1. **Grad College Report**
   - Dean Keller
     i. **Graduate College Restructuring**
        1. New hires/promotions. ([http://www.grad.uiowa.edu(gc-contacts)](http://www.grad.uiowa.edu(gc-contacts))
        2. Emphasis on professionalization - Academic Affairs and Graduate Development working together to promote professional development of graduate students ([http://www.grad.uiowa.edu(professional-development)](http://www.grad.uiowa.edu(professional-development))
        3. Current projects – (1) Self-study of Graduate College, (2) review of all PhD programs at the university (complete review of all graduate programs at the university published in 2010)
        4. Dean Keller’s State of Graduate Education Address: [http://www.grad.uiowa.edu/state-of-graduate-education-campus-address](http://www.grad.uiowa.edu/state-of-graduate-education-campus-address)

2. **Agenda**
   a. **Purpose of GSS, Overview of Committees** – Nicole Jardine, Committee Chairs
      i. **Senator expectations** – (1) Attend General Senate meetings (or send alternate), (2) e-mail information to your constituents after meetings, (3) participate in at least one committee (see committee chairs for more information)
      ii. **Jakobsen Committee** – Conference will take place March 26, 2016. Average of one meeting per month. See Tawny Tibbits ([tawny-bailey@uiowa.edu](mailto:tawny-bailey@uiowa.edu)) for more information.
      iii. **Travel Funds Committee**: First application scoring session next Wednesday (Sept. 23rd) at 5:30 in 202 Van Allen Hall. Average of one meeting every 2 months, get grant reviewing experience. All senators are encouraged to attend so that applicants receive their results quickly. See Russell Ricker ([russell-ricker@uiowa.edu](mailto:russell-ricker@uiowa.edu)) or Dong Yu ([dong-yu@uiowa.edu](mailto:dong-yu@uiowa.edu)) for more information.
      iv. **Service and Social Committee** – Yunlu Zhao appointed chair.
      v. **Legislative Committee** – Motion to disband passed (GPSG will contact us as needed).
   b. **Regents Day** – Nicole Jardine
      i. Volunteers needed the morning of Weds, Oct. 21 to showcase 2 labs (including humanities) to the Iowa Board of Regents. Great way to generate positive PR for your work. Will fulfill GSS committee requirements. E-mail [nicole-jardine@uiowa.edu](mailto:nicole-jardine@uiowa.edu) if you are interested in showcasing your lab!
   c. **GSS Statement about UI Presidency**
      i. Vote of “No Confidence” in the governing abilities of the Iowa Board of Regents passed
      ii. Statement approved ([http://gss.grad.uiowa.edu/content/news](http://gss.grad.uiowa.edu/content/news))
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General Assembly Meeting
Minutes
Tuesday, September 15, 2015

3. Announcements
   a. For Senators
      i. The GSS Handbook is now available online http://gss.grad.uiowa.edu/about
      ii. Shared Governance Committee proposed to facilitate conversations between UI President, Faculty, and GSS so that GSS General Meetings can remain focused on general issues that directly affect graduate students. Please e-mail Nicole (nicole-jardine@uiowa.edu) or Tawny (tawny-bailey@uiowa.edu) if interested in being a member or chair.

   b. For constituents
      i. The Graduate Success branch of the Graduate College has very helpful upcoming events about grant writing, etc., including one on September 16 about writing a research statement. http://www.grad.uiowa.edu/news-and-events

      ii. Please take this survey and send it to constituents about possible financial incentives for UI grad students. The data from this will go in a GPSG request to Governor Branstad and other state legislators. http://tiny.cc/uigradsurvey

      iii. Free CPR, AED, and Alcohol Bystander training from UIowa Student Health (multiple dates)

      iv. Graduate Student Finances Talk – November 12, 3-4:30 PM in Illinois Theater at the IMU. This free workshop is targeted specifically toward graduate students. More information soon.

      v. Info Session for Obermann Graduate Institute on Engagement – Thursday, September 17, 5-6 PM at the Obermann Center, 111 Church Street (Application due: October 13)
2015-2016 Graduate Student Senate

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