



Graduate Student Senate  
General Assembly Meeting  
Minutes  
Monday, October 3, 2016

The University of Iowa  
Graduate College  
205 Gilmore Hall  
Iowa City, IA 52241  
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1. **Call to Order—6:00pm** - Laurena Bernabo
2. **Introduction of Senators** (~2 mins.)
3. **Graduate College Report** (~10 mins.) – Associate Dean Sarah Larsen
  - a. The collegiate review board is coming through this month. They review the college every 5 to 7 years. A more detailed update on their review should be available next month.
  - b. There are lots of professional development events happening this time of year. Check out graduate college webpage: <https://www.grad.uiowa.edu/>.
4. **Old Business**
5. **New Business**
  - a. Showing of “Starving the Beast” Documentary Funding Request - Laurena Bernabo
    - i. Vote needed
    - ii. October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 – 7:00 PM; Englert Theatre
    - iii. The overall budget proposed: \$1900 Englert fee, \$350 film rental, \$300 reception
    - iv. Other contributors include: Faculty Senate - \$150, UISG - \$500, GPSG - \$1000
    - v. KaLeigh White made a motion to fund the documentary showing \$500.
    - vi. Andrew Metzger seconded the motion
    - vii. The motion was approved by a group consensus vote.
6. **Reports**
  - a. **President Report** - Laurena Bernabo
    - i. General updates and announcements
      1. Childcare Subsidies
        - a. This program provides financial assistance to both undergraduate and graduate students with children.
        - b. Eligibility: you must reside with your child and use a paid child care provider; child must be under 13 years of age; annual gross household income must be less than \$45K
        - c. May receive between \$90 and \$340 per month
        - d. To apply and for more information: <https://hr.uiowa.edu/family-services/child-care-subsidy-student>
      2. Leadershape
        - a. 5-day program to be held Friday January 6-Wednesday January 11, 2017
        - b. Location: Crooked Creek Camp (Washington, IA)
        - c. Free to apply and to participate
        - d. \$50 penalty if you are accepted, agree to attend, but do not follow through.
        - e. 54 students will be accepted
        - f. Direct questions to Paul Minter ([paul-minter@uiowa.edu](mailto:paul-minter@uiowa.edu), (319-335-3059)
        - g. Information meeting: Thursday, October 12, 5-6 PM in Ohio State Room (IMU)
        - h. Online applications due October 19, 2016 at 5 PM (notifications by October 28).
        - i. Please consider applying:  
<https://www.leadershape.org/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2fApplications%2fApply%2f3416>.
      3. CLAS Dissertation Fellowship
        - a. CLAS Nomination Deadline: 10/14/16
        - b. Departmental deadline may be earlier!
        - c. 15 awards of \$11,250 will be granted (1 per department each year)



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- d. Recipients receive monthly payments mid-May until the end of December (2017)
  - e. Rationale: The purpose of the program is to provide fifteen students each year with the precious gift of time to complete a PhD dissertation, thus having the beneficial effects of improving degree completion rates and reducing time to degree. This investment is fully consistent with collegiate strategic goals.
  - f. Penalty clause like Ballard Seashore!
    - i. If a member of your department is awarded but does not graduate within the year, the department is not eligible to nominate a student the following year.
4. Al Ritmo
- a. Latinx/o/a Heritage Month
  - b. Hosted by Latina/o Graduate Student Association & ALMA (Association of Latinos Moving Ahead)
  - c. The event is free!
  - d. Will include authentic Latin food, music, and dance
  - e. 8:15-9:00 p.m. dinner buffet  
9:00-9:45 p.m. Gingarte Capoeira Performance  
10:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. dance
- b. Committee Reports**
- i. Graduate Student Success Committee – Andrew Metzger
    - 1. Looking for more members. Their current membership is three senators. They are focusing their efforts on improving the lives of graduate students and supporting graduate student success.
    - 2. New chair was elected: Emily Kimpston ([emily-kimpston@uiowa.edu](mailto:emily-kimpston@uiowa.edu))
  - ii. Graduate Voices Committee – Joanna Krajewski
    - 1. Now the Graduate Student Teaching Committee
    - 2. They are working on a pilot program for the TA teaching endorsement program.
    - 3. The committee is seeking first year graduate student TAs or graduate student TAs who feel they are need of additional teaching direction/support.
    - 4. Contact Nicole Jardine ([nicole-jardine@uiowa.edu](mailto:nicole-jardine@uiowa.edu)) if you are interested in participating in the pilot program.
  - iii. Jakobsen Committee – Ian Faith
    - 1. Preparation is beginning on the Jakobsen conference.
    - 2. Will begin sending a call for abstracts soon.
  - iv. International Student Committee -
    - 1. Seeking additional members.
    - 2. New committee chair elected: Mahesh Sasidharan ([mahesh-sasidharan@uiowa.edu](mailto:mahesh-sasidharan@uiowa.edu))
  - v. Service and Social Committee – Joseph Montez
    - 1. Working to add in the service factor to their committee.
    - 2. Looking for additional members.
  - vi. Travel Funds Committee – Dong Yu and Victoria Parker
    - 1. Next scoring session is this Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> in room 201 of Van Allen Hall from 5:40 to 7:00 PM.
    - 2. The updated scoring process is under way. This year, awards will proportionally during each cycle so everyone has equal chance to be awarded in each cycle.



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## 7. Agenda

### a. Committee Breakout Session

- i. Select a GSS committee to serve on for the school year. All senators are required to serve on at least one committee.
- ii. Elect a chair if your committee has not done so already.

### b. Discussion of "Zero-Zero" Fund - Andrew Metzger

- i. Brainstorm ideas for fund uses.
- ii. There are discretionary funds of \$24,000 to be used.
- iii. Initial ideas brainstormed:
  1. GSS scholarship for graduate students
  2. Covered bike parking
    - a. GPSG sustainability committee working on this but the cost is enormous (i.e. \$14,000 for a 20 bike covered unit). Ian is hoping to have more information to share next month.
  3. Graduate student appreciation week
  4. Group GSS "swag" to spread the word and increase transparency of membership.
  5. Essay or article prize competition
  6. Funding for teaching workshops
- iv. If think of an idea after the meeting, please email it to KaLeigh ([kaleigh-white@uiowa.edu](mailto:kaleigh-white@uiowa.edu)) before the November 1<sup>st</sup> GSS General meeting.

### c. Center for Teaching Coffee Sessions – Joanna Krajewski

- i. See announcements for details.
- ii. The goal is to increase support and training for graduate students who teach.

## 8. Adjournment – 7:00 PM Laurena Bernabo

## Announcements

### 1. Next Travel Funds Application Deadline – November 18, 2016

- a. The next round of GSS Travel Funds application deadline is Nov. 18, 2016 by 11:59 PM. This round of applications is for conferences occurring between July 1, 2016 and Dec. 31, 2016.

### 2. GPSG and GSS Funding Workshop – October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016

- a. Have questions about applying for GSS and GPSG funds? Attend the funding workshop on October 24, 2016 from 6:00-7:30 PM in the Illinois Room of the IMU.

### 3. Center for Teaching Coffee Sessions - All sessions from 12:00-1:00 PM at UCC 2070

- a. The Center for Teaching is hosing drop-in hours for graduate students to discuss issues and problems they are facing in the classroom, to discuss current issues in higher education, learn about teaching resources, to get feedback on teaching philosophy statements, or simply have some coffee while grading. Coffee provided!
- b. Dates: Thursday, October 20; Monday November 7; Thursday, November 17; Monday, December 5; Thursday, December 15



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**Roster of Elected Positions**

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**Roster of Appointed Positions**

**Committee Chairs:**

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