



Graduate Student Senate
General Meeting
Agenda
7 October 2009

The University of Iowa
Graduate College
205 Gilmore Hall
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- I. Call to Order – 5:30 pm
 - o Approval of Agenda and Minutes (~1 min)
- II. Introduction of Senators (~1 min)
- III. 222: 2 Senators, 2 Departments, 2 minutes (2 min)
 - o Senator Carlos Mario Mejia – Spanish & Portuguese
 - o Senator Brad Thomas - Neuroscience
- IV. Graduate College Report
 - o Dean Keller
 - o Dean Berkowitz
- V. Guest Speaker (~15 min)
 - o Peter Likarish, Teresa Mangum, Ken Brown – The Obermann Graduate Institute
 - o Kari Thompson, Bill Peterson – COGS Representatives
- 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 – Mohamed Habib*
 - 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. International Student Committee – Brad Thomas, Joseph Steinitz*
 - D. Education Outreach Committee – Ulrike Carlson, Perry Motsegood*
 - E. Jakobsen Conference Committee – Keith Avin, stef shuster, Kate Stopa*
 - F. Jakobsen Conference Review Committee – Alexandra Nica, Tim Paschkewitz
 - G. Service Committee – Nirmalla Barros*
 - H. Social Committee – Meggie Aube, Andy Kopf*
 - I. Travel Funds Committee – Tim Gupton, Oksana Zagorodna*
- VIII. Announcements
 - o Post-Meeting Dinner Location: Mia Za's Cafe
- IX. Open Discussion
 - o Opened by chair - Closed by motion, second, and approval by senate
- X. Adjournment (~1 min)

* Reports included



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(<http://www.uiowa.edu/obermann/gradinstitute/>)
 - o 2) Kari Thompson, Bill Peterson – COGS
 - o COGS Information Release Instructions:
 1. Log in to the employee self service website: (<http://hris.uiowa.edu> - You'll need your HawkID and password.) If this is your first time on the site, the information release will automatically pop up. If it does not:
 2. Click the "Personal" folder in the toolbar.
 3. On the left hand side in the heading "General," click on "COGS Release." If you do not see "COGS Release," you can search for "COGS Release in the upper right corner of the window.
 4. Select "Yes" to share your information with the Union or "No" to restrict your information. Then select "Save."
 - o "Protect your Time: Balancing the Graduate Student Employee Identity" will be an educational meeting hosted by COGS Wed. Oct. 21 at 5:30 p.m. It is open to all graduate student employees. Location TBA. Contact cogs@cogs.org for more info.

VI. **Executive Reports**

A. **President's Report**

I hope everyone is staying warm after this recent change in temperatures!

Over the last month, I have had the pleasure of attending most GSS committee meetings, and I have to say this year is off to a great start!

The Graduate Student Senate is a Co-Sponsor of Open Access Week. Please mark your calendars for the Molly Kleinman lecture (October 20) to learn about Open Access from an expert in copyright law.

Did you know the price to some scholarly journals has increased by 2.5 times the Consumer Price Index in the last 25 years? That's same as paying \$14.50 for ONE gallon of gas. That is a price that UI Libraries cannot afford, but it is a research tool



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that YOU can't afford to work without. So what do we do? Open Access: it means more readers, more recognition and more impact for new ideas.

We invite you to join us to hear Molly Kleinman, Special Assistant to the Dean of Libraries at the University of Michigan and a copyright specialist, talk about it: "Open Access or: How I learned to stop worrying and love the Internet" at noon on Tuesday, Oct. 20th in the Bijou at the Iowa Memorial Union.

This event is part of the UI Libraries celebration of [Open Access Week](#), October 19-23, 2009. Also that week, we'll be posting more useful information about open access including our UI colleagues own experiences with open access.

For more information about scholarly communication and your role in creating a sustainable system, check the Libraries website (www.lib.uiowa.edu/scholarly).

Co-sponsors of this event include the University of Iowa Libraries, Department of Communication Studies, Graduate Student Senate, the UI Center for Human Rights, College of Public Health, Widernet, Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students, and the Project on the Rhetoric of Inquiry (POROI).

The Graduate College hosted the first event in the Professional Development Series regarding external funding. The event was well attended and provided a wonderful opportunity to learn from other graduate students about the steps they took to obtain their own funding. I encourage you to attend some of the future Professional Development opportunities this year, as each workshop provides valuable information to the graduate student population.

Also, hats off to the Social Committee and their first event of the year – the Fall Picnic! I hope to meet more graduate students at the next GSS social event. I encourage you to come to GSS sponsored events and get to know your fellow graduate students. You never know who you might meet!

If you've been keeping up with the listserv emails, you've hopefully visited the "News & Events" page on the GSS website. The Online Newsletter was designed to minimize multiple GSS emails sent over the listserv and to reduce the size of GSS mailings. The idea behind having the newsletter and calendar on the same page is to encourage students to stay up to date with GSS news from committees or other sources, in addition to staying informed of GSS events. Please bookmark the GSS calendar and mark down committee meetings and GSS events (<http://gss.grad.uiowa.edu/event>)! If you haven't joined a committee, please do so soon! It's not too late!

This year we are continuing to keep track of your GSS Service Hours. If you attend GSS meetings, committee meetings, and various GSS events, you receive service hours. The Executives and Committee Chairs keep track of your hours, and for those senators who achieve "Exemplary Senator" (46+ logged service hours/academic year), you will be invited to attend the GSS Service Awards reception in May. With your approval, we will also contact your department to inform them of your efforts. Participation is optional, and you are not required to achieve any set level of the service reward system. For more information, please visit <http://gss.grad.uiowa.edu/about>.



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Senators Chin, Kopf, Nica and I have been blogging on the Graduate College website. Please take a moment to check out our blogs at <http://grad.uiowa.edu/blog>! Enjoy!

Thanks, and as always, if you have any questions or comments, please feel free to send me an email (kristina-rogers@uiowa.edu).

B. Vice President's Report

During the month of September, one major activity I initiated was the solicitation of graduate students for the Professional Advancement Grants Committee (PAGS) of ECGPS. This committee reviews applications for travel to present scholarly research, attend professional meetings, and conduct research. This needed an immediate response and the executive council voted with a 9 to 1 approval of the list. Below is the list approved by the executive council.

Graduate Students who responded the GSS list-serve emails:

Megan Johnson (Higher Ed)	Kimberly Halvorson (Psychology)
Kristi DiClemente (History)	Kenneth Sanchagrin (Sociology)
Kelley Johnson (Music)	Ke Anne Zhang (Psychology)
Tim Wifall (Psychology)	Clavin Carter (Neuroscience)
Ryan Bobst (Social Work)	David Biagas (Sociology)

Committee Members from last year that said they serve, but did not respond to email:

Natalija Plamadjala (Religious Studies)
Alina Zakharchuk (Political Science)
Zachary Greene (Political Science)
Kristin Naragon (Psychology)
Erin Koffel (Psychology)

C. Treasurer's Report

Thanks to all of you who have been so diligent about your paperwork, as well as getting your purchase receipts to me. It has made my job a lot easier, and I very much appreciate your continued help with this.

A large amount of money still remains for potential new or expanded events, so please contact me and/or committee chairs if you have ideas for how to use these funds.

GSS FY10 Budget - \$17,988
Discretionary GPAC Funds - \$4,378.87
Current "00-Account" Balance - \$1,368.03
The rest has been allocated to GSS Committees

If you would like to know more details about the GSS Budget, please contact Treasurer Kopf.

D. Membership Officer's Report

Finally the website is updated (<http://gss.grad.uiowa.edu/membership/senators>).



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- o Please check your page and make sure that everything is correct and up-to-date, if not please contact me
- o Please make sure you are listed under the right department
- o If you are an "alternate" senator, make sure it is stated there
- o In case of being "absent" for last meeting and you had an excuse, please send it to me if your attendance is not "excused"

E. Graduate Council Report

The Graduate Council has met twice since our last GSS meeting. The Council received an update from Prof. Theresa Mangum about the Obermann Graduate Institute on Engagement in the Academy. Graduate student applications for the January 2010 institute are due Wednesday, October 21. The Council has also been discussing the implementation of a graduate student ethics policy; input from the GSS will be sought at a later stage. The Council is currently considering a proposal from the College of Education to establish a five-year BA/MAT in Science Education program. Dean Gardinier provided an update on the current phase of implementing a scholarly integrity component for Graduate College students; this semester, about 150 students are participating in the Principles of Scholarly Integrity Course. Eventually, it is planned to roll the program out to all graduate disciplines.

F. Graduate Student Organizations – Nothing to report.

G. ECGPS Delegate Report

ECGPS is looking for students to serve on number of committees. Please consider applying for one of the following positions. If interested, please contact Eric Kaiser (eric-kaiser@uiowa.edu) with either a CV/Resume or a statement of interest.

- o IMU Advisory Board - 1 graduate student requested by VP Rocklin. This is a new committee that will serve to guide the IMU as it looks to improve its structure and programming.
- o Student Parking Appeals Review Committee (SPARC) - 3 graduate/professional students to serve on a committee that reviews traffic appeals. Chaired by UISG Senator Michael Appel. Currently meets on Tuesday evenings every three weeks. Next meeting is October 13. This is a joint committee of UISG and ECGPS.
- o Student Organization Review Committee - 1 graduate/professional student to serve on a committee chaired by Kristi Finger, OSL Assistant Director for Student Organization Development (meet every WE from 11:30 to 1:00).
- o Student Credit & Money Managements Services - 1 graduate/professional student to serve on a committee chaired by Kristi Finger, OSL Assistant Director for Student Organization Development (meet the third Friday of each month from 9:30 to 10:30).
- o Martin Luther King, Jr. Human Rights Celebration Executive Planning Committee - 1 graduate/professional student to serve on the committee (meeting time TBD).

The ECGPS Professional Advancement Grants Committee (PAGS) still needs additional graduate and professional students to help review the travel grant applications. Only a 30 minute training session is required and then all the scoring is done online. If you have any questions, please contact the PAGs Char, Majd S. Haddad at ecgps-pags-travel@uiowa.edu



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H. **DGSAC Chair Report**

A meeting with Dean Maxson has been scheduled for Nov. 10 at noon and the committee will be starting to work on putting together an agenda shortly.

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

VII. **Committee Representative Reports**

A. **Academic Mentoring Committee**

The links to the Academic Mentoring Survey have been included in the last September GSS newsletter. Please take the survey in either capacity (mentor or mentee) or both and also please let your undergraduate students know about it. We need everybody's input. Thank you!

B. **Computer Resources Committee**

ITS has recently provided us with a small number of additional computers beyond what was initially available for reallocation. These computers will be distributed amongst the departments who applied for the initial allocation - **no new applications will be accepted**. Departments should expect to hear from the committee within the next week or two if they are selected to receive one of these additional iMac computers.

C. **International Student Committee**

The ISC held the first meeting to approve the programs for the year and the semester: It has been decided to further investigate the legitimization of the International Student Fee taken by OISS from International students as responses from last year did not seem to satisfy previous committee members. The committee will seek options to get assistance with this inquiry.

D. **Education Outreach Committee**

On Monday, October 05, 2009, we co-sponsored an event with the Graduate College's Professional Development Seminar titled 'Work-Life Balance'. This seminar brought together three speakers, Jane Holland (Family Services), Amanda Truppe (Student Health Services), and Kathleen Staley (University Counseling Services) to discuss ways for graduate students to balance the rigors graduate life. Fifty people were in attendance.

The Educational Outreach Committee had its first meeting and are working on putting together a survey that is to be sent to local high schools and colleges. Through this survey we intend to learn about what high schools and colleges might expect of an outreach program that focuses on getting graduate students and their specific knowledge and experience into classrooms. Also, we are going to have our first lecture events of the semester on Oct. 5: Achieving a Healthy Work-Life Balance with speakers from Family Services, Counseling Services and Student Health.

E. **Jakobsen Conference Committee**
1st Committee Meeting

On September 24, 2009 the first 2010 JFJ committee meeting was held. The goals of the conference, tentative schedule and various roles were explained. The second meeting is Thursday, October 22 where those interested committee members will have their roles selected and defined for the 2010 conference. All those interested in being on the



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committee are encouraged to attend, regardless of whether you made it to the first meeting.

JFJ Theme/Cover Design

This year, we are featuring the work of a graduate artist on our advertising materials and conference program. The JFJ co-chairs contacted the School of Art and Art History informing them of a competition for art students to in any medium that exemplifies our mission of building bridges across campus and into the community. The Jakobsen Conference Committee will then select a work and its image would be used on our marketing materials (posters and website) and on the cover of the conference program. The artist would also be featured in our program through a description of their work and a biography. All submissions are due by Oct. 9.

ICRU (Iowa Center for Research by Undergraduates) Collaboration

The JFJ Co-Chairs met with Katie at ICRU to discuss the SURF (Spring Undergraduate Research Festival) involvement with the Jakobsen Conference. Although the Jakobsen Conference is a graduate conference, involving the undergraduates is a beneficial collaboration for all parties in terms of audience building for both groups and bridging the gap between undergraduate and graduate education. We imagine there will be a loose partnership between the two events to facilitate collaboration and bring in a wider audience to Jakobsen. Sometime during the winter a call will be put out for graduate judges at the SURF event. We hope that more people will be interested this year in helping out with those efforts, in addition to judging for the JFJ.

Sponsorship/Spotlight

We are currently focused on finding financial sponsors for the Jakobsen. If you have any ideas about new companies that would be interested in sponsoring the 2010 JFJ, please send the names and contact information to keith-avin@uiowa.edu. We are also in the process of collecting information from last year's winners for the Jakobsen Spotlight program, where previous winners are featured on posters within their departments in order to incite interest in submitting to the 2010 conference.

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

G. **Service Committee**

The semester has started and we're gradually getting a grasp of the needs of the community. We have come up with these needs:

- Kimberly Hoppe and I attended the **Habitat for Humanity's** first meeting to build a house for a needy family. We applied for a first choice Build Day slot for Saturday, Nov. 7th 1-5pm and second choice slot for Nov. 14th 1-5pm. We haven't received a confirmation for a date yet.
- Also, during the winter months, **the Overflow Project at Shelter House** partners with local churches to provide additional overnight housing space. They need staffing from mid-November to end of March. We're still in the process of determining the tasks of volunteers & scheduling.
- Lastly, mark your calendars for the **Domestic Violence Intervention Program's Superbowl** fundraiser!
 - When: Thursday, February 4, 2010 5:30-7:30pm



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- Why: Developed in response to myth that rates of domestic abuse are the highest on the day of the NFL Superbowl.
- Where: Quality Inns and Suites of Iowa City on N. Dodge
- How: Along with the Social Committee, we're hoping to paint our own bowls at Fired Up! (downtown on Linn St) possibly in November. On the day of the event, we will help serve soups & "bus" tables to attendees who purchase tickets & select a special bowl.
- Additional Details: We hope to display our finished products at the IMU. Nearly 600 people attended last year!!

H. Social Committee

Thank you to everyone who attended our Grad Student Picnic on September 20th, it was a great chance to get to know new people and enjoy a pleasant fall day! We have a lot of events planned for the next few months including a Grad Student Social Hour at Joe's Place from 4-8 p.m. on October 8th (FREE PIZZA). Also, look forward to a trip to a haunted corn maze at the end of October, and a casino night at Riverside Resort in November. If you aren't a member of the social committee but would like to help us plan fun events for grad students, please join us for our next meeting on Monday, October 19 at 6:00 p.m. at the T-Spoons coffee shop on the corner of Market and Linn Street. New members are always welcome!

As always, if you have any ideas for social events please e-mail social committee co-chairs Andy Kopf (ajkopf@gmail.com) and Meggie Aube (meghan-aube@uiowa.edu)

I. Travel Funds Committee

Travel Funds committee Chairs would like to report that the first Fall 2009 application deadline for GSS Travel Funds was on September 24. We received close to 100 applications and are in the process of reviewing them. In case of questions about application results, please advise your constituents that the reviews will be completed within 3 to 4 weeks following the deadline.

Thank you to all of the reviewers who helped with the applications: Meggie Aube, Nirmalla Barros, Brian Brochers, Si-Chi Chin, Kristi DiClemente, Tim Gupton, Juan Carlos Herrera, Alissa Hulstrand, Douglas Jones, Kyle Moody, Denise Morris, Michael Palermo, Tim Paschkewitz, Senthil Kumar Perumal Kuppusamy, Kristina Rogers, Tyson Shepherd, Jaci Smits, Sara Stasik. We couldn't have done it without you!

As a reminder, Travel Funds Committee holds actual meetings for review sessions. In order to maintain membership in good standing, a member cannot miss more than ONE committee meeting during a given semester.

The remaining GSS Travel Funds deadlines for the 2009 fiscal year are on Thursdays, 11:59pm, as follows: **Nov 19, Feb 18, Apr 22, May 20, July 8.**

VIII. Announcements

- Post-Meeting Dinner Location: Mia Za's Café

IX. Open Discussion



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X. Adjournment



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2009-2010 Graduate Student Senate
 Roster of Elected Positions

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Webmaster	Tim Paschkewitz	timothy-paschkewitz@uiowa.edu

Roster of Appointed Positions

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Additional GSS Representatives:

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