

**GSS Executive Meeting Minutes**  
**11.30.2018**

**Graduate College Update**  
**Associate Dean Campo**

- Health accommodations for graduate assistants
  - Have been working on how to accommodate students requiring health accommodations that are also on graduate assistantships
  - Now vetted through faculty/staff accommodation services so that the solutions developed are more effective and privacy is better maintained
  - Process is handled through local HR person and an FSDS form is filled out
  - More information on [grad.uiowa.edu/graduate-assistant-employment](http://grad.uiowa.edu/graduate-assistant-employment) under health accommodations
- Updates to graduate college website funding page for increased navigability and usability
  - Organized fellowships so that there are 5 fewer headings and thus less confusing
- GSS travel awards
  - The last round has been processed – lots of awards, ~30
  - Just waiting to be processed

**Membership Update:**  
**Caroline**

- Started contacting DGS's to try to get membership numbers up
- Dean Campo: May want to reach out to program coordinators ListServ
  - Graduate College also meets with program coordinators in early August – we may want to get on the agenda so that we can plug GSS
- Computer Science is the only department that has responded
- Question: How many active senators do we have right now?
  - Answer: 52
- How do we better facilitate transfer of membership so that the Membership Officer is informed about new Senators taking old Senators' places
  - A form that we hand out at our 2<sup>nd</sup> to last meeting that asks whether or not they'll be staying on as a Senator and, if not, who will be taking their place?
  - Remind at last meeting – send out via email as well

**Jakobsen Update:**  
**Ryan S.**

- Met with Tom Jakobsen!
  - He's super pumped
  - Incorporating professional development – kinda like Open Doors
    - Idea is to open it up to more students – perhaps those that are not yet ready to share their work
  - Morning workshops
    - Conferencing 101
      - Aimed at the younger graduate students
      - What to expect
    - Collaborations & interdisciplinarity
      - How to have these conversations

- Job searching
      - In academia and outside
      - Elevator pitch workshop?
    - Finding a panel that would appeal solely to students who do not want a job in academia
  - Networking practice
    - “Go network!” is not actually practice – it’s networking
    - Networking practice begins when poster sessions is going on with a brief primer at the beginning
    - Light snacks provided
  - Keynote speakers
    - Jana Jakobsen is providing a potential list of speakers from advisory board
    - Idea is to find someone with a graduate degree that can speak to the bigger picture of how graduate school shaped their ideas
    - Split keynotes?
      - Humanities
      - STEM
    - Dean Campo: Something public-facing to bridge the gap between STEM and Humanities
      - Peter: Collaboration digital workshop may be a good way to do this
- Other big things happening:
  - Delayed call for papers by 2 weeks
  - Big pushes in advertising campaign right before winter break and right after
    - First time we will be using digital advertising
    - Hopefully working with Daily Iowan to get a few stories out on it beforehand as well
  - Reached out to sponsors about awards:
    - Center for Human Rights wants to give an award
    - Waldor Award for Sustainability
      - IDT gave in the past but got bought out so there are corporate hoops to jump through
    - More information to come on sponsors
    - Committee will be working over break to reach out to other non-award sponsors

### **Website Update**

#### **Ryan T.**

- Everything going smoothly
- Reaching out to all senators to see what they’re up to on committees, whether they’re chair, etc.

### **Presidential Update**

#### **KaLeigh**

- Spring Executive Meeting Schedule
  - Doodle Poll going out so that we can figure out what our M-F schedule is looking like for next semester
- Meeting Snacks

- Setting up a rotation so that it doesn't fall on the same people every time

### **Finalize agenda for Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> meeting**

#### **All**

- Speaker from the library
  - John Culshaw & Linda Walton
- Reports from
  - GSEC
  - Grad Council
  - COGS 5min update on where contract negotiations are at
  - Regular committees
    - Resolution from international committee about international student fee?
    - Dean Campo: Going to meet with International Programs to talk about the offer letter template for international students and how these fees are included and whether what they include is transparent. Are members of international student committee wanting to come?

#### **Executive Associate Action Items:**

- Get Ryan T. committee membership on email groups
- Get Ryan T. executive committee meeting minutes
- Finalize agenda