Sam Trammel
 - i. The Computer Resources Committee started its work in May of 2012 and did much of the leg work for the survey over the beginning part of the summer. The call for requests (survey) went out in early July and was due in early August. We received roughly 300 Dell desktop PC's and 70 Macs over the summer from the ITS refresh this year. There were a total of 25 departments that applied for these computers. However, the total number of computers requested was less than our available supply so all departments were awarded their full request of PC's and Macs. Since we did not receive any laptops this year we were not able to satisfy any requests for laptops. The CRC initially distributed computers on September 4th and 5th of 2012 with several more subsequent distributions happening on later dates. Many thanks to the committee members who helped with our web survey, allocation meeting and the distributions of computers. Your service is very much appreciated!



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One of the challenges we faced this year is that we actually had many extra computers after we met all of the requests from the departments. We addressed this by eventually placing these computers in departments or sending them to surplus, but this took many extra months. This was the first time that we had this many extra and are looking at tweaking things so we hopefully don't have this happen again in the future. One reason for this is that we need to return the space where the computers are being stored to the host department as soon as possible. In addition, the university has imposed new rules on computers which is also requiring us to change how we do certain things. Sam Trammell is taking over as chair of this committee and has been transitioning into the leadership position while we have started addressing the above and other issues.

The committee is always looking for new members. Please contact Sam Trammell if you are interested in serving GSS in this capacity.

- c. International Student Committee—Amr El-Bokl
 - i. Nothing to report
- d. Jakobsen Conference Committee—Sindhura Anamali, Samantha Shune, Shaun Wilkinson
 - i. Nothing to report
- 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. Nothing to report
- h. Travel Funds Committee—Lindsey Thomas, Gabriela Hamerlinck
 - i. We received more than 70 applications during the January funding cycle and funded over 80% of those that were eligible. As always, a BIG THANKS to all who reviewed applications during the January session.

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, and July 18 (FY2013). The next committee meeting during the spring semester will be held in N106LC (computer lab in North Lindquist Center) at 5:15PM on Tuesday, April 2.

7. Announcements

- a. Iowa Women's leadership Conference April 23-24, 2013
- b. Hawkeye Caucus is April 2nd (See ECGPS Delegate report above)
- c. Interviewing Tips for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Researchers –It's more than

Tuesday, March 12, 2013 (3:00 - 4:30 pm)



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For details, view flyer at: <http://www.grad.uiowa.edu/sites/default/files/The Network - Interview Tips.pdf>

Register online by Monday, March 11, 2013 (noon). We will email back with the confirmation of your registration.

<https://forms.grad.uiowa.edu/interview>

- d. The Intellectual Dialogue Society (IDS) is cordially inviting you to Annual Student Dialogue and Friendship Dinner on March 5, 2013 at 6:30 pm in the IMU. This invitation is ONLY good for Graduate Student Senators. You will also meet with some of the student leaders from the university at the event. You are welcome to bring your spouse or a significant other. This invitation is non-transferable.

The event will have Tom Yunt as the keynote speaker. Tom Yunt is the former CEO and president of the Woodward Communications.

The dinner will be free and serving Mediterranean cuisine with live Middle Eastern percussion music this year for your enjoyment.

Please RSVP by **Wednesday, February 27** to ids-iowa@uiowa.edu for this event, including the name of the person who will be accompanying you at the dinner, if any. We encourage you do this as soon as you decide so as the seats are limited for this event.



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2012-2013 Graduate Student Senate
Roster of Elected Positions

Executive Officers:

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Treasurer	Jordan Yanke	jordan-yanke@uiowa.edu
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	Tiara Perez	tiara-perezmorales@uiowa.edu
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	Lindsey Thomas	lindsey-thomas@uiowa.edu
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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
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Travel Funds Committee

Additional GSS Representatives:

Dean's Graduate Student Advisory
Committee (DGSAC)

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