



Graduate Student Senate  
General Meeting  
Minutes  
09-April-2012

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

- I. Call to Order – 6:00 pm  
Approval of Agenda and Minutes (~1 min)
  - II. Introduction of Senators (~2 min)
  - III. 2:2:2 (4 min)
    1. Jordan Yanke
    2. Hayley McLoughlin
  - IV. Graduate College Report (10 min)
  - V. Voting (30 min)
    1. Executive Officer elections\*
  - VI. Executive Reports
    - A. President's Report – stef shuster\*
    - B. Vice President's Report – Ulrike Carlson\*
    - C. Treasurer's Report – Andy Koons\*
    - D. Membership Officer's Report – Candice Robinson
    - E. Parliamentarian's Report – Sam Bouwers
    - F. Graduate Council Report – Kristi DiClemente, Andy Koons, Lea Ljumanovic, stef shuster\*
    - G. Graduate Student Organizations Liaison – OPEN POSITION
    - H. ECGPS Delegate Report – Kristi DiClemente, Ulrike Carlson\*
    - I. DGSAC Chair Report – Steve Levillain
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    - G. Service & Social Committee – Andrew Juhl, Sara Hussain\*
    - H. Travel Funds Committee – Lindsey Thomas, Kristi DiClemente\*
  - VIII. Announcements
  - IX. Open Discussion
    - Opened by chair - Closed by motion with second and approval by senate
  - X. Adjournment (~1 min)
- \* Reports included



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1. Jordan Yanke: Department of Urban and Regional Planning. April 20<sup>th</sup> is Bike to Campus Day  
<http://sustainability.uiowa.edu/earth-month-2012-bike-to-campus-work/>
2. Hayley McLoughlin: Department of Neuroscience

**IV. Graduate College Report (10 min)**

Dean Keller

A. Hawkeye Caucus

B. Three Reports were released that will have a long-term impact on Graduate School.

- a. [Association of American Universities \(AAU\)](#)- Dean's National committee will be releasing a report about improving the transition from academia to industry, increasing graduate student's interest in industry, and faculty facilitating industrial options.
- b. [National Research Council](#)
- c. National Institute of Health (NIH)- overview of [report on Biomedical workforce](#)

C. Fellowships

- a. [Ballard Seashore Dissertation Year Fellowships](#)
- b. [Summer Fellowships](#): 97 summer fellowships have been approved.

**V. Voting – (20 min)**

1) Executive Officer Elections

a) President → **Tabling Election until the next meeting on May 1, 2012**

- The President of the GSS is the chief executive officer of the GSS, and the primary advocate on behalf of graduate students both to the Graduate College and the University community at large. While specific duties of the President will vary from year to year, the President shapes the overall agenda and direction of the GSS.

b) Vice President → Elizabeth Deifell

- The Vice-President of the GSS assists the President in carrying out the functions of the Graduate Student Senate and shall assume the duties of the President when the President is absent.

c) Treasurer → Jordan Yanke

- The Treasurer of the GSS is responsible for the administration of all GSS funds and business affairs.

d) Membership Officer → Katie Kidwell

- The Membership Officer of the GSS is responsible for keeping track of the membership of the GSS and attendance at meetings of the GSS.

e) Executive Associate → Bryan Brown

- The Executive Associate assists the President in assuring the smooth running of the GSS.

f) Parliamentarian → Andrew Juhl

- The Parliamentarian ensures that meetings are conducted in an orderly fashion. The Parliamentarian is the authority on constitutional issues, as well as the traditions of the GSS and Robert's Rules of Order.



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## VI. Executive Reports

### A. President's Report – stef shuster

Hello Senators!

We have a lot of cool events coming up this week and next. Mark your calendars for an evening of fanciness at the annual GSS Spring Fling (formal) THIS Friday April 13<sup>th</sup> from 7pm- midnite at the Sheraton Hotel. Contact Andrew Juhl ([andrew-juhl@uiowa.edu](mailto:andrew-juhl@uiowa.edu)) for any questions related to that event.

Also, we are joining up with other member governments through ECGPS and the UI Museum of Art (UIMA) for the annual UIMA Graduate and Professional Student Reception on Friday April 20<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm in the IMU Black Box Theatre. Guided tours through the UIMA, appetizers, a dj, and a cash bar will be available for this incredible collaborative event of food, fun, and art. This year's theme is "public art." Please contact stef shuster ([stef-shuster@uiowa.edu](mailto:stef-shuster@uiowa.edu)) if you have any questions about this event.

Finally, it is time to start thinking about next year. Want to become a chair or co-chair of a committee? Reach out to the current chairs and ask them about the time/energy commitments. Not sure if you want to continue serving as a senator? Coordinate with your department to make sure that your seat is filled and let our Membership Officer (Candice Robinson) know of your plans. Of course...we hope that folks want to come back next year as the senate works well with new and "seasoned" senators working together...

### B. Vice President's Report – Ulrike Carlson

As the semester draws to a close I would thank everyone for the good work this year. I attended many great events that were organized by GSS committees and I think we made an impact on campus this year. Still, it is time to think of the future and in the next weeks I would like to work closely with all committees to make sure that things are ready for next year, so that everything can start out strong in the Fall. See you at the meeting!

### C. Treasurer's Report – Andy Koons

I hope everyone had a great Easter/Passover holiday--and if you do not celebrate those holidays then just a great weekend. But back to business. GPAC and ECGPS, the folks who approve the GSS yearly budget, has given us a 55 bump for next year. So instead of receiving 418,800 to work with, next year we should receive 419,740. I believe we will discuss and vote to approve a budget plan for that money at our next GSS meeting. And as always, if anyone has any budgetary questions, concerns, or ideas, please let me know!

### D. Membership Officer's Report – Candice Robinson

### E. Parliamentarian's Report – Sam Bowers

### F. Grad Council Report – Kristi DiClemente, Andy Koons, Lea Ljumanovic, stef shuster

At the last meeting of the Graduate Council on April 5<sup>th</sup>, one of the major agenda items was reviewing the Academic Grievance Procedure employed by the Graduate College. The Graduate College administers the Academic Grievance Procedure (AGP) for pursuing resolution of complaints and grievances for most academic aspects of a graduate student's program. This includes issues related to the program of study and research, scholarship, or artistic production, which comprise the core of graduate degree programs. The objective of the AGP is to achieve a fair and equitable resolution of complaints or grievances at the earliest possible time and at the lowest possible level. A graduate student who elects to pursue a complaint or grievance through the Graduate College AGP is first advised by the Associate Dean of the different possible ways to proceed. The student then elects whether first to pursue a complaint using an informal process or whether to file a grievance and to proceed by a more formal process.

If you would like to see the proposed changes in full, please contact stef shuster, President of GSS, at [stef-shuster@uiowa.edu](mailto:stef-shuster@uiowa.edu)

### G. Graduate Student Organizations Liaison – OPEN POSITION

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**H. ECGPS Delegate Report – Kristi DiClemente, Ulrike Carlson**

ECGPS, the Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students, serves as a council that brings together all Graduate and Professional Student member governments to collaborate on matters of concern to all of us. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact [ulrike-carlson@uiowa.edu](mailto:ulrike-carlson@uiowa.edu), [kristi-diclemente@uiowa.edu](mailto:kristi-diclemente@uiowa.edu) or check out the ECGPS website (<http://ecgps.uiowa.edu>).

At the last meeting of the Executive Council of Graduate Professional Students, elections were held. Please note the following positions are still OPEN and we encourage Graduate students from across the Graduate College to consider nominating their self for one of these positions if they have experience writing, administering, or reviewing grant applications. Elections for these openings will be on April 24 (contact Kelli Todd ([kelli-todd@uiowa.edu](mailto:kelli-todd@uiowa.edu)) if you are interested): **Treasurer; Research Grant Chair; Professional Development Grant Chair; Public Service Grants Chair**

We did vote in the following people for next year's officers:

President: Michael Appel (Law)  
Vice President: Emma Hashman (Grad)  
Executive Officer: Natalie Virden (Law)  
GPAC Chair: Ben Gillig (Grad)  
PR Liaison: Luke Stauffer (Law)  
Travel Grants Chair: Supreet Agarwal (Grad)

**I. DGSAC Chair Report – Steve Levillain**

**J. Webmaster Report – Maneesh Kumar**

Nothing to Report

**VII. Committee Representative Reports**

**A. Academic Mentoring Committee – Matt Calamia, Jenni McCabe**

At the recent Jakobsen Conference, the Academic Mentoring Committee held an informational session for undergraduates interested in applying to graduate school. Over 50 undergraduates attended! This is a significant increase in attendance over past years.

The committee also presented the Sandra Barkan Outstanding Graduate Student Mentor Award to six graduate students. Congratulations J Austin Williamson, Kathryn Bruchmann, Kelly Schietz, Kimberly Halvorson, Sara Francis-Reed, and Tiara Pérez-Morales!

**B. Computer Resources Committee – Brian Borchers**

**C. International Student Committee – Emma Hashman**

We attended the Cultural Diversity Fair on Saturday, March 31st, and it was great to be a part of the celebration that day. Please let me know if you are interested in being a chair on this committee or even a member of the committee for next year.

**D. Jakobsen Conference Committee – Danielle Dietz, James Skretta, Kate Wohlman, Tiara Perez**

**E. Jakobsen Conference Review Committee – stef shuster**

**F. Legislative Committee – Emma Hashman, Clint Huntrods**

Regents' United Day was a success in Des Moines at the Capitol on March 29. We had both graduate and undergraduate students attend from Iowa, and we had a chance to talk with legislators about our concerns for the future of higher education funding. If you are interested in being on this committee or being a chair of the committee, please let me know!



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**G. Service & Social Committee – Andrew Juhl, Sara Hussain**

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THE BIG EVENT! Our Spring Formal (co-hosted with ECGPS) and is on 4/13 (FRIDAY THE THIRTEENTH! Wooooo!) @ the Sheraton from 8-midnight. Light food, refreshments, music, and fun will be provided. There will be a cash bar and an exclusive specialty drink JUST FOR US! Ooo! La-la, even!

**H. Travel Funds Committee – Lindsey Thomas, Kristi DiClemente**

The next scoring session is **Tuesday, May 22 at 5:00 PM in N186LC** (Lindquist Center). All senators are welcome to attend. As always, snacks will be provided, and we are grateful for your help.

During the most recent (March) application cycle, we received almost 100 Travel Funds applications, and approximately 70% of the eligible applications were funded. We also received 15 Supplemental Award applications and funded 70% of these eligible applications as well.

The remaining GSS Travel Funds deadlines are on Thursdays, 11:59pm, as follows: May 17, and July 19 (next fiscal year).

**VIII. Announcements**

1. Spring Fling April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Sheraton in Downtown Iowa City from 7PM-12AM appetizers and a cash bar will be available.
2. UIMA Reception April 20<sup>th</sup> from 7-9PM appetizers and cash bar will be available.

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Roster of Elected Positions

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Roster of Appointed Positions

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