



Graduate Student Senate
General Assembly Meeting
Minutes
6-October-2014

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. Grad College Report

- a. Dean Berkowitz: (I) Dissertation formatting requirement changes. For the new requirements, see <http://www.grad.uiowa.edu/thesis-requirements?portal=current-students>; (II) Grad College passed the Public Abstract requirement, likely to be requirement starting next semester. More information forthcoming; (III) Malleable PhD – Workshop for Students. 10/20/2014. For information and registration, see <http://www.grad.uiowa.edu/events/the-malleable-phd/2014-10-20t200000-to-2014-10-20t213000>; (IV) Third person in the Grad Success Office, specializing in STEM fields, will soon have an office.

- b. Dean Keller: Grad Council Report & Fellowship Restructuring

4. Agenda

- a. Lisa Kelly – Center for Teaching
i. <http://teach.its.uiowa.edu/resources/tas>
- b. Melissa Zimdars
i. COGS Rally for Student Debt Oct. 22
- c. Treasurer election
i. General Assembly Elects Laurena Bernabo as GSS Treasurer

Executive Reports

- a. President's Report**— Gaby Hamerlinck
b. Vice President's Report— Valerie Galluzzi
c. Treasurer's Report—OPEN
d. Membership Officer's Report—Mike Petrie
e. Parliamentarian's Report— Gloria Wenman
f. Public Relations Officer's Report—John Haman
g. Graduate Council Report**— Gaby Hamerlinck, Sarah Lucas, Katie Winn, Kristin Gavin
h. GPSG Delegate Report— Gaby Hamerlinck, Nicole Jardine, Rajiv Ranjan, Ben Berkowitz, Hang Nguyen
i. DGSAC Chair Report—OPEN
j. Webmaster Report—OPEN

2. Committee Representative Reports

- a. International Student Committee—OPEN
b. Graduate Success Committee—OPEN
c. Jakobsen Conference Committee—Gloria Wenman
d. Jakobsen Conference Review Committee—OPEN
e. Legislative Committee—Kelsey Kramer
f. Service & Social Committee —OPEN
g. Travel Funds Committee**— Hang Nguyen, Nicole Jardine

3. Announcements**

4. Adjournment



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**Reports Included

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7. Executive Reports

- a. President's Report— Gaby Hamerlinck
 - i. Committee planning meetings: These meetings will be very short and we will work with you to identify leadership and set some goals for the year.
 1. International Student Committee: TONIGHT directly after the meeting.
 2. Social and Service committee: TONIGHT directly after the meeting.
 3. Graduate Success Committee: TONIGHT directly after the meeting.
 4. Legislative committee: THURSDAY 5-530pm in the IMU (room TBD, I will send you an email).
 5. Jakobsen Conference Committee: OCTOBER 14th in Gilmore Hall.
- b. 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>

8. Committee Reports

- a. Nothing to report

9. Announcements

- a. Rally Against Student Debt October 22nd at Noon on the Pentacrest

Recent data from the Department of Education shows that 40 percent of the total student debt load in the U.S. is held by graduate students. The Chronicle of Higher Education reported in March of 2014 that for two-thirds of graduate students, the average debt burden is \$60,000. Additionally, National Science Foundation data indicates that the average amount of debt carried by doctoral students, specifically, has increased by 70 percent over the last decade. Undergraduates are also, of course, burdened with student debt. The average University of Iowa student graduates with almost \$30,000 of debt, and 70% of Iowa students across the state carry some level of student debt.

Governor Branstad recently said that the Board of Regents is considering a 1.7% tuition increase next year, and fees will undoubtedly continue to rise as well. Meanwhile, UI President Sally Mason said while meeting with the College of Education on September 24th that half of student debt at Iowa is "lifestyle debt" resulting from students buying iPhones, iPads, and laptops. In order to show the Board of Regents, Sally Mason and university administrators that Iowa *students* need more support and care about the issue of debt, there is going to be a Rally Against Student Debt on Oct. 22 during the board's budgetary meeting for the upcoming academic year. The rally will begin at noon on the pentacrest. Please consider attending and spread the word to others. For more information, see the facebook event page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/722563247838402>.



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- b. Even though this is 2014, only 7 to 41% of U.S. faculty in the sciences are women (NSF, 2009). If you support enabling the success of women in science and providing STEM opportunities for K-12 girls, or if you are interested in networking and fellowship opportunities, consider joining the just-established [Iota Chi \(Iowa City\)](#) chapter of Graduate Women in Science! Our next event is a [Fellowship workshop](#) on October 15. Feel free to like us on [Facebook](#) and email us at IotaChiGWIS@gmail.com. All genders encouraged.
- c. Next Travel Funds deadline: November 11th.
- d. Next Supplemental Travel Funds deadline: November 6th.

2013-2014 Graduate Student Senate
Roster of Elected Positions

Executive Officers:

President	Gaby Hamerlinck	gabriela-hamerlinck@uiowa.edu
Vice President	Valerie Galluzzi	valerie-galluzzi@uiowa.edu
Treasurer	OPEN	
Executive Associate	Brady Hoback	brady-hoback@uiowa.edu
Membership Officer	Mike Petrie	michael-petrie@uiowa.edu
Parliamentarian	Gloria Wenman	gloria-wenman@uiowa.edu
Public Relations Officer	John Haman	john-haman@uiowa.edu
GPSG Delegates	Gaby Hamerlinck	gabriela-hamerlinck@uiowa.edu
	Nicole Jardine	nicole-jardine@uiowa.edu
	Rajiv Ranjan	rajiv-ranjan@uiowa.edu
	Ben Berkowitz	benjamin-berkowitz@uiowa.edu
	Hang Nguyen	hang-nguyen@uiowa.edu
Graduate Council	Gaby Hamerlinck	gabriela-hamerlinck@uiowa.edu
	Sarah Lucas	sarah-lucas@uiowa.edu
	Katie Winn	kathleen-winn@uiowa.edu
	Kristin Gavin	
Webmaster	OPEN	

Roster of Appointed Positions

Committee Chairs:

Academic Mentoring Committee	OPEN	
Computer Resources Committee	OPEN	
International Student Committee	OPEN	
Jakobsen Conference Committee	Gloria Wenman	gloria-wenman@uiowa.edu
Jakobsen Conference Review	OPEN	
Legislative Committee	Kelsey Kramer	kelsey-kramer@uiowa.edu
Service and Social Committee	OPEN	



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Travel Funds Committee

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Additional GSS Representatives:

Dean's Graduate Student Advisory Committee (DGSAC) OPEN