



Graduate Student Senate
General Assembly Meeting
Agenda
August 27, 2018

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

- 1. Call to Order General Assembly Meeting—5:00pm** – KaLeigh White
 - a. No quorum at beginning of meeting
 - b. Quorum formed in time for elections
- 2. Introduction of Senators** (5 mins.)
- 3. Elections** (20 mins.)
 - a. KaLeigh calls for additional nominations
 - i. No additional nominations
 - b. Question: What is the difference between Grad Council & GPSG Delegation
 - i. Grad Council
 1. The grad council is the academic policy-making body at UI
 2. Meets Thursdays at 8:15-10am
 3. Graduate Council Representatives are required to keep the Executive Council and the rest of the membership of the GSS informed as to the activities of the Graduate Council
 - ii. GPSG Delegates
 1. The GPSG delegate is responsible for representing the interests of GSS in the GPSG
 - c. Grad Council Representatives
 - i. Biological & Medical Sciences nominees:
 1. Josh Bock, Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science
 - a. Statement:
 - i. Was on Travel Funds committee
 - ii. Most valuable asset as a grad student is time and wishes to donate his to better serve his colleagues
 - b. Questions:
 - i. Thomas Pak (Vice President, GPSG): Any particular initiatives in mind?
 1. First step is to learn, then see where his efforts could be most useful
 - ii. How do you deal with facing authority?
 1. Not intimidating – manage your mentality – it’s a social perception
 - c. Discussion
 - d. KaLeigh White – Motion to vote
 - i. Seconded
 - ii. Motion passes
 - iii. Josh is elected with majority vote
 - d. GPSG Delegates
 - i. Social Sciences & Education nominees:
 1. Inga Popovaite, Sociology
 - a. Written statement (out of town)
 - i. Peers can verify I am responsible and get things done
 - b. Discussion
 - c. Questions
 - i. Interest in committees?



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1. KaLeigh says she may be interested in Grants or anything Research related
2. She can throw her hat in the ring and succeed anywhere
3. Been very involved in COGs
- d. KaLeigh White – Motion to vote
 - i. Seconded
 - ii. Motion passes
 - iii. Inga is elected with majority vote
- ii. Physical, Mathematical, & Engineering Sciences nominees
 1. Gurjap Singh – Mechanical Engineering
 - a. Statement
 - i. 4th year Mechanical Engineering PhD student
 - ii. Been involved in GSS for a while
 - iii. Nice & approachable – will represent GSS appropriately
 - iv. As an international student point, he can serve as an avenue down which they can become involved in GSS
 - b. Questions
 - i. Thomas Pak: what are your interests in GPSG
 1. Intergovernmental relations
 - c. Discussion
 - d. KaLeigh White – Motion to vote
 - i. Seconded
 - ii. Motion passes
 - iii. Gurjap is elected with majority vote

4. Old Business

a. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (5 mins.) – KaLeigh White

- i. KaLeigh White – Motion to vote
 1. Seconded
 2. Motion passes
 3. Previous meeting minutes are approved with majority vote

5. New Business

a. Appointments (10 mins.)

- i. Webmaster
 1. The position of webmaster is appointed by the president and executive council (rather than elected). Please express your interest to KaLeigh White (kaleigh-white@uiowa.edu) if you would like to be considered for the position.
- ii. The Alcohol Harm Reeducation Advisory Committee (1 Seat)
 1. One self nomination – Emma Gabriele - Communications Studies (emailed KaLeigh to follow up)
- iii. Family Inclusion Charter Committee (2 seats)

b. Committee Descriptions & Breakout Session (20 mins.)

- i. Email christian-bako@uiowa.edu if you are interested in joining any of the committees listed below.
- ii. Graduate Student Success Committee



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1. Main initiative:
 - a. Provide different events & ways to connect with other grad students in the name of wellness or professional development
 - b. Super involved in Grad Student Appreciation week and Three-Minute Thesis
- iii. Graduate Student Teaching Committee
 1. Started 2 years ago as pilot program to try to help grad students that don't have a lot of training in a classroom teaching environment
 2. Augments certificate in student teaching program
 3. Pushing for additional training by utilizing already available resources / programs on campus
 - a. Made some progress here but looking for more involvement
 4. Lots of room for creativity
- iv. Jakobsen Committee
 1. Jakobsen is an annual research conference
 2. Committee oversees organizing
 - a. Room reservations
 - b. Catering
 - c. Marketing
 - d. Getting professors on board
 3. Main initiative this year:
 - a. Getting more submissions
 4. Not a huge commitment in the Fall but will be when Spring rolls around.
- v. International Student Committee
 1. Last year they managed to get an article published in DI
 - a. Article was about what international graduate students provide for the Iowa City community
 - b. Looking for more stuff like that!
- vi. Service and Social Committee
 1. Historically, we have had a social once a month and a service project once a year
 - a. Service:
 - i. Habitat for humanity
 - b. Socials:
 - i. Joes
 - ii. Studio 13
 2. Lots of room for improvement and creativity
 3. Looking to up our service contribution!
- vii. Travel Funds Committee
 1. Six cycles for applications
 - a. Scoring applications after work hours
 2. Particularly good opportunity for those looking to stay in academia to get an idea for the other side of grant writing
 3. Also a good opportunity to serve other grad students by making sure they hear back for funding opportunities in a timely manner



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4. Looking for a well-represented committee because it receives many applications from students of all backgrounds

6. Adjournment – 6:00 PM

Announcements

a. First Official General Assembly Meeting – Monday, September 10, 2018

- i. The first Graduate Student Senate general assembly meeting will take place on Monday, September 10, 2018 from 6:00-7:00PM at the Old Capital Mall conference center (UCC-2520D).



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2018-2019 Graduate Student Senate
Roster of Elected Positions

Executive Officers:

President
Vice President
Treasurer
Executive Associate
Membership/PR Officer
Parliamentarian

KaLeigh White
Ryan Stoldt
Lyndsey DuBose
Christian Bako
Caroline Cheung
Peter Miller

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GPSG Delegates:

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Andrew Tubbs
KaLeigh White

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Graduate Council:

Emma Gabriele
Jenny Verniero
KaLeigh White

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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
Travel Funds Committee

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