



Graduate Student Senate  
Executive Council Meeting  
Minutes

Wednesday, September 30, 2015

The University of Iowa  
Graduate College  
205 Gilmore Hall  
Iowa City, IA 52241  
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**1. Pizza with the Deans (Dean Keller, Associate Dean Larsen)**

- a. Grad College undergoing self-study in preparation for formal review
  - i. PhD programs will self-evaluate how things have changed since the last time they were reviewed
  - ii. Grad Council will have a chance to read and give input on the self-study once it has been compiled
  - iii. Professional development events have been successful – high level of participation from graduate students

**2. Agenda**

- a. Discussion of the possibility of forming a Shared Governance and (Graduate) Visibility Committee
  - i. Committee chairs would attend faculty senate minutes
  - ii. Committee would work to showcase and generally increase visibility of graduate students' contributions
- b. Discussion of new fee proposal
  - i. Pros/cons were discussed – beneficial for the majority of undergraduates, not necessarily for graduate students
  - ii. GSS waiting for more concrete data from the Registrar's Office before endorsing the fee proposal
- c. Discussion of the GSS General Agenda items

**3. Executive Council Reports**

- a. Public Relations Officer's Report— Anna Mikhaylova
  - i. Anna presented promotional materials for the Grad Student Finances event, which were enthusiastically approved
    1. Nicole suggested adding the GSS logo
    2. Mark suggested adding the room number of the Illinois Theater