



Graduate Student Senate
General Assembly Meeting
Minutes
April 4, 2017

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** - Laurena Bernabo
- 2. Introduction of Senators** (~2 mins.)
- 3. Graduate College Report** (~10 mins.) – Dean John Keller
 - a. Thank you for your work on the Jakobsen Conference
 - b. Hawkeye Caucus Day was today. Thank you to graduate students who participated.
 - c. Review of the Graduate College Update
 - i. Still waiting on final responses to the review from president's office.
 - d. The UI Graduate College is responding to the Council of Graduate Schools call for proposals. The proposals are for improving the placement of graduate students upon graduation.
 - e. Open Doors Conference April 22, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Please register and attend. See Announcements.
 - f. Update on COGS
 - i. The graduate college is working to put out an announcement to alert everyone on campus about the changes to graduate student worker benefits on campus. The current plan is to take the language of benefits from the current COGS contract (when it ends June 30th) and move it into an employment agreement that will take affect with the new offer letters.
 - ii. The current benefits and working conditions will go through the next FY. Moving forward, the graduate college is putting together a committee to look at working conditions and put together a benefits package. The committee will be akin to what faculty and staff have.
 - g. Thank you to GSS for your public statement in the response to Chapter 20.
- 4. Old Business**
 - a. Update on GSS Public Statements responding to Iowa House File 291 and the Immigration Ban – Christopher Clogh-Hunter (5 mins)
 - i. The first statement on the immigration policy was sent to: The Gazette, The Iowa Press citizen, Daily Iowan, and the Iowa City City Council. It is also posted on the GSS Website.
 1. The news outlets noted that they had received an overwhelming number of responses to the travel ban so could not guarantee GSS's statement going to print.
 - ii. Response to Iowa House File 291 was sent out via email to the Provost's office, President Bruce Herral, and to the Vice President of Student Life Tom Rocklin. News outlets set to receive the statement this week.
- 5. New Business**
 - a. **Nominations** (15 Mins)
 - i. GSS Executives Nominees (at meeting):
 1. President: Ian Faith, Addison Woll, Landon Elkind
 - a. All nominations accepted
 2. Vice President: Maria Morabe
 - a. All nominations accepted
 3. Treasurer: James Mrkvicka
 - a. Nomination accepted
 4. Membership & Publicity Officer: Chris Clough-Hunter
 - a. Nomination accepted



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5. Executive Associate: KaLeigh White
 - a. Nomination accepted
6. Parliamentarian: Shane Solst
 - a. Nominated accepted
7. Webmaster (appointed position): Claire Muerdter
 - a. Nomination accepted
- ii. Grad Council Representatives
 1. Fine Arts and Humanities: Ian Faith, Landon Elkind
 - a. Nominations accepted
 2. Social Sciences and Education: KaLeigh White
 - a. Nomination accepted
 3. Biological and Medical Sciences: Addison Woll
 - a. Nomination accepted
 4. Physical, Mathematical, and Engineering Sciences: Jenny Verniero, Andrew Metzger
 - a. Nominations accepted
- iii. GPSG Delegates
 1. Fine Arts and Humanities: Ian Faith, Landon Elkind
 - a. Nomination accepted
 2. Social Sciences and Education: KaLeigh White
 - a. Nomination accepted
 3. Biological and Medical Sciences: Addison Woll, Maria Morabe
 - a. Nominations accepted
 4. Physical, Mathematical, and Engineering Sciences: Andrew Metzger
 - a. Nomination accepted
- iv. ****Nominations accepted up to election day, May 1st** Email laurena-bernabo@uiowa.edu to nominate yourself or someone else.**

6. Reports

- a. **President Report** - Laurena Bernabo (5 mins)
 - i. The election of today's nominees will be held during the next General Assembly Meeting – May 1st at 6 PM.
 - ii. Please consider attending the Pre-Conference Open Doors Workshops
 1. Career Exploration - Friday April 7th, 12:00-1:00pm, Main Library, Room 2032, Lunch provided
 - a. Register here:
https://uiowa.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_eQZtT1E5PZ5vvkV
 - i. An overview of the sectors where PhDs are employed
 - ii. Searching for and interpreting job announcements
 - iii. Introduction to the Versatile PhD web resource
 - iv. Identifying and marketing your transferrable skills
 2. Networking - Friday April 14th, 11:30-1:00pm, MERF 2189
 - a. Register here:
https://uiowa.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_3OzbhWTCbMIKTt3
 - i. Building professional relationships to assist in your current work and future career
 - ii. Shifting to a "communication mindset" and establish a networking plan



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- iii. Developing a pitch to use at conferences and with colleagues
 - iv. Strategies for building and maintaining your online network using LinkedIn
- b. Committee Reports (5 mins)**
- i. Graduate Student Success Committee – Emily Kimpston
 - 1. Graduate Student Appreciation Social – April 13th (see announcements)
 - ii. Graduate Student Teaching Committee – Joanna Krajewski
 - 1. The TA Seminar Series is complete. Received positive reviews from pilot program participants. The committee presented a preliminary report of the pilot program findings to Faculty Senate on March 21st.
 - iii. Jakobsen Committee – Ian Faith
 - 1. The conference went very well and the Jakobsen family was pleased with the conference turn out.
 - 2. The conference awarded about \$5000 in prizes between 15 conference presenters. See award winners here:
<https://gss.grad.uiowa.edu/jakobsen-conference>.
 - iv. International Student Committee -Mahesh Sasidharan
 - 1. There will be a social event this month! Keep an eye out for the details.
 - 2. The committee is also working with the engaging cross cultural development series.
 - v. Service and Social Committee – Claire Muerdter
 - 1. Karaoke and La Regia food was very successful. Food for 70 was eaten!
 - 2. Last Saturday, we had 10 people volunteer with Habitat for Humanity.
 - 3. The next social will feature Mini Molly's cupcakes and hot chocolate at Joe's Place. See Graduate Student Appreciation Social announcements.
 - 4. Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 11th a movie showing at the IMU.
 - a. The committee has quotes for movies based on suggestions at last meeting, moving forward with making it happen.
 - 5. Battle of the Bands, Evening of Saturday, April 22 at Gabe's
 - a. There will be live bands playing and free food!
 - b. The committee has four bands lined up. Publicity coming soon.
 - vi. Travel Funds Committee – Dong Yu and Victoria Parker (3 mins)
 - 1. Thank you for those who helped score.
 - 2. The committee still has about 12 to 14 applications to score. Please let your departments know decisions will be coming in the next week (awards out by April 14th).

7. Adjournment – 6:48 PM



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Announcements

a. Elections Next Meeting – May 1st

- i. Tonight’s nominees will be voted on at the May 1st GSS General Assembly. Nominations will be accepted until May 1st at 5 PM (an hour before the general meeting). To submit a nomination for yourself or someone else, please email grad-senate@uiowa.edu.
- ii. Nominees should be prepared to give a brief (up to 3 minute) speech on their candidacy.

b. Next Travel Funds Application Deadline – May 19th

- i. This application cycle is for conferences occurring between Jan. 1, 2017 and June 30, 2017.

c. Graduate Student Appreciation Social– April 13th

- i. Please join the Graduate Student Success Committee and the Social and Service Committee at Joe’s Place from 5 – 8PM on Thursday, April 13th for free Molly’s cupcakes, hot chocolate, and a raffle.

d. Open Doors Conference – April 22nd

- i. Open Doors (8:30 AM to 4:30 PM) is a free career education conference for Iowa graduate students and postdocs providing first person career advice from professionals in diverse fields, ample networking opportunities, career development workshops, and a free lunch! Register here: <https://opendoorsseries.com/>.

2016-2017 Graduate Student Senate
Roster of Elected Positions

Executive Officers:

President	Laurena Bernabo	laurena-bernabo@uiowa.edu
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Roster of Appointed Positions

Committee Chairs:

Graduate Success Committee	Emily Kimpston	emily-kimpston@uiowa.edu
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International Students Committee
Jakobsen Conference Committee
Service and Social Committee
Travel Funds Committee

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