



Graduate Student Senate
General Assembly Meeting
Minutes – Pending Approval
October 2, 2018

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

Approved on: TBD

1. Call to Order General Assembly Meeting—6:00pm – KaLeigh White

- a. Some issues with the ListServ – if you're getting kicked off, email anyone on the Executive Council

2. Introduction of Senators (5 mins.)

3. Graduate College Report (10 mins.) – Dean Shelly Campo

- a. Remember! Take self-care!
- b. Friday was deadline was for post-comp, Ballard, and Seashore awards
 - i. We're very impressive and the applications are a pleasure to read
- c. **Reminders!!!**
 - i. For students that are planning to graduate this semester
 1. First time for single deposit for theses & dissertations
 2. Don't wait until last minute
 3. Get appointment with Erin to check format
 - ii. Deadline for registration for Fall Commencement
 1. November 14th
 2. Fall commencement is not ticketed
 3. All Regalia will be mailed directly to participants
 - iii. Doctoral students graduating this fall
 1. This is your only shot at participating in commencement
 2. Spring commencement is a 9am ceremony that will be at Hancher
 - a. This is going to be ticketed!
 - iv. Keep an eye out for other fellowship deadlines
 - v. Question: Research funding available for pre-comps students?
 1. Hasn't been available historically but...
 2. There has been investigation into making it available through GSS and GPSG but still early days... Stay tuned.
 - vi. Question: Any summer fellowship opportunities?
 1. Largest mechanism:
 - a. Post comp fellowship
 - b. Priority goes to first time applicants
 - c. Digital studio experiential learning project with faculty and seminar series participation
 - d. Diversity scholarships and fellowships
 - e. Another opportunity that will be revealed (hopefully) next meeting
 - f. Stanley research grant for folks abroad
 - vii. ALL CURRENT FELLOWSHIPS ON GRADUATE COLLEGE WEBPAGE
 1. <https://www.grad.uiowa.edu/internal-fellowships>

4. COGS Speaker – Danielle Hopkins (5 mins.)

- a. COGs is the graduate student Union
- b. Bargains with the university about grad student contracts
- c. Legislative changes mean that the union must "re-certify"
- d. If you are an RA or an TA you are covered by the Union and NEED TO VOTE!!
 - i. IF YOU DON'T VOTE YOU'RE COUNTED AS A "NO" VOTE
- e. Make sure the members of your department are aware of the vote



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- f. Volunteer opportunities
 - i. 10/4 mailing party
 - ii. 10/9 phone/text bank party & during the election
- g. IF YOU DON'T PAY DUES YOU STILL NEED TO VOTE!
 - i. Whether you're in COGS or not you're represented if you have at least a 25% appointment as a TA or RA – Roughly 25,000 people at the University.
- h. New bargaining starts Nov. 1st
- i. Question: What things might change to our contracts if COGs is not able to bargain?
 - i. Things that the university / board of regents will have at their whim:
 - 1. Health insurance
 - 2. Tuition reimbursement & fees
 - 3. Salaries aren't adjusted for inflation
- j. ELECTION IS OCTOBER 15 – OCTOBER 29 – IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU VOTE!!!

5. Reports

- a. **President Report** – KaLeigh White (5 mins.)
 - i. Discussion of current membership
- b. **Treasurer Report** – Lyndsey Dubose (5 mins.)
- c. **Graduate Council Report** (5 mins.)
- d. **GPSG Delegates Report** (5 mins.)

6. Old Business

- a. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** (5 mins.) – KaLeigh White

7. New Business

- a. **A Resolution on Senator Profiles to Department Websites** (10 mins.)
 - i. Resolution passes!
 - ii. Aims to increase visibility & awareness of both bodies of Graduate Student Government (GSS & GPSG)
 - iii. We will be sending out a template email to send to your department administrators
- b. **Committee Breakout Session** (10 mins.)
 - i. Graduate Student Success Committee
 - ii. Graduate Student Teaching Committee
 - iii. Jakobsen Committee
 - iv. International Student Committee
 - v. Service and Social Committee
 - vi. Travel Funds Committee

8. Adjournment – 7:00 PM

Announcements

- a. **Next Travel Funds Application Deadline – November 9th**
 - i. The next [GSS Travel Fund application](#) deadline is Nov. 9, 2018 by 11:59 PM. This round of applications is for conferences occurring between Aug 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018.



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b. Next General Assembly Meeting – Tuesday, October 30, 2018

- i. The next Graduate Student Senate general assembly meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 30th, 2018 from 6:00-7:00PM at the Old Capital Mall conference center (UCC-2520D).

c. COGS Vote Information

- i. Vote is open from October 15-29th
- ii. If you do not vote, you are considered a “no” vote
- iii. <https://cogs.org/recertification-election>

d. GPSG Voter Registration Contest:

The midterm elections are less than 4 weeks away. As part of GPSG’s push to register students to vote in Iowa, I’m excited to announce the **GPSG Voter Registration Challenge!**

The goal here is simple- get as many graduate and professional students to registered to vote in Iowa as possible by the [voter registration deadline on October 27.](#)

Using available data from the Office of the Registrar, we’ve determined which graduate and professional students are registered to vote. Here’s where things stand now-

1. **Carver College of Medicine:** 72.1%
2. **College of Pharmacy:** 70.8%
3. **College of Dentistry:** 63.3%
4. **Graduate College:** 61.1%
5. **Tippie College of Business:** 59.4%
6. **College of Law:** 52.8%

Let’s get out there and **#HawkTheVote!** Good luck!

e. UISG Renters Guide

- i. The first edition of the University of Iowa Student Government’s Renter’s Guide is now live and open. The guide provides quantitative data on landlords and property management companies in the Iowa City area, which was gathered from a recent survey administered by UISG in spring 2017. The goal of the guide is to help inform students that are searching for off-campus housing and better help with the decision-making process. In addition, we have also produced a scorecard which directly shows the quantitative results of the survey for each landlord. You can find the Renter’s Guide, scorecard, and anonymous feedback form by going to: <https://uisg.uiowa.edu/news/2018-2019-renters-guide/>



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2018-2019 Graduate Student Senate

Roster of Elected Positions

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Committee Chairs:

Graduate Success Committee		
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International Students Committee		
Jakobsen Conference Committee	Ryan Stoldt	ryan-stoldt@uiowa.edu
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