



Graduate Student Senate
General Assembly Meeting
Minutes
4-November-2014

The University of Iowa
(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. Dean Keller:

- i. Grad College December Commencement
- ii. COGS and board of regents negotiations have begun on the 3rd and the regents will come back with proposals on the 17th (both open to the public)

- b. Dean Berkowitz: This a work in progress, from request from GPSG to look at what leads to Grad Student Success. Grad Student Persistence Survey.

- i. 183/350 (roughly 52% respondents) (random sample) respond to survey regarding PhD "persistence"
- ii. Respondents fairly evenly representative of overall distribution in PhD
- iii. Bulk of respondents from the past 4 years
- iv. Roughly have arrived with prior graduate degree; roughly 2/3's post-comps; 28% international; 58% had department annual evaluation
- v. Respondents with concerns that they might not finish (responses, "Yes, Occasionally" or "No" to If they had concerns about finishing)
 1. 16% "Yes, frequently", 42% "Yes, Occasionally", 42% "No"
- vi. Some reason to think that having previous degree made it more likely that a student would feel more confident that they would complete this degree
- vii. Concerns: Dissertation Completion, Financial Concerns, Imposter Syndrome, Motivation, Losing of Interest
- viii. Support: Frequent had lower student network support, Frequent had higher responses to work and personal burdens; Frequent had higher worries in "losing interest" and "health"
- ix. With respect to department culture, with regard to respect, support, collaboration, integration, Frequent responses were likely lower
- x. Advisor support is fairly high across categories (though Frequent responses lower than others)
- xi. Student Comments: Finical burdens (esp. fees); openness about the alt-ac track; rethink the PhD

5. Agenda

- a. Office of the Ombudsperson - Cynthia Joyce

- i. Annual Report from Office of Ombudsperson 2013-2014
 1. Confidential, neutral, informal, independent conflict resolution
 2. ombudsperson@uiowa.edu
 3. <http://www.uiowa.edu/ombuds/>

- ii. Last year, visitor up by 23%: and about the same this year (roughly 500)
 1. Higher percent of faculty served; undergrads are lest served
 2. More women and racial and ethnic minorities than represented on campus overall
 3. Most grad students come for evaluative relationships (mostly grad students and advisors)



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4. 27% of visitors complaints about disrespectful behavior (first time that the figure has gone about 25%)
- b. Website Updates – Mike Petrie
 - i. Webmaster Position is OPEN. If interested, please let Mike or Gaby know.
 - ii. Make sure that information posted under 'Membership' is accurate
- c. Committee Updates – Gaby Hamerlinck
 - i. Make sure that you're involved in a committee (and that you're listed as such on the website)
 1. Service and Social C: Final Friday planned for Nov. 21st
 2. Legislative Committee: Next meeting in December (update at next assembly)
 3. International Student Committee: Potluck planned for Nov. 22nd (Details TBD)
 4. Travel Funds (see below)
 5. Jakobsen Conference Committee: Next meeting Nov 11 @ 6:30 in Gilmore
 - a. Save the date: Jakobsen Conference, March 28th.
 6. Grad Student Success Committee: Next meeting Tuesday Nov. 18th, River Room IMU (256)
 - ii. Judges required for Fall Undergraduate Research Festival (see details below in the President's Report)

Executive Reports

- a. President's Report**— Gaby Hamerlinck
- b. Vice President's Report— Valerie Galluzzi
- c. Treasurer's Report—Laurena Bernabo
- 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— Paul Capobianco
- b. Graduate Success Committee— Gwendolyn Gilson
- c. Jakobsen Conference Committee— Valerie Galluzzi, Gloria Wenman, Tyler Weaver, Stephen Smith
- d. Jakobsen Conference Review Committee—OPEN
- e. Legislative Committee— Kelsey McGinnis
- f. Service & Social Committee** — Adrijana Pusnik, Mitch Lingo
- 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. Hi all, thank you all for your participation in committees and your commitment to GSS. All of our committees have gotten off to a great start and have some excellent things planned for the rest of the academic year. Keep in mind that full senators MUST be an active member of a committee as part of our requirements to be in good standing with GSS. If you are not currently a member of a committee, please contact one (or more) of the committee chair-people listed on this agenda and see where you can help out.
 - ii. We are looking for Graduate and Professional students to serve as poster judges for the 5th annual Fall Undergraduate Research Festival on December 3rd from 4:30-6:30pm. There are generally 75-100 undergrads from all different disciplines presenting the work they've been doing with their faculty/staff mentors. More information can be found here: <http://www.uiowa.edu/icru/article/graduate-students-poster-judging-undergraduate-research-festivals>. If you are interested or have further questions, please contact Lindsay Marshall (lindsay-marshall@uiowa.edu).
- 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. Service and Social Committee - Adrijana Pusnik, Mitch Lingo
 - i. Final Fridays is scheduled for November 21 at Joe's Place. Pizza will be provided!
- b. Travel Funds Committee— Hang Nguyen, Nicole Jardine
 - i. The next GSS Travel Funds application deadline is Nov 11, 2014! And the next GSS Supplemental Travel Award for Research deadline is Nov 6, 2014. All UI grad students are eligible for this funding for conference travel or research travel.
 - ii. Our next GSS Travel Funds application review session on Tues, Nov 18 at 5:30pm in the Biology Building basement room 20. We expect many applications and always appreciate it when we have many reviewers! As always, delicious snacks will be provided.

9. Announcements

- a. Supplemental Travel Award deadline: November 6



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- b. Travel Funds deadline: November 11
- c. Travel Funds review session: November 18
- d. Final Fridays at Joe's Place: November 21
- e. Fall Undergraduate Research Festival: December 3



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2014-2015 Graduate Student Senate
Roster of Elected Positions

Executive Officers:

President	Gaby Hamerlinck	gabriela-hamerlinck@uiowa.edu
Vice President	Valerie Galluzzi	valerie-galluzzi@uiowa.edu
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	Katie Winn	kathleen-winn@uiowa.edu
	Kristin Gavin	
Webmaster	OPEN	

Roster of Appointed Positions

Committee Chairs:

Graduate Success Committee	Gwendolyn Gilson	
International Student Committee	Paul Capobianco	paul-capobianco@uiowa.edu
Jakobsen Conference Committee	Valerie Galluzzi	valerie-galluzzi@uiowa.edu
	-Coordinating Co-Chair	
	Stephen Smith	stephen-smith-1@uiowa.edu
	-Publicity	
	Tyler Weaver	tyler-weaver@uiowa.edu
	-Judging and Submissions	
	Gloria Wenman	gloria-wenman@uiowa.edu
	-Event Planning	
Legislative Committee	Kelsey McGinnis	kelsey-kramer@uiowa.edu
Service and Social Committee	Adrijana Pusnik	adrijana-pusnik@uiowa.edu
	Mitch Lingo	mitchell-lingo@uiowa.edu
Travel Funds Committee	Hang Nguyen	hang-nguyen@uiowa.edu
	Nicole Jardine	nicole-jardine@uiowa.edu

Additional GSS Representatives:

Dean's Graduate Student Advisory Committee (DGSAC)	OPEN
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