



Graduate Student Senate
General Assembly Meeting
Minutes
March 7, 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** (~15 mins.) – Dean John Keller
 - a. Update on Chapter 20 changes and graduate college response
 - i. COGS negotiations are now waiting for decision from the arbitrator.
 1. COGS agreed to 1.1% increase in wages, but COGS is arguing to put some permissive topics of bargaining back in the contract.
 2. There was a negotiability dispute filed by BOR against COGS. This is currently in process and should be determined by the end of this week. Then goes to arbitrator after.
 - ii. For determining standards for future graduate student employment, the graduate college is working behind the scenes to cover the topics that are now deemed permissive topics of bargaining – should they not be covered by the new contract.
 - iii. There will be committees formed to address the concerns surrounding graduate student benefits.
 1. Student representation is expected on the committee. Dean Keller expressed support to strive for at least 50% student representation on the committee.
 - b. The Graduate College Review committee recommendations (Report: https://www.grad.uiowa.edu/system/files/UIGC_review_report_final.pdf)
 - i. The Graduate College has submitted their response to the report and their plan.
 - ii. The outgoing provost, Provost Barry Butler, will submit a letter in response to the proposed plan. Sue Curry from Public Health will serve as interim provost.
 - iii. Dean Keller will meet with President Harreld to review the plan and letter response.
 - c. University of Iowa 2020 Task Force on Restructuring of the Graduate College
 - i. The four-dean committee is working on restructuring with move of Sue Curry to interim provost.
 - ii. The task force is working with the Office of Graduate Inclusion and the Chief Diversity Office to improve the Graduate College's diversity efforts.
 - iii. They are working on playing up the strengths of individual units throughout the graduate college to maintain AAU stature.
 - iv. Determining how to form strategic alliances across the university to advance the mission of the graduate college.
- 4. Old Business**
- 5. New Business**
 - a. GSS Public Statement on Chapter 20 and Graduate Student Worker Rights – Laurena Bernabo
 - i. Motion to amend and vote via email made by Balyssa
 - ii. Seconded by Addison
 - b. Update from COGS – Landon Elkind
 - c. Description of GSS Elected Positions – Current Executive Officers and Chairs
 - i. Nominations at April 4th meeting



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- ii. Elections at May 1st meeting

6. Reports

a. **President Report** - Laurena Bernabo (5 mins)

- i. Open Doors Career Conference (website)
 - 1. April 22
- ii. David Skorton Talk – Education and What We Value
 - 1. Hancher Auditorium, March 30th at 7:30 PM
(<https://hancher.uiowa.edu/2016-17/david-j-skorton>).
- iii. Free Speech symposium (See announcements)
- iv. Hawkeye Caucus Day – April 4th
 - 1. Hawkeye Caucus Day is the University of Iowa's largest annual advocacy opportunity with the Iowa State Legislature. Students, and especially graduate students, play a pivotal role in the Day's success. It is an opportunity to meet with state legislators about issues effecting graduate education and the University of Iowa as a whole. As this session has shown, it is crucial that we be staunch advocates for our constituents. This year, Hawkeye Caucus Day is Tuesday, April 4th. All participating students will need to be at the IMU no later than 7:30am, where a bus will take you to the Capitol in Des Moines. The bus will depart Des Moines around 1pm and return to campus between 2:30pm and 3. Lunch and a light breakfast are provided. Advocacy experience is not necessary in order to participate. Training information will be shared at a later date with those who sign up.
 - 2. Sign up here by March 6 (late sign-ups still welcome):
https://uiowa.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_07ZfakT7OqD2WqN

b. **Committee Reports** (5 mins)

- i. Graduate Student Success Committee – Emily Kimpston
 - 1. No report.
- ii. Graduate Student Teaching Committee – Joanna Krajewski
 - 1. TA Seminar Series Update
 - a. Series has ended! Working on sending out post-seminar evaluation survey to participants.
- iii. Jakobsen Committee – Ian Faith
 - 1. Looking for moderators – please sign up. Email Ian. :D
- iv. International Student Committee -Mahesh Sasidharan
 - 1. ISSS Graduate Student Orientation Fee Update
- v. Service and Social Committee – Claire Muerdter
 - 1. Karaoke night (See announcements)
- vi. Travel Funds Committee – Dong Yu and Victoria Parker
 - 1. 10-minute Travel Fund Committee fiscal report (10 mins)
 - 2. Half Year Report
 - a. 6 cycles (rather than 5) this year
 - b. **Travel Fund Award (until January 31st, 2017)**
 - i. Total Funding (Cycle 1-4) Allocated: \$53,900
 - ii. Total Eligible Application Received: 123(23+29+71)
 - iii. Total Application Awarded: 83 (17+18+48)



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c. Supplemental Travel Fund Award (the Fall Cycle)

- i. Total Applications: 8;
 - ii. Total Awards (expected): 6-7
 - iii. Total Fund Allocated (expected): \$3,100
- d. Total Fund Allocated: \$44,700

7. Adjournment – 7:00 PM

Announcements

a. Graduate Student Senate Karaoke Social – March 9th

- i. Karaoke Night at Studio13, Mar. 9th, 7-10 PM; FREE catered food.
- ii. Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/380368045683586/>

b. Next Travel Funds Application Deadline – March 10th

- i. The next GSS Travel Fund application deadline is Mar. 10, 2017 by 11:59 PM. This round of applications is for conferences occurring between Nov. 1, 2016 and April 30, 2017.

c. GPSG Travel Fund Application Deadline Extended – March 16th

- i. The Cycle 5 grant deadline for graduate/professional student grants for research, travel, or service has been extended to **Mar. 16, 2017**. Please remind your constituents to apply for funds to potentially cover some or all of their professional development (<http://gpsg.uiowa.edu/grants-for-students/>).
- ii. The final GPSG Grants for Students deadline this academic year will have an application deadline of April 6, 2017.

d. Free Speech Day – GPSG and Faculty Senate Event – March 28th

- i. GPSG, in collaboration with UISG, Faculty Senate, and the Office of the President, are planning a Free Speech Day on **Mar. 28th, 1pm - 8pm**. Topics will range from what is protected under the 1st Amendment as well as a more academic discussion on the balance of hate speech and free speech, especially in the context of an academic campus. Find the schedule and details here: <https://gpsg.uiowa.edu/free-speech-day>.



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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
Graduate Voices Committee	Joanna Krajewski	joanna-krajewski@uiowa.edu
International Students Committee	Mahesh Sasidharan	mahesh-sasidharan@uiowa.edu
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Service and Social Committee	Claire Muerdter	claire-muerdter@uiowa.edu
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