



Graduate Student Senate
General Assembly Meeting
Minutes
October 3, 2017

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

- 1. Call to Order General Assembly Meeting—6:00pm** – Ian Faith
- 2. Introduction of Senators** (2 mins.)
- 3. Graduate College Report** – Dean John Keller
 - a. The Graduate Student Employment Committee held their first meeting Friday, September 29th. After the legislative changes to Iowa Chapter 20 constrained the collective bargaining powers of COGS, the committee was formed to review future graduate student benefits. Currently, the University is following the previous benefits approved under the COGS former contract through FY 2018. The committee is planning to review a survey previously conducted by COGS on the concerns graduate students had related to graduate student employment and benefits. In addition, the committee is looking to make recommendations for the next fiscal year so departments may send offer letters out in a timely fashion.
- 4. COGS President Report** – Bailey Kelley
 - a. The graduate student union (COGS) is still working for graduate student worker rights.
 - b. The Union is no longer available to withdraw dues via payroll deduction, so the union is currently working to build its membership back up. Visit <https://cogs.org/join> to renew your membership.
 - c. The union recognizes the importance of continuing to work for graduate student benefits in order to retain high quality graduate students.
 - d. The next COGS general membership meeting is November 13 at 7 PM at Old Brick. Please join.
- 5. Old Business**
- 6. New Business**
 - a. **Membership Audit** – Landon Elkind
 - i. Landon conducted an audit of our current membership to determine how departments are divided and awarded senators based on enrollment. See Landon if you would like to help with this project
 - ii. Watch for a more detailed report/message from Landon soon.
- 7. Reports**
 - a. **President Report** – Ian Faith
 - i. Graduate Student Employment Committee
 1. Thank you to the COGS membership in helping guide the committee.
 - ii. UISG/GPSG Joint Meeting
 1. Passed three resolutions (attached).
 - a. A resolution on affordable housing
 - b. A resolution on voter registration and civic engagement
 - c. A resolution supporting Title IX protections and the 2011 Dear Colleague Letter in Regards to Sexual Assault
 - iii. Update on tuition
 1. No update. BOR still reviewing proposal.
 - iv. 2020 Organization Initiative Committee
 1. See the announcements.
 - v. College of Education is working on a survey of campus instructors. Please take the survey.
 1. See announcements.



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- b. **Webmaster Report** – Claire Muerdter
 - i. Updated Listserv
 - 1. Claire updated the listserv, which was much larger than the number of people currently in contact with GSS, by sending out a message which asked members to re-subscribe. The number of subscribers went from 161 subscribers to 98.
- c. **Graduate Council Report**
 - i. The council approved a proposal to relocate subprogram, Couple and Family Therapy, to Psychological and Quantitative Foundations from Rehabilitation and Counselor Education
- d. **GPSG Delegates Report**
 - i. Find details on recent meetings here: <https://gpsg.uiowa.edu/meetings/>.
 - ii. The most recent meeting included a presentation from President Herral regarding changes to tuition, approval of funding of Iowa One Conference, and a presentation on the campus climate survey
- e. **Committee Reports**
 - i. Graduate Student Success Committee – N/A
 - ii. Graduate Student Teaching Committee – N/A
 - iii. Jakobsen Committee – Maria Morabe
 - 1. The committee is working on identifying a conference theme and sending out a call for artwork.
 - iv. International Student Committee – N/A
 - v. Service and Social Committee – N/A
 - vi. Travel Funds Committee – Victoria Parker and Lyndsey DuBose
 - 1. The committee held its first scoring session and sent out notices of awards. The number of awards is on target with past trends.

8. Committee Breakout Sessions

- a. Select a committee chair and set your budget.
- b. **Please report your elected committee chairs to KaLeigh (kaleigh-whitie@uiowa.edu) by October 31, 2017.**
- c. **Report budgets to James (james-mrkvicka@uiowa.edu) by October 31, 2017.**

9. Adjournment

Announcements

- a. **TA Support Survey**
 - i. The University of Iowa's Graduate College, the Office of Teaching, Learning & Technology, and the Graduate Student Senate are collaborating to gather information about graduate teaching assistant training. Your response to this survey will help us understand the kinds of training you want and/or received. This information will be used to improve offerings and the results will be shared in aggregate form (no personally identifiable data) with the Faculty Senate, Directors of Graduate Studies, Graduate Student Senate, the Council on Teaching, and others.



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- ii. To take this 5-10 minute TA Support Survey, please use this anonymous link:
https://uiowa.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3ERAU05f2AVLEP3
 - iii. If you have questions about the survey, please contact Interim Associate Dean Shelly Campo in the Graduate College (shelly-campo@uiowa.edu or 335-2136).
- b. Graduate student needed to serve on the 2020 Organization Initiative Committee**
- i. In Phase I of the committee, the group was tasked with coming up with general principles to guide a discussion about our academic organization. In Phase II, the committee will engage the university community in a discussion of those principles and ask for ideas about specific organizational changes that might flow from those principles. The committee will seek input from faculty, staff, and students. The committee assignment will be for fall and early spring semester, with a meeting about every two weeks and service on a subcommittee.
 - ii. If you are interested in serving or to nominate someone, contact Ian (ian-faith@uiowa.edu).
- c. Next Travel Funds Application Deadline – November 17th**
- i. The next GSS Travel Fund application deadline is Nov. 17, 2017 by 11:59 PM. This round of applications is for conferences occurring between July 1, 2017 and Dec. 31, 2017.



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2017-2018 Graduate Student Senate
Roster of Elected Positions

Executive Officers:

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Executive Associate
Membership/PR Officer
Parliamentarian

Ian Faith
Maria Morabe
James Mrkvicka
KaLeigh White
Landon Elkind
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Webmaster:

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Roster of Appointed Positions

Committee Chairs:

Graduate Success Committee
Graduate Voices Committee
International Students Committee
Jakobsen Conference Committee
Service and Social Committee
Travel Funds Committee

OPEN
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