



Graduate Student Senate
Agenda
6-December-2011

The University of Iowa
Graduate College
205 Gilmore Hall
Iowa City, IA 52241
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- I. Call to Order – 6:00 pm
Approval of Agenda and Minutes (~1 min)
- II. Introduction of Senators (~2 min)
- III. Graduate College Report (10 min)
- IV. Guest Speaker (15 min)
Liz Christiansen- Office of Sustainability
Abbey Moffitt- UISG
- V. 2:2:2: (4 min)
- VI. Executive Reports
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 - 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, Lea Ljumanovic, Maneesh Kumar, stef shuster*
 - G. Graduate Student Organizations Liaison – Nirmalla Barros
 - H. ECGPS Delegate Report – Kristi DiClemente, Ulrike Carlson*
 - I. DGSAC Chair Report – Steve Levillain
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Vi. Executive Reports

A. President's Report – stef shuster

Hello! Thank you to all of the active and engaged senators who have participated this semester in the Graduate Student Senate. By now, most of you should be familiar with the way that GSS operates and what is expected of you as a senator. As a gentle reminder, please continue forwarding announcements and newsletters to students in your department to help keep everyone in the loop on funding opportunities and events that are of interest to graduate students. The spring semester is always a busy one for GSS. We host a lot of service, social, and conference opportunities during the spring. Look for news updates on our annual Jakobsen Conference in the coming weeks. This is a wonderful opportunity for newer students to gain valuable experience presenting at conferences while also providing a platform for more “seasoned” graduate students to gain feedback on developing ideas.

While usually a time for relaxing or catching up on work, this Winter Break we will host at least one social gathering for graduate students (most likely a low key event). The GSS is committed to our mission of not only providing a voice for grad students, but keeping us connected with each other. In a similar line, the UI Main Library hopes to unveil the new graduate student study space after the Winter Break. This is not a firm timeline, but they are working hard on this project with the GSS.

As a gentle reminder: If you are no longer going to continue your service as a senator during the Spring semester, please notify our Membership Officer, Candice Robinson (candice-robinson@uiowa.edu), of who your replacement will be. And, if you work with other student orgs and have an idea for a collaborative event with GSS, send me an email (stef-shuster@uiowa.edu)!

B. Vice President's Report – Ulrike Carlson

This last month was a busy one – we finished the survey about use of the Graduate Student carrels at the Main Library and had another meeting with the Director of the Main Library, where we presented the results. Director Baker was open to our suggestions and concerns and a solution involving the old Government Publications Room on the 3rd floor of the Main Library will be forthcoming in the near future.

Thank you all for your input and passing on the survey link. Thank you also to Kristi DiClemente, Elizabeth Deifell and stef shuster, who were instrumental in creating the survey and editing and presenting the results.

I hope you will all have relaxing holidays and look forward to another productive semester with GSS. See you next year!



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C. Treasurer's Report – Andy Koons

Nothing particularly new to report. Just want to remind everyone that I'm happy to field any questions and ideas that relate to GSS finances. Also, most committees have not spent much-- which is fine as long as it's done intentionally. We want to make sure that this year's funds are spent on this year's students. Finally, since this is the last meeting of this semester, I want to wish everyone a happy winter break and holiday season!

D. Membership Officer's Report – Candice Robinson

E. Parliamentarian's Report – Sam Bouwers

F. Grad Council Report – Kristi DiClemente, Lea Ljumanovic, Maneesh Kumar, stef shuster

The Graduate College is in the process of reviewing and revising the **Presidential Graduate Fellowship program**. While not firm, yet, the program will be renamed to the Presidential Graduate Research Fellowship program with fewer awardees, more accountability, and transparency for both fellows and departments. Look for announcements soon regarding the finalized changes. There was a lengthy discussion regarding a proposed **public abstract** for thesis and dissertation submissions. This is also in the works but seeks to help external constituents better understand graduate student research and creative work. Students may be asked to write a 200-word summary of how their work contributes to society.

G. Graduate Student Organizations Liaison – Nirmalla Barros

H. ECGPS Delegate Report – Kristi DiClemente, Ulrike Carlson

At the last ECGPS meeting, we heard about the **National Coalition Building Institute** (NCBI) program, hosted by the Chief Diversity Office. This training workshop teaches effective leadership skills in the areas of prejudice reduction, violence prevention, conflict resolution, and coalition building. Please contact Lindsay Jarratt (Lindsay-jarratt@uiowa.edu), Diversity Resources Coordinator, if you are interested in signing up for this training (<http://ncbi.org>). The ECGPS is teaming up with **Dance Marathon** to help raise money for pediatric oncology and bone marrow transplant patients. Between January 23rd and February 2nd, all 6 graduate and professional student member governments will collect money in a contest for who can raise the most. The winning government will have a pre-determined individual selected who has volunteered to shave their head. More details on this collaborative fundraising drive will be announced over the Winter break.

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

The Fall Undergraduate Research Festival is coming up on Wednesday, **December 7th**. The GSS Academic Mentoring Committee is helping the organizers of the festival find 30 graduate students who are willing to serve as volunteer judges. Judges will evaluate



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undergraduate research that is presented at the festival from 4:15PM-6:30PM. We need judges from a wide range of disciplines including Humanities, Biological & Health Sciences, Social Sciences, and Mathematics/Engineering. **WE NEED MORE JUDGES!** Please forward this on to other graduate students in your department and encourage folks to volunteer or consider volunteering yourself! Contact Jennifer McCabe (jennifer-mccabe@uiowa.edu) if you are interested in serving as a judge.

The Academic Mentoring Committee held their fall meeting on November 9th. The main focus of this meeting was to determine how best we can reach undergraduate students and inform them about graduate school in their area of study. The committee decided that it would be best to hold a large information session where general information is presented (e.g. how to obtain letters of recommendation; how to prepare for GRE) followed by break-out sessions when program-specific information will be discussed (e.g., how to prepare when applying to graduate school in social sciences, etc). We are currently in the early stages of planning this panel discussion which is tentatively set for March 2012.

B. Computer Resources Committee – Brian Borchers

C. International Student Committee – Emma Hashman

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, December 7 at 6 p.m. in the IMU. We have been working on talking with the Office for International Students and Scholars (OISS) to create a central page for all International Students to have resources for everything they need such as support from peers to visa information. Also, we will be talking with OISS to create single sheet of paper that has all the steps needed after arriving in the United States, along with quick links or resources to how to accomplish each task such as health insurance, etc.

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

As we get closer to the end of the semester, some more advertising initiatives are beginning to get underway. This week, we will be posting spotlight posters (highlighting previous conference winners), as well as other 11 x 17 posters. We will begin collecting names for faculty judges this week, and will be contacting them accordingly. The Conference website will be open for **submissions on the 4th of January** – we encourage everyone to submit; all who submit will be allowed to present! **Please help us spread the word about the conference and the call for papers!**

E. Jakobsen Conference Review Committee – stef shuster

F. Legislative Committee – Clint Huntrods

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

So far, we are planning the bowling event for Dec 4th. It will be paid for by GSS funds, with participants paying for their own shoes. We are looking into events for next semester - including the possibility of a trivia night with the med students, the souperbowl, and a poker night benefitting a local charity. We are still deciding on the charity of interest. Also - we are in the process of planning a last-day-of-the-semester pizza social (likely at Joe's), and we will provide pizza and pop at this.



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H. Travel Funds Committee – Lindsey Thomas, Kristi DiClemente

The next Travel Funds and Supplemental Award scoring session will be held at **5:30 PM on Wednesday, December 7th (tomorrow!) in 41SH (Schaeffer Hall)**. The remaining Travel Funds deadlines for the 2011 fiscal year are on Thursdays, 11:59pm, as follows: January 19, March 22, May 17, July 19.

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2011-2012 Graduate Student Senate
Roster of Elected Positions

Executive Officers:

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