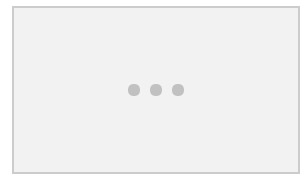




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General Assembly Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, December 1, 2015



1. Call to Order—6:00pm

2. Introduction of Senators (~ 2 minutes)

3. Agenda

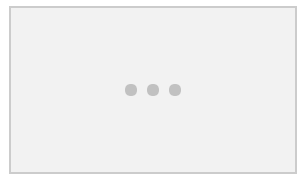
- a. Discussion of President Harreld Survey on Campus Needs
 - i. Suggestions for GSS requests
 - 1. Bring back Dean's Fellowship
 - 2. Ask for smaller scholarships for graduate student success
 - 3. Incentives for teaching
 - ii. Please send other ideas for the GSS proposal to Nicole (nicole-jardine@uiowa.edu) or David (david-harman@uiowa.edu) by Friday, December 4th at noon.
- b. Rent increase at Aspire – Nicole Jardine
 - i. Presentation was given on the rate increase at Aspire
 - 1. GSS was asked to lend support against this rate increase
 - ii. Possible action points for GSS
 - 1. Motion to release public statement urging Aspire not to increase rent – Approved
 - 2. In preparation for a possible negative response from Aspire, several possibilities were proposed:
 - a. Increase in grad student pay
 - b. Subsidies for grad student living
 - c. Rate freeze

4. Reports

- a. Graduate Voices Committee
 - i. Brief discussion of special meeting with President Harreld
 - 1. General comments and impressions
 - 2. Informal vote to ask him back in the Spring - Approved
- b. Jakobsen Conference Committee Report – Tawny Tibbits
 - i. Artwork has been chosen
 - ii. Call for Abstracts will go out soon, at which time submissions will also open.
 - iii. Vote to reallocate funds from boxed lunches to reception – Approved
- c. Graduate Student Success Committee Report – Andrew Metzger
 - i. Committee is working on Careers Outside the Academy
 - 1. Looking for speakers with a graduate degree working outside of academia to speak, particularly in the humanities. Please e-mail Andrew (andrew-metger@uiowa.edu) with suggestions.
 - ii. Committee is also working on 3MT (3 Minute Thesis)
 - 1. Departmental candidates for finals needed by February 23rd.
- d. Travel Funds Committee Report – Russell Ricker, Dong Yu
 - i. Presentation of Travel Funds data for the last few years
 - ii. Russell will present data by department or division at next meeting



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5. Announcements

- a. The deadline for the Supplemental Travel Award is December 4th at 11:59 PM.