



Graduate Student Senate
General Assembly Meeting
Minutes
May 1, 2018

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** – Ian Faith
- 2. Introduction of Senators** (2 mins.)
- 3. Graduate College Report** (5 mins.) – Dean Keller
 - a. Thank you for your hard work this semester. I was going to give an overview of a number of things the graduate college has been working on recently, but I will send it out to be included with the minutes so you have time to complete your meeting.
 - i. (See attachment.)
- 4. Elections** (35 mins.)
 - a. GSS Executives
 - i. President
 1. Nominees: None at start of meeting
 2. In meeting nomination: KaLeigh White – Sociology
 - a. Nomination made by Sarah Raine and seconded by Dong “Erico” Yu.
 - b. White accepts nomination.
 3. Candidate gives presentation and exits for vote.
 4. There is discussion of the candidate.
 5. White is approved with majority vote.
 - ii. Vice President
 1. Nominees: None at start of meeting
 2. In meeting nomination: Ryan Stoldt – Journalism and Mass Communication
 - a. Nomination made by White and seconded by Yu.
 - b. Stoldt accepts nomination.
 3. Candidate gives presentation and exits for vote.
 4. There is discussion of the candidate.
 5. Stoldt is approved with majority vote.
 - iii. Treasurer
 1. Nominees: Lyndsey DuBose – Human Health and Physiology (self-nominated prior to meeting)
 - a. Nomination is seconded by Victoria Parker and White.
 - b. DuBose accepts the nomination.
 2. Candidate gives presentation and exits for vote.
 3. There is discussion of the candidate.
 4. DuBose is approved with majority vote.
 - iv. Membership & Publicity Officer
 1. Nominees: None at start of meeting
 2. In meeting nomination: Caroline Cheung – English
 - a. Nomination made by White and seconded by Stoldt.
 - b. Cheung accepts the nomination.
 3. Candidate gives presentation and exits for vote.
 4. There is discussion of the candidate.
 5. Cheung is approved with majority vote.
 - v. Executive Associate
 1. Nominees: None at start of meeting



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2. In meeting nomination: Christian Bako – Civil and Environmental Engineering
 - a. Self-nomination and receives a second (senator unknown).
 - b. Bako accepts the nomination.
 3. Candidate gives presentation and exits for vote.
 4. There is discussion of the candidate.
 5. Bako is approved with majority vote.
- vi. Parliamentarian
1. Nominees: Peter Miller – Religious Studies (nominated at 4/3/18 meeting).
 - a. Nomination receives a second (senator unknown).
 - b. Miller accepts the nomination.
 2. Candidate gives presentation and exits for vote.
 3. There is discussion of the candidate.
 4. Miller is approved with majority vote
- b. Grad Council Representatives
- i. Fine Arts & Humanities nominees: Emma Gabriele (self-nominated via email)
 1. Candidate is unable to attend election meeting due to class. Statement emailed by Gabriele is read on her behalf.
 2. Nomination is seconded.
 3. There is discussion of the candidate.
 4. Gabriele is approved with majority vote.
 - ii. Social Sciences & Education nominees: (1) KaLeigh White – Sociology
 1. White is automatically appointed as the graduate council representative in her area of study due to being as president (see GSS bylaws).
 - iii. Biological & Medical Sciences nominees: NONE
 1. Vote is tabled due to no nominations.
 - iv. Physical, Mathematical, & Engineering Sciences nominees: (1) Jenny Verniero – Applied Math and (2) Christian Bako
 1. Bako withdraws his nomination.
 2. Statement sent via email by Verniero read on her behalf.
 3. There is discussion of the candidate.
 4. Verniero is approved with majority vote.
- c. GPSG Delegates
- i. Fine Arts & Humanities nominees: None prior to the meeting
 1. In meeting nomination: Andrew Tubb
 - a. Nomination receives a second (senator unknown).
 - b. Tubb accepts the nomination.
 2. Candidate gives presentation and exits for vote.
 3. There is discussion of the candidate.
 4. Tubb is approved with majority vote.
 - ii. Social Sciences & Education nominees: (1) KaLeigh White – Sociology
 1. White is automatically elected at-large delegate due to election as president. See GSS bylaws.
 2. Seeing no nominees, election item is tabled.



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- iii. Biological & Medical Sciences nominees: None at start of meeting.
 - 1. In meeting nomination: Elliot Burghardt – Biostatistics
 - a. Self-nomination and seconded (senator unknown).
 - b. Burghardt accepts the nomination.
 - 2. Candidate gives presentation and exits for vote.
 - 3. There is discussion of the candidate.
 - 4. Burghardt is approved with majority vote.
- iv. Physical, Mathematical, & Engineering Sciences nominees: (1) Jenny Verniero – Applied Math and (2) Christian Bako
 - 1. Bako gives presentation.
 - 2. Senators are reminded of Verniero’s statement and Bako’s previous presentation.
 - 3. Bako exits the room.
 - 4. There is discussion of the candidates.
 - 5. Verniero is elected by simply majority vote.
- d. NOTE: The position of webmaster is appointed by the president and executive council (rather than elected). Please express your interest to the president-elect if you would like to be considered for the position.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

- a. Discussion on hosting senator online discussion board (3 mins.) – Claire Muerdter
 - i. Muerdter proposes the Senate explore developing an online discussion board that appears to be an available feature of the GSS website. The discussion board might be more visible than the minutes.
 - ii. Who could contribute?
 - 1. Intended for everyone but we could restrict it if desired.
 - 2. A suggestion is made to have guest posts be approved by someone and give senators and alternate senators posting rights to limit abuse of page.
 - iii. Muerdter notes there are lot of different ways we could do this – just looking to source ideas at the moment.
 - iv. A senator comments they like the idea of private format for discussion of agenda items.
 - v. This could be an alternative to a Facebook group that not everyone uses.
 - vi. Several senators comment in favor of keeping the discussion just among senators and alternate senators.

7. Reports

- a. **President Report** (4 mins.) – Ian Faith
 - i. No report. Thank you for this year.
- b. **Audit Committee Report** (8 mins.) – Landon Elkind
 - i. Elkind be working with the next Membership & Publicity Officer to finalize this at the start of next year.
- c. **Graduate Council Report** (1 min.) - Ian Faith
 - i. No report.
- d. **GPSG Delegates Report** (1 min.) – KaLeigh White
 - i. No report.



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e. Committee Reports (6 mins.)

- i. Graduate Student Success Committee – Nana Owusu
 1. No report.
- ii. Graduate Student Teaching Committee – Caroline Cheung
 1. No report.
- iii. Jakobsen Committee – Maria Morabe
 1. No report.
- iv. International Student Committee – Gurjap Singh
 1. No report.
- v. Service and Social Committee – Jenny Verniero and Krista Grutz
 1. No report.
- vi. Travel Funds Committee – Victoria Parker and Lyndsey DuBose
 1. Final cycle of year due in a couple weeks. Please help us score the last round of submissions. See announcements.

8. Adjournment – 7:00 PM

Announcements

a. Next Travel Funds Application Deadline – May 18, 2018

- i. The next GSS Travel Fund application deadline is May 18, 2018 at 11:59 PM. This round of applications is for conferences occurring between Jan. 1, 2018 and June 30, 2018.



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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

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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 Teaching Committee
International Students Committee
Jakobsen Conference Committee
Service and Social Committee

Nana Owusu
Caroline Cheung
Gurjap Singh
Maria Morabe
Krista Grutz
Addison Woll (Fall)
Jenny Verniero (Spring)
Victoria Parker
Lyndsey DuBose

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Travel Funds Committee