



Graduate Student Senate
General Assembly Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, November 1, 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.) – Dean Keller
 - a. Shelly Campo now overseeing fellowship programs.
 - b. Number of Summer fellowships awarded have increased, as well as post-comp fellowships and dissertation fellowships. Other award opportunities will be made available in the coming year.
 - c. Tom Keegan (Digital Humanities Studio) is currently developing Digital Humanities fellowships to aid students in developing digital projects. Details forthcoming.
 - d. Graduate College Review report forthcoming, but verbal reports have been positive.
 - e. University is developing a new strategic plan under President Bruce Harreld which takes Graduate Education and Training as a priority. Details to follow.
4. **Old Business**
5. **New Business**
6. **Reports**
 - a. **President Report** - Laurena Bernabo
 - i. Laurena Bernabo and Ian Faith met with CLAS Associate Dean of Graduate Outreach and Engagement candidates Gigi Durham (Journalism and Mass Comm) and Christine Getz (Music). Both candidates very strong. Reports sent to review committee, with decision to follow in mid-November.
 - ii. *Starving the Beast* Documentary very well attended, with conversations between undergraduates, graduates, faculty, staff, and public. AAUP recruitment event also present.
 - b. **Committee Reports**
 - i. Graduate Student Success Committee – Emily Kimpston
 1. Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Finals to be held November 4 between 3 and 5 PM in Art Building West, Room 240. See flyer for details (<https://spark.adobe.com/page/DOVBCZKIPkdvZ/>)
 - ii. Graduate Student Teaching Committee – Joanna Krajewski
 1. Nothing to report
 - iii. Jakobsen Committee – Ian Faith
 1. Jakobsen committee has distributed a call for artwork, no submissions yet. Email to follow—please redistribute to your constituency. Deadline is Nov. 18.
 2. Call for submissions to follow on listserv in the coming weeks, please distribute.
 - iv. International Student Committee -Mahesh Sasidharan
 1. Currently working on surveys and metrics to assess graduate experience for International Students.
 - v. Service and Social Committee – Joseph Montez
 1. The Social and Service Committee announces the first social event on Thursday Nov. 10th from 4-7pm. Location TBA (tentatively Joe’s Place). Encourage your constituents to attend. Socials will be held monthly, every Second Thursday.
 - vi. Travel Funds Committee – Dong Yu and Victoria Parker
 1. 18 Awards granted with cycle.
 2. Information sessions forthcoming, details to follow.

7. **Agenda**

a. **Committee Breakout Session**



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- i. Develop a committee budget
 1. Following up on our discussion last meeting about how to allocate funds from the 00 account, committees encouraged to expand their activities and submit tentative budgets. Please submit budget requests to Treasurer Andrew Metzger (Andrew-metzger@uiowa.edu).

8. Adjournment

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

- a. The Center for Teaching is hosting 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: Monday November 7; Thursday, November 17; Monday, December 5; Thursday, December 15

3. "3-Minute-Thesis" Finals

- a. 3MT finals are Friday, November 4th from 3:00 to 5:00 PM in the Art Building West, room 240.

4. Iowa Ride Share

- a. Do you commute to campus, but wish you could split the burden, cost, and improve the environment? Sign up with uiowa.iowarideshare.org to see if your commuting needs match up with another graduate or professional student! The website is a secure online platform that allows you to enter your commuting schedule and locations and see if anyone else matches it. The UI transportation department just released this service and are looking for feedback. Please sign up (if you're a commuter who doesn't use public transportation), forward this to your constituents, and share this [Facebook post](#).

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2016-2017 Graduate Student Senate
Roster of Elected Positions

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Roster of Appointed Positions

Committee Chairs:

Graduate Success Committee	Emily Kimpston	emily-kimpston@uiowa.edu
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