



Graduate Student Senate
General Assembly Meeting
Agenda
Tuesday, February 2, 2016

The University of Iowa
Graduate College
205 Gilmore Hall
Iowa City, IA 52241
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1. Graduate College Report

- a. Grad College Summer Fellowships (self-nominations due March 18th—details on the GC website (<http://www.grad.uiowa.edu/summer-fellowships>))
- b. 2nd Annual Campus Address---State of Graduate Education, Wednesday, March 9th 5:30pm Art Building West (<http://www.grad.uiowa.edu/state-of-graduate-education-address>)

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- a. ICON (Canvas LMS) – Annette Beck
 - i. **Are you a TA who uses ICON?** Your feedback is sought about migrating away from the D2L platform to the Canvas LMS in ICON. **See attached file**, and should you have any questions or thoughts in favor or against, please feel free to send them to annette-beck@uiowa.edu or maggie-jesse@uiowa.edu.
- b. GSS Procedures Reminder
 - i. Remember that **GSS Senators are expected to actively contribute to at least one of our committees**, all of which exist solely to serve graduate students across campus. Your committee time is tracked, and those of you with the most service will be invited to an end-of-year dinner! (Spoiler alert: It's fun.) To get involved, check out the committees here and email the chairs: <http://gss.grad.uiowa.edu/committees>

3. Reports

- a. Graduate Student Success Committee Report – Andrew Metzger (5 min.)
 - i. **February 23** is the deadline to apply to be in the 3 Minute Thesis competition, and you do not have to be defending your dissertation this year to apply! **See attached PDF file.**
- b. Graduate Voices Committee Report – David Harman
 - i. If you or one of your constituents would like to submit an abstract to be highlighted publicly, please send an email to david-harman@uiowa.edu
- c. International Student Committee Report – Mohanad Nada
 - i. Working to organize an event to work with the International Student Office. Email mohanadhameednada-nada@uiowa.edu to get involved.
- d. Service and Social Committee Report – Yunlu Zhao
 - i. This year's Grad Student Spring Fling will be at the IMU on the evening of Saturday, **March 19th!** Fliers and a Facebook event will be posted soon.
- e. Travel Funds Committee Report – Russell Ricker, Dong Yu
 - i. Supplementary Travel Award for Research application deadline is **April 1**. <http://gss.grad.uiowa.edu/funding/additional-funding-sources/graduate-college>
 - ii. Stay tuned for another Travel Funds scoring session!



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4. Announcements

- a. **Jakobsen Conference.** The conference will be held March 26th at the Iowa Memorial Union. More information on the schedule and room assignments will be made available as soon as possible.
- b. **3MT.** Department representatives for the 3 Minute Thesis competition must be selected by **Feb. 23rd**. To maximize participation this year, we are asking for a senator from each department to advertise the competition and organize an event within their department to choose a competitor from interested PhD students. Judging criteria and competition details can be found at <http://www.grad.uiowa.edu/three-minute-thesis-competition-at-the-university-of-iowa>.
- c. **Professional Development online event: this Thursday at 7pm,** 'attend' an online talk about transitioning from the PhD to doing Research in the Private Sector. (<http://bit.ly/odsresearch>) See other Grad College Professional Development Events (there are lots of great ones next week!): <http://www.grad.uiowa.edu/news-and-events>
- d. The **Black Graduate and Professional Students Organization (BGAPS)** is looking for grad students interested in participating in events. Interested? Please take this survey: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1wiDX-yGglwZAsPwHGbzob5ZFUFU7yXtEci9pCVRPwV4/viewform?c=0&w=1>
- e. **Grad Student Student Teaching Task Force:** one topic we discussed with President Harreld at his GSS forum was graduate TA Training. Nicole Jardine and Joanna Krajewski are GSS senators who have been selected to serve on the Task Force to create appropriate campus-wide training for new graduate student TAs.



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2015-2016 Graduate Student Senate
Roster of Elected Positions

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Roster of Appointed Positions

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