



Graduate Student Senate
General Assembly Meeting
Agenda
Tuesday, December 6, 2016

The University of Iowa
Graduate College
205 Gilmore Hall
Iowa City, IA 52241
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1. **Call to Order—6:00pm** - Laurena Bernabo
2. **Introduction of Senators** (~2 mins.)
3. **Post-Election at UIowa** – Audrey Scranton and Scott Olson (10 mins)
 - i. Students across disciplines have asked for faculty and departmental support in discussing difficult content in the classroom. Of concern is protecting graduate students in the current US political climate. Contact representatives from Communication Studies at UICommRades@gmail.com for more information.
 - ii. Graduate students in Communication Studies, Anthropology, and others are exploring supplementary training on “brave spaces.”
 - iii. Organizers are coordinating with COGS to ensure support in our capacity as University employees.
 - iv. Teach-In scheduled for Wednesday, December 14 at 11 am in the Iowa City Public Library. This event is a loosely structured action-oriented seminar on difference and diversity, and how to engage in discourse in the difficulty post-election landscape. This event is open to undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, and the public. Contact Scott (scott-olson@uiowa.edu) for more information.
4. **Update from COGS** – Landon Elkind (10 mins)
 - i. Iowa’s State Senate has flipped to Republican leadership this year, and as a result the party has controlling interest in all state legislature. This is of concern because Republican legislators have expressed interest in eliminating collective bargaining on a range of issues, including grievance processes, insurance, stipends, tuition coverage, and fees.
 - ii. COGS is holding a Contract Actions Grade-In on Monday, Dec. 12 from 11 to 1 in 101 Jessup Hall to urge University leadership to resist such measures, including recent proposals to cut sick leave as well as TA and RA lines for ¼ time administrative positions for graduate students. FLIER IS ATTACHED.
 - iii. COGS’ next general membership meeting is Wed, Dec. 7 at 4:00 at the COGS office, 20 E. Market St Downtown.
 - iv. COGS Happy Hour this Friday, Dec. 9 at 5:00 at Joe’s Place. The first beer is complimentary!
5. **Ombudsperson Report** – Cynthia Joyce (15 mins)
 - i. Current issues of focus are hiring practices and mental health.
 - ii. Newly established Campus Inclusion Team provides support and resources to any student with concerns about diversity, equity, and inclusion.
6. **Presentation from GPSG President** – Josh Schoenfeld (5 Mins)
 - i. Graduate and Professional Student Government is seeking a new president-elect for the 2017-2018 academic year. Candidates must be a graduate student, ideally post-comps, and a current member of GSS or GPSG. Direct any questions to president Josh Schoenfeld (josh-schoenfeld@uiowa.edu) or GSS leadership.
7. **Old Business**
8. **New Business**
9. **Reports**
 - a. **President Report** - Laurena Bernabo (5 mins)

The Graduate College is working to develop funding opportunities that invest in innovation and alternative career paths, and which support URM (under-represented minority) students: ethnic minorities, disabilities, first generation college students, and women (in some fields.) We’re starting with 2 pilot studies:
The URM Pre-Comp Summer award funds **mentored research experience** (more likely in humanities and social sciences where students are less likely to already have summer



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employment opportunities). Students self-nominate and supply departmental letters of support.

The Digital Studio Summer Fellowship is for PhDs, MFAs, and DFAs.

See the chart below for spring deadlines:

Graduate Fellowships	# Awards	Proposed Due Date
T. Anne Cleary International Dissertation Research Fellowship	20	February 15 th
Digital Studio Summer Fellowship	8	February 15 th
URM Pre-Comp Summer	10	February 15 th
ACT Scholarship	8	March 1 st
Summer Fellowships	170	March 15 th
Post-Comp Fellowships	90	March 15 th , October 1 st
Ballard and Seashore Dissertation	80	March 15 th , October 1 st
Recruitment/URM Recruitment	30	March 15 th
Iowa Arts	30	March 31 st
Iowa Performance	2	March 31 st

Also, please be sure to advertise this with your colleagues:

Prof. Sara Goldrick-Rab will be here **Monday, February 17th** to speak about college costs and funding.

2-3:30, location TBD: discussion with Inequality Seminar

7 p.m. @ Iowa City Public Library: public talk

b. Committee Reports (5 mins)

i. Graduate Student Success Committee – Emily Kimpston

ii. Graduate Voices Committee – Joanna Krajewski

1. Pilot study proceeding well. Currently seeking to recruit 20 TAs to participate in the 1st half of the Spring semester.



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- iii. Jakobsen Committee – Ian Faith
 - 1. Artwork Prize Winner selected. Call for judges distributed, with call for submissions to follow this week.
- iv. International Student Committee -Mahesh Sasidharan
 - 1. Social events scheduled, with large event to be held in March. Details forthcoming.
- v. Service and Social Committee – Claire Muerdter
 - 1. Great turnout for last social event. Next event this Thursday, Dec. 8 from 4-7 at the Bread Garden Market. \$5 toward your bill complimentary (for first 80 students).
- vi. Travel Funds Committee – Dong Yu and Victoria Parker
 - 1. Last scoring session Wed, Dec. 7 from 5-7 in 201 Van Allen.

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- a. Committee Budgets Report – Andrew Metzger (8 mins)
 - i. New budget approved.

11. Adjournment

Announcements

1. Next Travel Funds Application Deadline – January 13th, 2017

The next Travel Funds application deadline is January 13th, 2017 by 11:59 PM. This round of applications is for conferences taking place between September 1, 2016 and February 28th, 2017.



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2016-2017 Graduate Student Senate
Roster of Elected Positions

Executive Officers:

President	Laurena Bernabo	laurena-bernabo@uiowa.edu
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Roster of Appointed Positions

Committee Chairs:

Graduate Success Committee	Emily Kimpston	emily-kimpston@uiowa.edu
Graduate Voices Committee	Joanna Krajewski	joanna-krajewski@uiowa.edu
International Students Committee	Mahesh Sasidharan	mahesh-sasidharan@uiowa.edu
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Service and Social Committee	Claire Muerdter	claire-muerdter@uiowa.edu
Travel Funds Committee	Dong Yu	dong-yu@uiowa.edu
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