



Graduate Student Senate
General Assembly Meeting
Minutes
3-December-2013

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

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)

4. Grad College Report

- a. Grad College report postponed due to dean absence.

5. Agenda

- a. ECGPS Join Campaign
 - i. ECGPS Join Campaign presentation cancelled due to ECGPS representative absence.
- b. ECGPS One Big Initiative Feedback
 - i. Brief overview of GSS One Big Initiative proposal by Tessa Quintero
 - 1. Please see below for proposal
 - ii. Floor opened for discussion
- c. PENNY WARS!
 - i. Penny Wars! funds due this evening, but senators may submit funds to Andrew Juhl up until the week of 12/8/13.

6. Executive Reports

- a. President's Report**—Bryan Brown
- b. Vice President's Report—Tessa Quintero
- c. Treasurer's Report**—Brian Fahey
- d. Membership Officer's Report—Kassie McLaughlin
- e. Parliamentarian's Report—Andrew Juhl
- f. Public Relations Officer's Report—John Haman
- g. Graduate Council Report**—Bryan Brown, Gaby Hamerlinck, Sarah Lucas, Kristan Worthington
- h. ECGPS Delegate Report**—Stacey Alex, Bryan Brown
- i. DGSAC Chair Report—OPEN
- j. Webmaster Report—James Skretta

7. Committee Representative Reports

- a. Academic Mentoring Committee—Kristan Worthington, Kassie McLaughlin
- b. Computer Resources Committee—Sam Trammel
- c. International Student Committee—Chistian Supiot
- d. Jakobsen Conference Committee**—Brady Hoback, Levent Sensoy, Gloria Wenman
- e. Jakobsen Conference Review Committee—OPEN
- f. Legislative Committee—Kelsey Kramer
- g. Service & Social Committee**—Andrew Juhl, OPEN
- h. Travel Funds Committee—Gaby Hamerlinck, Hang Nguyen

8. Announcements **

9. Adjournment

**Reports Included

Reports



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7. Executive Reports

- a. President's Report—Bryan Brown
 - i. There are a number of funding opportunities for Grad students coming up:
 1. ECPGS Earn While You Learn Scholarship: Applications Due December 6. For more information visit:
http://ecgps.uiowa.edu/scholarship_opportunity
 2. ECGPS Grants For Students: Next funding deadline January 17, 2014
 3. GSS Travel Funds. Next funding deadline January 23, 2014
 - ii. Thank you for your continued support and volunteerism. GSS works because of your efforts.
 - iii. Committees are a vital part of GSS, be sure to be active in your committee. The Jakobsen Conference Committee, Service and Social Committee and Travel Funds Committee are three committees that are always in need of more assistance. Please consider joining one of them.
 - iv. We want to help get the word out: send information about events grad students should hear about (e.g., fund raisers, charity events, social events) to myself, or John Haman the Public Relations Officer. Be sure to include a description of the event, date, time and contact info.
 - v. Be sure to keep track of your GSS service hours – senators with more than 45 hours over the year are invited to an Exemplary Senator Dinner.
- b. Vice President's Report—Tessa Quintero
 - i. Nothing to report
- c. Treasurer's Report—Brian Fahey
 - i. Account Balance:
 1. \$12,231.35 "00" funds*
 2. \$20,529.60 GPAC funds*May not reflect available funds given outstanding transfer of funds
- d. Membership Officer's Report—Kassie McLaughlin
 - i. Nothing to report
- e. Parliamentarian's Report—Andrew Juhl
 - i. Nothing to report
- f. Public Relations Officer's Report—John Haman
 - i. Nothing to report
- g. Graduate Council Report—Bryan Brown, Gaby Hamerlilnck, Sarah Lucas, Kristan Worthington
 - i. Upcoming meetings and minutes are posted at:
<http://facstaff.grad.uiowa.edu/graduate-council/meetings>
- h. ECGPS Delegate Report—Stacey Alex, Bryan Brown
 - i. At the November meeting the ECGPS approved legislation that will change the name of ECGPS. At the start of the next academic year ECGPS will change it's name to the Graduate and Professional Student Government. This change was necessary because it is a name that more accurately reflects the role of ECGPS in grad/professional student-university and grad/professional student-extra university interactions.
 - ii. ECGPS Grants Submissions due by 11:59pm on January 23. Complete the application at <https://ecgpsgrants.fluidreview.com/>



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- iii. Consider enrolling in the Join Campaign and educating Iowa State Legislators of the importance of continued funding of graduate education.
- iv. There are graduate student positions needing filled on ECGPS Charter Committees. Please see Bryan Brown if you're interested in helping GSS by serving on an ECGPS Charter Committee.
 - i. DGSAC Delegate Report—OPEN
 - i. Nothing to report
 - j. Webmaster's Report—James Skretta
 - i. Nothing to report

8. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Mentoring Committee—Kristan Worthington and Kassie McLaughlin
 - i. Nothing to report
- b. Computer Resources Committee—Sam Trammel
 - i. Nothing to report
- c. International Student Committee—Christian Supiot
 - i. Nothing to report
- d. Jakobsen Conference Committee—Brady Hoback, Levent Sensoy and Gloria Wenman
 - i. We still need division heads. We have openings for the "Math, Physics, and Engineering," as well as the "Art and Research" divisions. Please contact Levent Sensoy if you're interested in helping in this capacity.
- e. Jakobsen Conference Review Committee—OPEN
 - i. Nothing to report
- f. Legislative Committee—OPEN
 - i. Nothing to report
- g. Service & Social Committee—Andrew Juhl, OPEN
 - i. S&S Committee is working on a slate of opportunities and events for winter break and the spring semester. For a variety of scheduling complications, the fall semester has not allowed us much time or availability; we hope to make that up to the group next year. In the meantime, please promote PENNY WARS! to your fellow grad students and departments.
- h. Travel Funds Committee—Gaby Hamerlinck, Hang Nguyen
 - i. Nothing to report

9. Announcements

- a. ECGPS Earn While You Learn Scholarship Deadline December 6
- b. ECGPS Grants due by January 17
- c. GSS Travel Funds Applications Due January 23
- d. Andrew Juhl: The services and social committee will be meeting the last Friday of the semester. Come for free pizza, socializing, and celebrating the end of the semester. Contact Andrew Juhl for more details.
- e. Gloria Wenman: The Jakobsen conference needs art submissions for our posters, programs, or fliers. Any graduate student is eligible. There is a \$50 prize. Contact Gloria Wenman for more details.



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Please contact Bryan Brown or John Haman if you have announcements you'd like to disseminate to GSS Senators / graduate students

2013-2014 Graduate Student Senate
Roster of Elected Positions

Executive Officers:

President	Bryan Brown	bryan-brown@uiowa.edu
Vice President	Tessa Quintero	tessa-quintero@uiowa.edu
Treasurer	Brian Fahey	brian-j-fahey@uiowa.edu
Executive Associate	OPEN	
Membership Officer	Kassie McLaughlin	kassie-mclaughlin@uiowa.edu
Parliamentarian	Andrew Juhl	andrew-juhl@uiowa.edu
Public Relations Officer	John Haman	john-haman@uiowa.edu
ECGPS Delegates	Bryan Brown	bryan-brown @uiowa.edu
	Stacey Alex	stacey-alex@uiowa.edu
	Tessa Quintero (alt)	tessa-quintero @uiowa.edu
Graduate Council	Bryan Brown	bryan-brown @uiowa.edu
	Kristan Worthington	kristan-sorenson@uiowa.edu
	Gabby Hamerlinck	gabriela-hamerlinck@uiowa.edu
	Sarah Lucas	sarah-lucas@uiowa.edu
Webmaster	James Skretta	james-skretta@uiowa.edu

Roster of Appointed Positions

Committee Chairs:		
Academic Mentoring Committee	Kristan Worthington	kristan-sorenson@uiowa.edu
	Kassie McLaughlin	kassie-mclaughlin@uiowa.edu
Computer Resources Committee	Sam Trammell	samuel-trammell@uiowa.edu
International Student Committee	Christian Supiot	Christian-supiotperez@uiowa.edu
Jakobsen Conference Committee	Brady Hoback (Event Plan.)	brady-hoback@uiowa.edu
	Levent Sensoy (Submissions)	levent-sensoy@uiowa.edu
	Gloria Wenman (Publicity)	gloria-wenman@uiowa.edu
Jakobsen Conference Review	OPEN	
Legislative Committee	Kelsey Kramer	kelsey-kramer@uiowa.edu
Service and Social Committee	Andrew Juhl	andrew-juhl@uiowa.edu
	OPEN	
Travel Funds Committee	Gaby Hamerlinck	gabriela-hamerlinck@uiowa.edu
	Hang Nguyen	hang-nguyen@uiowa.edu

Additional GSS Representatives:

Dean's Graduate Student Advisory Committee (DGSAC)	OPEN
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ECGPS ONE BIG INITIATIVE

GSS REQUESTS FUNDING TO SUPPORT THE
UNIVERSITY OF IOWA GRADUATE COLLEGE IN
DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING CAREER
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES SPECIFICALLY FOR
GRADUATE STUDENTS

ECGPS ONE BIG INITIATIVE

GRADUATE STUDENT SENATE SUPPORT OF GRADUATE STUDENT CAREER
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

BACKGROUND

Currently, there are limited career services available to graduate students at the University of Iowa. Several studies conducted by the University of Iowa Graduate College illuminate career services as a central component for overall graduate student success. While there are career services available on campus they are not equipped to handle the unique complexities associated with graduate student career development and/or placement. The Pomerantz Career Center is funded through undergraduate student fees and therefore is tailored to support career advancement of undergraduate students. Graduate students who have sought guidance from the Pomerantz Career Center have often been turned away because the center does not possess the appropriate resources.

In an effort to provide graduate students with adequate career services, the Graduate College recently brought on two new faculty members to serve as Directors of Graduate Student Success. Graduate student career services are being incorporated into these new roles and several ideas are being developed to expand upon their services. The two new directors have several ideas germane to career development however; they currently lack funding to implement said ideas.

Graduate Student Senate has taken ECGPS' One Big Initiative as an opportunity to explore ways in which the organization could assist in the development of graduate student career services without our efforts becoming duplicative of the Graduate College. Therefore, the Graduate Student Senate has voted to request funding from ECGPS to support the Graduate College in developing the following career services for graduate students:



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CREATE VIDEO LIBRARY FEATURING GRADUATE ALUMNI

GOAL:

Create a video library of interviews with alumni from University of Iowa graduate programs discussing their path towards **both academic** and alternative **academic (alt-ac)** careers.

- Videos would be 3-5 minutes where alumni would answer questions specific to their field, challenges they've faced, and any advice they have for current graduate students (Similar to <http://www.nyas.org/WhatWeDo/CareerVideos.aspx>)
- Alumni from a variety of fields and disciplines discuss the relevance of their PhD in their current work and how it's shaped their career
- Highlights transferable skills in different placement settings
- Provides concrete examples of successful alt-ac career paths

HOW IT BENEFITS GRADUATE STUDENTS:

Provides Graduate Students with much needed career advice from a variety of discipline perspectives.

- Opens up networking opportunities for current students and alumni from their field
 - Contact information for alumni would be available
- Celebrates and highlights the impressive work of our alt-ac alumni
 - Example: English PhD alum is the founder and owner of <http://fifthseasongardening.com/> - students would benefit from hearing how his PhD impacted his development as an entrepreneur
 - Helps increase the prestige and perception of the University of Iowa graduates and departments
- Helpful for both academic and alt-ac career paths
- The Graduate College already has interested alumni in place

FINANCING:

The support received from ECGPS would go towards the purchase of video and microphone equipment and the hourly wage of a part-time student employee to edit the video footage.

- Estimate for video camera and microphone equipment: \$500
- Estimate for part-time summer employee to edit video: \$3000
\$3,500

ACCESSIBILITY/SUSTAINABILITY:

The video library would be available through the Graduate College website and accessible to the general public. The initial goal of the project is to capture and edit twelve video interviews by the end of August 2014. Once the preliminary videos were completed, permanent staff in the Graduate College would identify future subjects and edit them on an ad hoc basis. The hourly wage for a part-time student employee would be a one-time expense that would propel the Graduate College to become self-sufficient with this project.



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ORGANIZE A ALT-ACADEMIA CONFERENCE FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

GOAL:

Hold an Alt-Ac Conference on campus to discuss career/professional development with alumni and employers in the field.

- Half or whole day conference available to current graduate students
- Sessions:
 - Individualized CV/Resume advice and critique workshop
 - Panel of Alt-Ac careerists from surrounding area to discuss career path and advice for future students
 - Session with relevant local employers to discuss what they're looking for in potential candidates
 - Networking Light Lunch for students, alumni, and employers to mingle

HOW IT BENEFITS GRADUATE STUDENTS:

Provides much needed career advice to graduate students and offers individualized attention to interested students

- Graduate College has interested alumni and employers in place so it'd be relatively inexpensive
- Opportunity for valuable face-to-face networking with potential employers
- Panelist have ability to answer individual questions specific to their experience
- Students in attendance have receive tangible take-away in the form of individualized CV/Resume critique by a relevant alumni or employer
- Would complement the video library if both project options are available
 - Sessions could be taped and put online
 - Alumni could be interviewed for the video library while they were onsite for the conference adding efficiency to the project

FINANCING:

Providing breakfast pastries, coffee and food for a light lunch during the event

- Food and Beverage for half-day event: \$500

ACCESSIBILITY/SUSTAINABILITY:

The conference would be available to all graduate students and certain department faculty and staff. The conference would serve as a visible and tangible kick-off event for the video library and the



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Graduate College Student Success Initiative as whole. If the pilot event is a success the Graduate College could devote resources to its continuation in the future.

CONCLUSION

In sum, the Graduate Student Senate is requesting a total of \$4000 from the Executive Council for Graduate and Professional Students to support the Graduate College in implementing a video library of graduate alumni and an Alt-Ac conference to serve as much needed career services for graduate students.