



Graduate Student Senate  
Executive Council Meeting  
Agenda  
28-October-2014

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

**1. Pizza with the Deans**

- a. Dean Berkowitz: Updates on Graduate Student Success Survey
  - i. 183/350 (random sample) respond to survey regarding PhD "persistence"; respondents fairly evenly representative of overall distribution in PhD; bulk of respondents from the past 4 years; roughly 40% of PhD's have at least thought that they might not finish (said, "Yes, Occasionally" or "No" to If they had concerns about finishing); Concerns: Dissertation Completion, Financial Concerns, Imposter Syndrome, Motivation, Interest; Rough, "Feels" questions more in line with worry category.

**2. Agenda Items**

- a. Committee Updates
- b. General Assembly: Office of the Ombudsperson; Website Updates and Committee updates

**3. Executive Reports**

- a. President's Report—Gaby Hamerlinck
  - i. Nothing to report
- b. Vice President's Report—Valerie Galluzzi
  - i. Nothing to report
- c. Treasurer's Report—Laurena Bernabo
  - i. Nothing to report
- d. Membership Officer's Report—Mike Petrie
  - i. Website update information; rough guidelines for updating; would be good to elect an official Webmaster, but will serve as a temporary webmaster
- e. Parliamentarian's Report—Gloria Wenman
  - i. Nothing to report
- f. Graduate Council Report—Gaby Hamerlinck, Sarah Lucas, Katie Winn, Kristin Gavin
  - i. Upcoming meetings and minutes are posted at:  
<http://facstaff.grad.uiowa.edu/graduate-council/meetings>
- g. GPSG Delegate Report—Gaby Hamerlinck, Nicole Jarine, Rajiv Ranjan, Ben Berkowitz, Hang Nguyen
  - i. Nothing to report
- h. DGSAC Delegate Report—OPEN
  - i. Nothing to Report
- i. Webmaster's Report—OPEN
  - i. Nothing to Report

**4. Committee Reports**

- a. Grad Success Committee—Gwendolyn Gilson
  - i. There has been one meeting (w/committee and members of the Grad College Success Office): Work on 3-min thesis competition; working with Jakobsen to get Alt-Ac Panel (perhaps more discipline/field specific panels)
- b. International Student Committee—Paul Capobianco
  - i. There has been one meeting: potluck proposal in the works with Service and Social
- c. Jakobsen Conference Committee—Valerie Galluzzi, Gloria Wenman, Tyler Weaver, Stephen Smith
  - i. Co-chairs selected; Division heads selected; move the deadlines up; set-up a meeting with Dean Keller *before* the holidays



Graduate Student Senate  
Executive Council Meeting  
Agenda  
28-October-2014

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

- ii. Co-ordinate with Mike Petrie regarding the Jakobsen
- d. Legislative Committee—Kelsey McGinnis
  - i. Meeting with Regents; get an update at the next meeting
- e. Service & Social Committee—Adrijana Pusnik, Mitch Lingo
  - i. Final Friday, perhaps on the 21<sup>st</sup> of December.
- f. Travel Funds Committee—Hang Nguyen, Nicole Jardin
  - i. Supplemental Cycle coming up; Next deadline also approaching
  - ii. Still working out the new distribution, and new requirements; to be specified for the next meeting