



Graduate Student Senate  
General Meeting  
Agenda  
14 April 2010

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

- I. Call to Order – 5:30 pm
  - o Approval of Agenda and Minutes (~1 min)
- II. Introduction of Senators (~2 min)
- III. 222: 2 Senators, 2 Departments, 2 minutes (5 min)
  - o Senator Steve Kaeppler – Physics & Astronomy
  - o Senator Donna Lancianese – Sociology
- IV. Graduate College Report (15 min)
  - o Dean Keller
  - o Dean Berkowitz
- V. Announcements
  - o Post-Meeting Dinner Location: The Saloon
- VI. Executive Reports
  - A. President's Report – Kristina Rogers\*
  - B. Vice President's Report – Donna Lancianese\*
  - C. Treasurer's Report – Andy Kopf\*
  - D. Membership Officer's Report – James Skretta
  - E. Graduate Council Report – Johnathan Gajdos, Alexandra Nica, Oksana Zagorodna\*
  - F. Graduate Student Organizations – Alexandra Nica
  - G. ECGPS Delegate Report – Si-Chi Chin
  - H. DGSAC Chair Report – Ulrike Carlson
  - I. Webmaster Report – Tim Paschkewitz
- VII. Committee Representative Reports
  - A. Academic Mentoring Committee – Alexandra Nica\*
  - B. Computer Resources Committee – Andy Kopf\*
  - C. Education Outreach Committee – Ulrike Carlson, Perry Motsegood\*
  - D. International Student Committee – Brad Thomas, Joseph Steinitz\*
  - E. Jakobsen Conference Committee – Keith Avin, stef shuster, Kate Stopa\*
  - F. Jakobsen Conference Review Committee – Alexandra Nica, Tim Paschkewitz
  - G. Service Committee – Nirmalla Barros, Kelly Gierlus\*
  - H. Social Committee – Meggie Aube, Andy Kopf\*
  - I. Travel Funds Committee – Tim Gupton, Oksana Zagorodna\*
- VIII. Elections
- IX. Open Discussion
  - o Opened by chair - Closed by motion with second and approval by senate
- X. Adjournment (~1 min)

\* Reports included



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**A. President's Report**

**• Meeting with UI Housing Director**

In response to a recent article in the Press Citizen regarding the closure of Hawkeye Drive/Court in the next five years, ECGPS President Eric Kaiser and GSS President Kristina Rogers, along with an international graduate student currently residing at Hawkeye Drive will be meeting with the Director of UI Housing. The purpose of this meeting is to ensure that the graduate and professional, as well as international student concerns are addressed and to have a better understanding of future housing plans. A meeting will be scheduled for sometime in May.

**• Hancher-Finkbine Medallion Recipients**

Congratulations to all those nominated for the Hancher-Finkbine Medallion. A dinner recognizing the achievements of the nominees and recipients of the Hancher-Finkbine Medallions and the Distinguished Student Leader Certificates was scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, at the IMU Main Lounge. At the time this agenda was posted, the winners were not widely announced. Therefore, the recipients of each of the awards will be announced at the senate meeting on Wednesday.

**• Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students (ECGPS) – Elections!**

More information is available in the ECGPS Delegate report. Please consider running for a position within ECGPS. ECGPS is the primary governing body for all graduate and professional students. The six member governments represented include:

Graduate College – Graduate Student Senate (GSS)  
College of Dentistry- Iowa American Dental Student Association (IASDA)  
College of Law – Iowa Student Bar Association (ISBA)  
Tippie College of Business - MBA Association (MBAA)  
Carver College of Medicine – Carver College of Medicine Student Government (CCOMSG)  
College of Pharmacy – College of Pharmacy Student Council (COPSC)

Graduate students make up more than half of the students represented by ECGPS. We encourage all graduate students to become involved in ECGPS and be sure the graduate student voice is heard!



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- **May 2009- April 2010 Service Hours-** Verify your hours!

Thank you, senators, for your contributions to Graduate Student Senate and the Graduate Student Community this year. Please take a moment to check your service hours by visiting the GSS "About" page (<http://gss.grad.uiowa.edu/about>). If you feel that there is a mistake in your hours, please contact the appropriate co-chairs or executive council members to make corrections.

Senators earning "Recognized Senator" (26-35) logged service hours/academic year), and "Senator with Honors" (36-45 logged service hours/academic year) will be recognized and with the permission of the senator, their department will be informed of their proud efforts.

Senators earning 46+ hours of logged service/academic year will be invited to the Service Awards Banquet, held at the beginning of May. Senators that have already reached this level have been contacted. Hours will be tabulated at the end of April, so there are still a few opportunities for you to earn hours!

**IMPORTANT NOTE – ALL corrections to the service hours must be COMPLETED by Friday, April 30, noon. Completed means that the appropriate individuals (co-chairs/execs) have been contacted and they have entered the updated information on our Service Hours Log.** There is ample time to check your hours, so please take care of this in a timely manner.

Thank you again for your dedication to GSS this year!

**B. Vice President's Report**

It is April, getting warmer, and the semester is almost over! It has been a busy last few weeks for GSS. That said, I would like to explain a big thank you to everyone who participated in the Jakobsen Conference, especially the co-chairs, Stef, Kevin and Kate. Mark your calendars, Friday April 16<sup>th</sup>, 8pm at the Sheraton Ballroom, the annual Spring Bash!

Please check out on-line community management system Orgsync for student organizations. Orgsync allows for all students and student organizations to streamline their events, calendars, forms, applications, media (virtual meetings via meebo, meeting pod casts, emailing, and texting), projector manager to-do lists, archival information, and much much more. If you go to <http://www.orgsync.com/>, you can register to join with your Hawk ID and password. After going to the main website page, in the upper right-hand, click on Login button. Use the "Custom Login" section. Select your community, by choosing the University of Iowa. Login with your HawkID and password. Search for the students orgs you would like to join.

**C. Treasurer's Report**

GSS FY10 Budget – \$17,988.00  
Discretionary GPAC Funds – \$350.04  
Current "00-Account" Balance – \$1,007.10  
The rest has been allocated to GSS Committees

**D. Membership Officer's Report** – Nothing to report.

**E. Graduate Council Report**

The Graduate Council met twice since the last GSS meeting. The Council received reports on the progress of the various fellowship programs. 178 applications were received for post-comps summer fellowships; about 130-140 fellowships will be awarded. A record 145 nominations were received for the Presidential Fellowships; 84 offers have been made in



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order to achieve the enrollment goal of 30. The Ballard/Seashore Dissertation Year Fellowships received 56 nominations for a total of 30 awards. The Dean's Graduate Fellowship program received 83 nominations; the goal is to enroll 32 students in that program. The Council also received a report on the Indicators of Progress towards the goals the 2005-2010 strategic plan; this has been submitted as part of an annual report to the Regents. The relevant indicators are the number of graduate students winning national fellowships/awards, the time to the PhD degree, graduate assistant salary/tuition scholarship levels, and graduate fellowships/scholarships. The Graduate College continues to make progress towards meeting its goals. Over the span of two meetings, the Council reviewed and discussed drafting a model graduate student-advisor compact; Dean Berkowitz adapted a document based on the "Compact between biomedical graduate students and their research advisors" that has been adopted by the Association of American Medical Colleges. The goal is to provide graduate students and graduate faculty with general guidelines for best practices in graduate education with the goal of improving graduate education and outcomes. Lastly, the Graduate Council discussed recommendations from the deans of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and the College of Dentistry regarding admissions suspensions and closures of graduate programs that had been identified in the Additional Evaluation Required category in the task force report.

F. **Graduate Student Organizations** – Nothing to report.

G. **ECGPS Delegate Report**

Please mark your calendar for:

April 18

Please consider nominate yourself to executive positions at the ECGPS.

Nominations for positions should be sent to Eric Kaiser (eric-kaiser@uiowa.edu). Submissions for nominations whether on behalf of yourself or someone else MUST be received by midnight on Sunday, April 18, 2010 in order to be eligible for the elections. For more details, please visit:

<http://ecgps.uiowa.edu/elections/>

April 20

ECGPS' Interdisciplinary Outreach Committee will be hosting its First Annual Interdisciplinary Speaker Series. Tickets are now selling at the IMU box office for \$10, including the lecture and a 3 course meal in the 2nd Floor Ballroom at 6 pm. Dr. Brian Pinto, PharmD, MBA, Assistant Director of Medication Use Policy & Clinical Informatics, Johns Hopkins University and Dr. Kenneth Shermock, PhD, Director of Pharmaceutical Outcomes and Policy, Johns Hopkins University will be joining interested students on the topic of "The Cutting Edge of Healthcare Technology: A Double Edged Sword."

April 22

ECGPS travel fund application deadline. For more details, please visit:

<http://gss.grad.uiowa.edu/funding/ecgps-pags-travel>

The Professional Advancement Grants Committee (PAGs) of the Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students (ECGPS) is seeking input regarding the need to create a fourth professional advancement grant.

In very broad language, this grant will fund international experiences of students including, but not currently limited to:

- \* Clinical or professional experiences in an interdisciplinary team
- \* Specialized experiences not offered in the United States or the University of Iowa
- \* Experiences not associated with a conference or with current PAGs Research Grant qualifications



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To voice your thought, please visit:

<http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dEx6NEtnZEx5b3IydKNoSm94Undic3c6MQ>

**H. DGSAC Chair Report**

The meeting with Dean Maxson has been scheduled for May 4th, 2010. We are currently working on preparing an agenda. If you have any questions and concerns that you would like to be brought to the attention of the Dean of CLAS, please let us know and we will discuss including it on the agenda.

**I. Webmaster Report – Nothing to report.**

**VII. Committee Representative Reports**

**A. Academic Mentoring Committee**

The Academic Mentoring Committee had a busy month in March, with the Sandra Barkan Outstanding Graduate Student Mentor Award reviews and the new workshop held during the Jakobsen Conference, on March 27th.

The Sandra Barkan Outstanding Graduate Student Mentor Award Ceremony is held every year in conjunction with the Jakobsen Conference Award Ceremony. I want to congratulate once again our Sandra Barkan Mentors for 2010 for their exceptional dedication and outstanding mentoring qualities. Our winners this year have been from the divisions of Mathematical, Physical and Engineering Sciences, Social Sciences and Humanities.

I would like to thank senators Ulrike Carlson, Meryl Irwin, Kristina Rogers, Theresa Morgan, Tim Gupton, Eric Kaiser, Carlos Mejia, Tim Paschkewitz and Joseph Steinitz for their efforts and help with the mentor award application review process.

The Academic Mentoring Committee also held a workshop during the Jakobsen Conference on March 27th, 2010 with the title "Grad School 101: Bridging the Gap Between Undergraduate and Graduate School". The workshop was geared toward undergraduate students, to provide them with information about graduate school and graduate student life in general. After a short presentation about the most important aspects of graduate school, the workshop transitioned into an informal roundtable discussion between the graduate student panelists and undergraduate students. During this time, the undergraduate students in attendance were able to discuss with their graduate peers about topics of concerns, such as the application process to graduate school, professionalism and graduate student life in general. I would like to thank once again our graduate student panelists that have contributed their time and experience to this roundtable discussion and have made the workshop a great success: Kristin Gainey, Meryl Irwin, Leah Leone, Theresa Morgan, Oksana Zagorodna, Christopher Gainey, Tim Gupton, Robert Gutsche Jr., Steve Kaepler, Eric Kaiser and Carlos Mejia.

As a result of this successful workshop, we are already in talks with the Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates to implement a series of similar regular workshops on a variety of graduate-undergraduate related topics throughout each year, starting with Fall 2010.

**B. Computer Resources Committee – Nothing to report.**



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**C. Educational Outreach Committee**

The Educational Outreach Committee would like to thank the Jakobsen Conference Planning Committee for the opportunity to host an outreach event aimed at high school students. This event was a round-table discussion with people from all over campus including grad and professional students, a professor from sociology, and a representative from Admissions. The student was invited to stay for the remainder of the conference to view both oral and poster presentations by our graduate students. Although the event had extremely low attendance, the high school student, along with her mother, was overwhelmed with information.

The committee would like to especially thank Donna Lancianese for her work in developing contacts with local schools and her efforts to put the Educational Outreach Committee's name in the local schools. Her efforts are greatly appreciated.

Mark your calendars!

Kelly O'Berry, IRB Education & Compliance Specialist, will offer a seminar titled **"Regulations, Policies and Best Practices for Human Subjects Research"** on **Friday, April 30, 2010 from 3:00-4:30 pm in E126, Adler Journalism Building.**

This event is brought to you by the Educational Outreach Committee and the Grad College.

If you have questions or would like to participate in these events, please contact Ulrike Carlson ([ulrike-carlson@uiowa.edu](mailto:ulrike-carlson@uiowa.edu)) or Perry Motsegood ([perry-motsegood@uiowa.edu](mailto:perry-motsegood@uiowa.edu)).

**D. International Student Committee**

As a result of the passing of the resolution, the International Student Committee is seeking to find ways to improve working cooperation with OISS. The first step discussed is planing and sending out a survey for international students to get a feel of what the needs and concerns in the community are. The survey should be an online survey and we hope to get some responses starting this summer.

In addition, the OISS has announced a task force team and we are looking into that new initiative as well.

Lekker Lekker! has drawn many reviews and ends this Friday. An official announcement of winners will be announced next week.

**E. Jakobsen Conference Committee**

The 12th annual James F. Jakobsen Graduate Conference that took place on Saturday, March 27th was a great success with over 300 attendees. Many thanks to all GSS senators who served on our committee, gave oral and poster presentations, volunteered to moderate Jakobsen presentations, and served as a judge for the Spring Undergraduate Research Festival. The conference would not have been possible without your generous support.

It's not too early to think about your involvement with the 2011 Jakobsen Conference! If you're interested in taking a position of leadership such as Co-Chair or Division Head, please contact Kate, stef, or Keith.

See you at the IMU next spring!

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**F. Jakobsen Conference Review Committee** – Nothing to report.

**G. Service Committee**

The Annual GSS Wiffleball Tournament was held this past weekend. Thank you to everyone who participated! In total we collected \$275 and 232 lbs. of non-perishable items for the Johnson County Crisis Center! Congratulations to the following teams:

Most Items Donated: Stopcocks (Chemistry Department)  
Tournament 2nd Place: Acronym (English Department)  
Tournament 1st Place: Minstrel's Pulp (Music Department)

Restaurant Week is planned for next week. The theme is "Dine Local, Help Haiti." Participating restaurants have agreed to donate a portion of their proceeds to UNICEF's Haiti earthquake relief effort. Now we need your help to promote this event! Take a flyer to hang in your department or even your apartment building!

**H. Social Committee**

The Social Committee has been busily preparing for the largest graduate social event of the year, the Spring Bash! This will be a night you don't want to miss, please join us and invite all of your friends. The event will be taking place on Friday, April 16 at the Sheraton from 8 p.m.- midnight. There will be free hors d' oeuvres, live music from the band Exposed Fiction. Other events occurring before the semester ends are an astronomy night on April 24 and one more social hour in May. More information on those events will be coming soon. As always, if you have any input on social events, please join us at our next meeting or contact one of the social committee co-chairs.

**I. Travel Funds Committee**

Travel Funds GSS Committee chairs would like to remind everyone that the next GSS Travel Funds deadline is on **Thursday, Apr 22**. Please direct your constituents to the GSS Newsletter this week that includes the application deadline reminder.

The remaining deadlines for the 2009 fiscal year are on Thursdays, 11:59pm, as follows:  
**Apr 22, May 20.**

The committee meetings (reviews) are held on Tuesdays or Wednesdays following the actual application deadline dates as follows: **Apr 27, May 26.**

**VIII. Elections**

Nominations closed at 5pm on Tuesday. The floor will be reopened for additional nominations at the meeting. The order of elections will begin with the President. We hope that the positions with 0 nominations will be filled. Should there be openings, an additional election will be held at the May meeting in hopes of filling the remaining seats. Please contact Kristina ([Kristina-rogers@uiowa.edu](mailto:Kristina-rogers@uiowa.edu)), or the current executive council member should you have any questions regarding any of the positions.

• **President** (1 nomination received)

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.

• **Vice-President** (1 nomination received)

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



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President is absent.

- **Treasurer** (*0 nominations received*)

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

- **Membership Officer** (*1 nomination received*)

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

- **Executive Associate** (*0 nominations received*)

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

- **Parliamentarian** (*1 nomination received*)

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.

- **Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Student (ECGPS) delegate (electing 2) + at least 1 alternate** (*3 nominations received*)

The ECGPS delegate is responsible for representing the interests of GSS in the ECGPS. One of the members will serve as the Vice-President of ECGPS.

- **3 Graduate and Professional Allocation Committee (GPAC) members** (ECGPS) (*2 nominations received*)

You will find information about GPAC on the ECGPS website (<http://ecgps.uiowa.edu>). The direct link to the GPAC bylaws is here: [http://ecgps.uiowa.edu/wp-content/uploads/2009/06/GPAC-Bylaws\\_083109.pdf](http://ecgps.uiowa.edu/wp-content/uploads/2009/06/GPAC-Bylaws_083109.pdf)

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X. **Adjournment**





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2009-2010 Graduate Student Senate  
 Roster of Appointed Positions

**Executive Officers:**

President	Kristina Rogers	kristina-rogers@uiowa.edu
Vice President	Donna Lancianese	donna-lancianese@uiowa.edu
Parliamentarian	Timothy Gupton	timothy-gupton@uiowa.edu
Treasurer	Andy Kopf	andrew-kopf@uiowa.edu
Executive Associate	Perry Motsegood	perry-motsegood@uiowa.edu
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