



Graduate Student Senate  
General Meeting  
Agenda  
11-October-2011

The University of Iowa  
Graduate College  
205 Gilmore Hall  
Iowa City, IA 52241  
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  - II. Introduction of Senators (~2 min)
  - III. 2:2:2 (4 min)
  - IV. Graduate College Report (10 min)
  - V. Guest Speaker (15 min)  
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Director of External Relations, Grad College
  - VI. Executive Reports
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    - B. Vice President's Report – Ulrike Carlson
    - C. Treasurer's Report – Andy Koons
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**VI. Executive Reports**

**A. President's Report – stef shuster**

I think all of the GSS Committees are off to a great start and there are a lot of exciting events coming up in the next few weeks that I would love to attend, if I were in Iowa City this month. If you are not yet signed up for a committee, please check our website and contact the chair/co-chair and let them know you want to be in the loop on committee meetings. Sarah Hussain with the Service/Social Committee is looking for a few folks to help out on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> from 8am-1pm for "Shop for the Shelter." Please contact her if you are interested in volunteering. Don't forget to check out one of the 2 film screenings of *the PhD Movie* on October 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> at the Bijou! Also, big props to Elizabeth Deifell, Kristi DiClemente, and Ulrike Carlson for working so hard with the UI Main Library and Nancy Baker to figure out a way for graduate students to have a dedicated space of our own at the library! James Skretta ([james-skretta@uiowa.edu](mailto:james-skretta@uiowa.edu)) has been named to sit on the CLAS Dean's Search Committee. If you have questions, concerns, or comments about the search committee, please contact him directly.

**B. Vice President's Report – Ulrike Carlson**

It looks like our semester is off to a good start and that the committees are starting to get busy. I have some news I am quite excited about: First of all, GSS (and UI Grad Students in general) now have their own Facebook page: University of Iowa Grad Students Who Rock (<http://www.facebook.com/UIowaGSS>). You can also follow GSS on Twitter at @UIowaGSS. If you are on Facebook and/or Twitter, please like our page and follow us and also tell your fellow grad students.

In other news, several of us from GSS recently had a meeting with Nancy Baker to discuss a future replacement for the graduate student carrels that were removed during recent renovations in the Main Library. For student currently finishing their dissertations, an interim solution has been found, as faculty members have donated their faculty studies for this purpose. We are currently putting the finishing touches on a survey to gather your input on your needs for dedicated graduate student space at the Main Library and elsewhere on campus. I would like to thank the Graduate College for supporting us in this effort. This survey will be published soon and we will need your help to bring this to your departments and ensure that as many graduate students as possible can give us your input. Thank you all for your good work!

**C. Treasurer's Report – Andy Koons**

Nothing in particular to report. If anyone has any questions about how the GSS budget and/or funding process works, let me know and we can set up a time to meet or we can begin an email conversation. Thanks!

**D. Membership Officer's Report – James Skretta**

Good Evening Senators!

I hope you all are enjoying the start to the year and that things are going smoothly with your research and work! The membership base is very strong this year and we were pleased to have such a fantastic turnout at the previous meeting. If you will be absent from a meeting, please e-mail me beforehand so I can accurately note your absences. Also, there are still many open seats that need to be filled in the senate -- if you look at



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the membership roster, you'll note the departments which still lack representation. I will be contacting DGS's in many of those departments again in the coming month, but if you know someone, word of mouth passing of information is highly encouraged!! Let's see if we can't meet our goal of 100% representation!

**E. Parliamentarian's Report – Sam Bouwers**

**F. Grad Council Report – Kristi DiClemente, Lea Ljumanovic, Maneesh Kumar, stef shuster**

**G. Graduate Student Organizations Liaison – Nirmalla Barros**

**H. ECGPS Delegate Report – Kristi DiClemente, Ulrike Carlson**

So far the Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students (ECGPS) has only met once, but we will have another meeting tonight. ECGPS continues to work to bring the different student governments on this campus together.

Recently, two positions opened up on ECGPS, namely PR coordinator and Professional Development Grants coordinator. Candidates interested in these positions may come to tonight's meeting and speak briefly about the qualifications for the respective position.

**I. DGSAC Chair Report – Steve Levillain**

**J. Webmaster Report – Maneesh Kumar**

All current executive council members, committee chairs, and co-chairs should have editing privileges on the website. If you do not have privileges, or would like for me to give another member on your committee editing privileges, please let me know (maneesh-kumar@uiowa.edu).

**VII. Committee Representative Reports**

**A. Academic Mentoring Committee – Matt Calamia, Jenni McCabe**

The Academic Mentoring Committee has been focusing its efforts on three main tasks. First of all, the Department of International Studies requested that our committee give presentations throughout the semester to their students who are interested in attending graduate school. One of our committee members has already completed one such presentation, and we are preparing for the next presentation to be given on October 19<sup>th</sup>. Secondly, in an attempt to provide information to a larger number of undergraduate students about future careers/graduate school, we are seeking multiple departments who are interested in hosting panel discussions on this topic. To pilot this idea, we are sponsoring one such panel discussion this month to be hosted by the Department of Psychology. Finally, after working out some kinks in the system, we are finally ready to advertise our mentor/mentee match system as was done last year.

**B. Computer Resources Committee – Brian Borchers**

The Computer Resources Committee was able to distribute 330 Dell Desktop PC's and peripherals to 31 departments this year. ITS does not plan on doing another refresh until next summer, so we will be on hiatus unless something else comes up. If you are interested in serving on this committee and haven't signed up or you have any questions, please email brian.borchers@gmail.com and let him know.

**C. International Student Committee – Emma Hashman**

First International Students Committee meeting took place on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 5pm at IMU. Tuesday, October 11 from 3-5 p.m. in the International Commons of the University Capitol Centre, Greg Ball from Student Legal Services will be discussing "Know Your Rights, Know the Law" for International Students. He will discuss tenet rights, criminal rights, and other issues that might come up with International Student specifically.

Also, we agreed on having meetings once a month to discuss any future projects of the committee.



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**D. Jakobsen Conference Committee – Danielle Dietz, James Skretta, Kate Wohlman, Tiara Perez**

The Jakobsen Conference Committee is already begun planning and assembling ideas for this year's conference on March 24, 2012. As the single largest event that is put on by GSS each year, we can never have enough membership help! If you're interested in our committee, please join us at our next meeting on Monday, October 24th at 6pm (location TBA). Additionally, if you are interested in taking on a leadership role, we are still in need of two Division Heads. The Division Heads are responsible for gathering names for faculty judges, assigning entries to be scored to judges, organizing presentation sessions and presenting the awards at the day of the conference. The two division we seek heads for are for Creative Works and Arts & Research. If you're interested, please feel free to contact any one of our Committee Co-Chairs.

**E. Jakobsen Conference Review Committee – stef shuster**

Nothing to report

**F. Legislative Committee – Clint Huntrods**

Nothing to report

**G. Service & Social Committee – Andrew Juhl, Sara Hussain**

Currently, we are planning the first social event of the year, to be coming up in a few weeks. We are also looking for more volunteers for the Shop for Shelter event, so if anyone is interested please contact me at Sara-Hussain@uiowa.edu. Also...the fall ball preparation is beginning, so that should be scheduled for late semester, hopefully in November before things get too busy for everyone.

**H. Travel Funds Committee – Lindsey Thomas, Kristi DiClemente**

We received almost 90 applications for the last (September) round and funded about 2/3 of the eligible applications. Thank you to all of the reviewers for their time and effort in reviewing the September round of applications. Approximately 1/3 of those who signed up for the committee showed up to review. We are hoping for an even better turnout next month. Please contact me (lindsey-thomas@uiowa.edu) if you have questions, concerns, or no longer wish to be on the Travel Funds committee.

The remaining GSS Travel Funds deadlines for the 2011 fiscal year are on Thursdays, 11:59 PM, as follows: November 10, January 19, March 22, May 17; July 19 is the first deadline for the 2012 fiscal year. The November committee meeting will be the week of November 13th; details will be announced closer to the application deadline.

**VIII. Announcements**

1. **Obermann Graduate Institute on Engagement and the Academy: Application deadline is October 13<sup>th</sup>**  
<http://www.uiowa.edu/obermann/gradinstitute/index.html>

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Roster of Elected Positions

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Roster of Appointed Positions

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