



Graduate Student Senate
General Assembly Meeting
Minutes – Pending Approval
March 5, 2019

The University of Iowa
Graduate College
205 Gilmore Hall
Iowa City, IA 52241
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- 1. Call to Order General Assembly Meeting—6:00pm** – KaLeigh White
- 2. Introduction of Senators** (2 mins.)
- 3. Graduate College Report** – Steve Barga (10 mins.)
 - a. Summer fellowships deadline: March 14th
 - b. Open forum for DEI director position
 - c. Graduate Student Appreciation Week April 1st
 - d. 3MT Finalist in 2nd language acquisition is presenting at the MAGs meeting
- 4. Update on UI Labor Center** – Ashley Dorn (10 mins.)
 - a. Decision to close center has been reversed
 - i. Open for the next 4 years
 - ii. However, less funding
 - iii. One less staff
 - iv. Programming toward undergrads but will be tough
 - b. Please continue to monitor the health and wellbeing of the Labor Center!
- 5. Reports**
 - a. **President Report** – KaLeigh White (5 mins.)
 - i. Summary of findings from last meeting's activity
 1. Key takeaways:
 - a. Everyone loves food
 - b. Communication
 - i. How GSS communicates within
 - ii. How GSS communicates out to others
 - iii. Next steps:
 1. Improve structure of emails
 - a. Bullet point system
 - b. Highlight the main points
 2. Open forum at the end of each meeting
 - ii. Hoping to provide a materials and an orientation session at the beginning of next year
 - iii. Orientation aims to:
 1. Teach senators how to draft and propose legislation to the body
 - ii. Announcement of elections and officer transition
 1. More information about all positions will be provided before next meeting when nominations open
 - iii. #DoesUIowaLoveMe
 1. Social media campaign in response to the UI's own campaign expressing negative experiences on campus (sexual assault, physical assault, mental health, racism, misogyny, bigotry, etc.)
 2. Catalyzed by a "Build the Wall" sign on T. Anne Cleary Walkway but fueled by general campus climate



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3. DEI Action Plan Development Group has met twice since this campaign
 - a. This existing workgroup is now looking to campaign to better inform both short and long term actions/goals to improve campus climate, including informing and improving the DEI Action Plan currently being drafted
4. Question: Should we issue a statement of support?
 - a. Timeliness on this statement is key
 - b. How would we distribute this statement of support?
 - c. Should we do something to show our support in addition to a statement?
 - i. Doing something that supports the campaign, but we can also follow through on in a timely manner is a tough line to toe.
 - ii. An ad-hoc committee to craft a statement / strategy may be beneficial
 - d. The DEI Action Plan Development group is crafting actions to address these very complicated issues
 - e. What can we do as Student Leaders to learn how to properly respond to issues relating to DEI?
 - i. BUILD Workshops
 - ii. Training to identify microaggressions for TA's
 1. Graduate Student Teaching Committee has suggested providing this before.
- iv. GSS Logo Refresh
- b. **Jakobsen Update** – Ryan Stoldt (2 min.)
 - i. About the same number of submissions as last year – great!
 - ii. Next part:
 1. Pushing Jakobsen in terms of professional development
 - a. Webpage on the graduate college website outlining key opportunities
 - i. Career exploration
 - ii. Elevator pitches
 - iii. Networking at conferences
 - iv. Resumes & Cover letters
 - b. Please share this webpage with your departments
 - c. Proposing a motion to increase the advertising budget by 100%
 - i. \$1,000 -> \$2,000
 - ii. Very valuable information for Grad Students, want to be able to reach all our constituents
 - iii. Most of the money will be allocated to targeted ads on social media to target demographics as well as physical ads on busses and things.
- c. **COGS Report** – Inga Popovaite (2 mins.)
- d. **Graduate Student Employment Committee Report** (2 mins.)
- e. **Graduate Council Report** (2 mins.)
 - i. <https://www.grad.uiowa.edu/facstaff/graduate-council/meetings>



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- f. **GPSG Delegates Report** (2 mins.)
- g. **Brief Committee Reports** (5 mins.)
 - i. Graduate Student Success Committee – Elliot Burghardt & Ellen Kiser
 - 1. Grad student appreciation week is the first week of April
 - a. Free food!
 - b. Prizes!
 - c. Swag!
 - d. Lots of events!
 - e. Please come!!
 - ii. Graduate Student Teaching Committee – Sydney Skuodas
 - 1. Will be working on microaggressions training
 - iii. International Student Committee – Anup Poudel
 - 1. Event on a Friday towards this month
 - a. Dance event with food
 - b. Hopefully will be a more regular (1/mo) event
 - iv. Service and Social Committee – Gurjap Singh
 - 1. First GSS coffee hour went really well!
 - v. Travel Funds Committee – Jennie Yujia Liu & Amanda Adams
 - 1. Deadline coming up this Friday, March 8th
 - 2. Committee fill out doodle poll please!

6. Old Business

- a. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** (1 min.) – KaLeigh White
 - i. Minutes are approved

7. New Business

- a. Vote on allocation of funds for Jakobsen Marketing Campaign (2 mins.)
 - i. Proposed by Ryan
 - ii. Second by Elliot
 - iii. Motion passes unanimously

8. Open Floor (10 mins.)

- a. General conversation in some departments about the “single deposit”
 - i. Missed deadlines due to information not making it to students
 - ii. Many theses defense conflict with grad student appreciation week

9. Adjournment – 7:00 PM

Announcements

- a. **Next Travel Funds Application Deadline – May 3rd**
 - i. The next [GSS Travel Fund application](#) deadline is May 3, 2019 by 11:59 PM. This round of applications is for conferences occurring between Jan. 1, 2019 and June 30, 2019.
- b. **Next General Assembly Meeting – Tuesday, April 2nd, 2019**
 - i. The next Graduate Student Senate general assembly meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 2nd, 2019 from 6:00-7:00PM at the Old Capital Mall conference center (UCC-2520D).



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c. GSS Cortado Coffee Break – Tuesday March 5th and March 12th, 2019

- i. Do you like coffee? Do you like cookies? Do you like meeting graduate students from other departments? If so, please join GSS at Cortado Coffee & Café (26 S. Clinton Street) for the first of what will be a weekly “coffee-break” for ALL graduate students. Coffee and cookies will be available for free from 2:30-3:30 on Tuesday, March 5th and Tuesday, March 12th, 2019.

2018-2019 Graduate Student Senate
Roster of Elected Positions

Executive Officers:

President	KaLeigh White	kaleigh-white@uiowa.edu
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Roster of Appointed Positions

Committee Chairs:

Graduate Success Committee	Elliot Burghardt	elliott-burghardt@uiowa.edu
Graduate Teaching Committee	Sydney Skuodas	sydney-skuodas@uiowa.edu
International Students Committee	Anup Poudel	anup-poudel@uiowa.edu
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Service and Social Committee	Gurjap Singh	gurjap-singh@uiowa.edu
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