



Graduate Student Senate  
General Assembly Meeting  
Minutes  
8-October-2013

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)**

- a. Gaby Hamerlinck Biology
- b. Bryan Brown Communication Sciences and Disorders

**4. Grad College Report**

- a. Dean Berkowitz talked about the grad college website

**5. Agenda**

- a. Cynthia Joice of the Office of the Ombudsperson
  - i. Provided the 2012-2013 Annual Report
- b. Graduation Regalia Update
- c. ECGPS One-Big Initiative Update

**6. Executive Reports**

- a. President's Report—Bryan Brown\*\*
- b. Vice President's Report—Tessa Quintero
- c. Treasurer's Report—Brian Fahey\*\*
- d. Membership Officer's Report—Kassie McLaughlin
- e. Parliamentarian's Report—Andrew Juhl
- f. Public Relations Officer's Report—John Haman
- g. Graduate Council Report—Bryan Brown, Gaby Hamerlinck, Sarah Lucas, Kristan Worthington
- h. ECGPS Delegate Report—Stacey Alex, Bryan Brown
- i. DGSAC Chair Report—OPEN
- j. Webmaster Report—James Skretta

**7. Committee Representative Reports**

- a. Academic Mentoring Committee—Kristan Worthington, Kassie McLaughlin
- b. Computer Resources Committee—Sam Trammel
- c. International Student Committee—Chistian Supiot
- d. Jakobsen Conference Committee—Brady Hoback, Levent Sensoy, OPEN
- e. Jakobsen Conference Review Committee—OPEN
- f. Legislative Committee—Kelsey Kramer
- g. Service & Social Committee —Andrew Juhl, Cassie Ellis\*\*
- h. Travel Funds Committee—Gaby Hamerlinck, Hang Nguyen\*\*

**8. Announcements \*\***

**9. Adjournment**

\*\*Reports Included

**Reports**

**10. Executive Reports**

- a. President's Report—Bryan Brown
  - i. We're well into the semester and GSS is up to some exciting things. Remember that in order to be in good standing each full senator must be actively participating in a committee. The Service and Social Committee, Jakobsen Conference Committee and



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Travel Funds Committee are three committees that are always in need of more assistance. If you have not yet signed up for a committee please consider joining one of these committees. We will be contacting those senators not in compliance with senator responsibilities.

Be sure to participate in ECGPS's Join Initiative. The member government with the highest proportion of participation will receive a cash prize from ECGPS. So fill out the form and convey this information to the graduate students in your departments.

Again GSS has the opportunity to receive support from ECGPS in "One Big Initiative" that will increase the academic experience for graduate students. This is a call for proposals. Please submit your ideas to Bryan Brown. There will be a brief discussion of this at the October General Assembly. The Executive Council will vet the proposals and present the best for a formal discussion in the November General.

The Graduate College is considering updating graduation apparel for masters and PhD students. Grad College and GSS representatives have met with two vendors. Look for an upcoming short survey regarding costs and regalia options.

Thanks again for all your help and support. GSS can't operate without you!

- b. Vice President's Report—Tessa Quintero
  - i. Nothing to report
- c. Treasurer's Report—Brian Fahey
  - i. GPAC Funding: \$20,529.60
  - ii. OO Account: \$12,231.35
  - iii. Current and Most Recent Expenditures: \$46.42, but this is for something from the Jakobson Conference last year.
- d. Membership Officer's Report—Kassie McLaughlin
  - i. Nothing to report
- e. Parliamentarian's Report—Andrew Juhl
  - i. Nothing to report
- f. Public Relations Officer's Report—John Haman
  - i. Nothing to report
- g. Graduate Council Report—Bryan Brown, Gaby Hamerlinck, Sarah Lucas, Kristan Worthington
  - i. Nothing to report.
- h. ECGPS Delegate Report—Stacey Alex, Bryan Brown
  - i. Nothing to report
- i. DGSAC Delegate Report—OPEN
  - i. Nothing to report
- j. Webmaster's Report—James Skretta
  - i. Nothing to report

## 11. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Mentoring Committee—Kristan Worthington and Kassie McLaughlin



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- i. Nothing to report
- b. Computer Resources Committee—Sam Trammel
  - i. Nothing to report
- c. International Student Committee—Christian Supiot
  - i. Nothing to report
- d. Jakobsen Conference Committee—Brady Hoback, Levent Sensoy and OPEN
  - i. Nothing to report
- e. Jakobsen Conference Review Committee—OPEN
  - i. Nothing to report
- f. Legislative Committee—Kelsey Kramer
  - i. Nothing to report
- g. Service & Social Committee—Andrew Juhl, Cassie Ellis
  - i. The S&S Committee is still in need of volunteers/members. If you have not committed to a...um... committee, we would love to have you! We're currently in the nascent stages of planning the Fall Ball (which this year may turn into a Winter Ball), as well as our Graduate Student Appreciation Month events for the Spring Semester. We're pretty lean on volunteer and service events right now, so if you have ideas please send them to me.
- h. Travel Funds Committee—Gaby Hamerlinck, Hang Nguyen
  - i. Thank you to all the senators who were able to make it to the last travel funds scoring session. We really appreciate all of your hard work! We funded 77% of all eligible applications for the September deadline. Our next deadline is November 7th which includes both the general travel funds award and the supplemental funds award.

## 12. Announcements

- a. **Obermann Center** Graduate Student Fellowship Application Deadline: October 8
- b. - Iowa River Riverbank Clean up. October 12. For more information and to sign up, visit [www.iihr.uiowa.edu/iowa-river-clean-up-registration](http://www.iihr.uiowa.edu/iowa-river-clean-up-registration).
- c. **The Haunted Hustle for Hearing.** The Student Academy of Audiology (SAA) is hosting this 5K run/walk to benefit individuals with hearing impairment this fall on Sunday October 27, 2013 at 8:00 am at City Park. There will also be a short Fun Run for any children that wish to participate (children do not need to register for this event). Everyone is encouraged to wear their Halloween costume but they are not required. This fundraiser aims to raise money for the Wendell Johnson Speech and Hearing Clinic scholarship/assistance fund. We will be using this money to partially fund scholarships for the summer Listen and Speak Up Program (LSU). We will also allocate funds to help hearing impaired adults who do not qualify for Medicaid but also cannot afford the high cost of hearing aids. Check out the website at [www.hustle4hearing.co](http://www.hustle4hearing.co) for more information.
- d. ECGPS Grants Deadline October 18
- e. GSS Travel Funds Deadline: November 7
- f. Check out Upcoming Professional Development Seminars from **The Network** at <http://www.grad.uiowa.edu/the-network>

Please contact Bryan Brown or John Haman if you have announcements you'd like to disseminate to GSS Senators / graduate students.



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2013-2014 Graduate Student Senate  
**Roster of Elected Positions**

**Executive Officers:**

President	Bryan Brown	bryan-brown@uiowa.edu
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Public Relations Officer	John Haman	john-haman@uiowa.edu
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Graduate Council	Bryan Brown	bryan-brown @uiowa.edu
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	Gabby Hamerlinck	gabriela-hamerlinck@uiowa.edu
	Sarah Lucas	sarah-lucas@uiowa.edu
Webmaster	James Skretta	james-skretta@uiowa.edu

**Roster of Appointed Positions**

**Committee Chairs:**

Academic Mentoring Committee	Kristan Worthington	kristan-sorenson@uiowa.edu
	Kassie McLaughlin	kassie-mclaughlin@uiowa.edu
Computer Resources Committee	Sam Trammell	samuel-trammell@uiowa.edu
International Student Committee	Christian Supiot	Christian-supiotperez@uiowa.edu
Jakobsen Conference Committee	Brady Hoback (Event Plan.)	brady-hoback@uiowa.edu
	Levent Sensoy (Sub.)	levent-sensoy@uiowa.edu
	Gloria Wenmen (publicity)	gloria-wenmen@uiowa.edu
Jakobsen Conference Review	Kelsey Kramer	kelsey-kramer@uiowa.edu
Legislative Committee	Andrew Juhl	andrew-juhl@uiowa.edu
Service and Social Committee	Cassie Ellis	cassandra-ellis@uiowa.edu
Travel Funds Committee	Gaby Hamerlinck	gabriela-hamerlinck@uiowa.edu
	Hang Nguyen	hang-nguyen@uiowa.edu

**Additional GSS Representatives:**

Dean's Graduate Student Advisory Committee (DGSAC)	OPEN
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