



Graduate Student Senate
General Assembly Meeting
Minutes - Approved March 3, 2020
February 4, 2020

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

- 1. Call to Order General Assembly Meeting—6:00pm** – Peter Miller
- 2. Introduction of Senators** (2 mins.)
- 3. Graduate College Update** – Dean Keller (5 mins.)
 - a. Graduate College has temporarily moved to Calvin Hall
 - b. Wants to increase communication with students, there might be special listening posts in the future
 - c. Fellowship season is open, can apply for Graduate College fellowships
 - d. Wonderful commencement ceremony in December
 - i. Thinking about the future of Fall commencements
 - ii. Starting in Fall 2020, there will be two separate ceremonies, one for doctoral graduates and one for masters graduates
 - e. If you are graduating this Spring, the graduation page is open
 - f. Thank you for helping thinking about the Graduate College strategic plan in December
- 4. Reports**
 - a. **President Report** – Christian Bako (2 mins.)
 - i. Introduction: Cale Stelken - Graduate College Creative Coordinator
 1. Will help with marketing materials
 2. Will also help with visual materials for social media
 - ii. Jakobsen Conference Update
 1. Will not happen this year
 2. Want to revitalize the conference for next year
 3. Jakobsen Committee will work on events for Graduate Student Appreciation Week
 - b. **Other officer reports** (5 mins.)
 - i. None
 - c. **COGS Report** – Rachel Maller (2 min.)
 - i. New organizing campaign for no fees for graduate students
 - ii. Events related to the organizing campaign, Coffee Cart events
 1. Wed (2/12), 10 AM - 12 PM, Seaman's Center
 2. Thurs (2/20), 12 - 2 PM, Molly's Cupcakes
 3. Wed (2/26), 10 AM - 12 PM, Public Health
 - iii. Petition related to the organizing campaign, <https://coogs.org/100percentfees>
 - iv. Events
 1. February GMM - Tuesday, Feb 18
 2. Board Game Social: Saturday, Feb. 8 @ 11- COGS office
 3. Feb. 17th - 5:00 pm @ Joe's
 4. Board Game Social: Saturday, Feb. 29 @ 11 - COGS office
 - d. **GPSG Delegates Report** – (1 min.)
 - i. Has not met yet this semester
- 5. Committee Meetings** – (20 mins.)
 - a. Committees met to discuss for approximately 15 minutes
- 6. Old Business**
 - a. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** (1 min.) – Christian Bako
 - i. Motion to approve
 - ii. Second



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- iii. The minutes were approved
- b. **Food at Exams and Committees Resolution** – Ellen Kiser (10 min.)
 - i. Changed slightly to reflect concerns from the previous discussion
 - ii. We don't want to preclude students who want to bring food to committee meetings by forcing them not to
 - iii. Do not want to outlaw entirely
 - iv. Want departments to acknowledge that bringing food could be a burden to students, also state that it is not required
 - v. Discussion
 - 1. No language currently for thesis defense committees, should be changed to include thesis defense committees
 - 2. Is it possible to make a university wide statement?
 - vi. Motion to vote
 - vii. Second
 - viii. Proceed to voting on amendment to include thesis defenses, passed
 - ix. Vote on passing resolution with the above amendment, passed

7. New Business

- a. **Nominations for New Positions** – Christian Bako (5 mins.)
 - i. Social Media Manager
 - 1. Laura Stephens
 - ii. Vice President
 - 1. Kody Waldstein
 - iii. GPSG Delegate for Fine Arts and Humanities
 - 1. Emma Gabriele
- b. **Ad Hoc Committee for OVPR Research Grants** – Jennie Liu and Amanda Adams (5 mins.)
 - i. Taylor Henry, American Studies
 - ii. Peter Miller, Religious Studies
 - iii. Emma Gabriele, Communication Studies
 - iv. Peterson Wabmuu, Urban Planning
 - v. Sarah Kelly, Library and Information Science
- c. **Department of Languages and Cultures Conference** - John (2 mins.)
 - i. Papers accepted across research lines that the conference will be coming along, the theme of the conference is "Exploring Margins"
 - ii. Call for papers

8. Committee Updates - (10 mins.)

- a. Travel Funding
 - i. Approved 70% of 39 events
- b. Student Success
- c. Teaching
- d. International
- e. Social & Service
 - i. Working on coffee hour events
- f. Jakobsen
 - i. Will have a planning meeting to start addressing future goals of the conference
 - ii. Notice of conference suspension for the year will be published to the website



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9. Adjournment – 7:00 PM

Announcements

a. Next Travel Funds Application Deadline – March 6th

- i. The next [GSS Travel Fund application](#) deadline is Mar. 6, 2020 by 11:59 PM. This round of applications is for conferences occurring between February 1, 2020 and June 30, 2020.

b. Next General Assembly Meeting – Tuesday, March 3, 2020

- i. The next Graduate Student Senate general assembly meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2020 from 6:00-7:00PM at the Old Capital Mall conference center (UCC-2520D).

c. GSS Cortado Coffee Hour

- i. Do you like coffee? Do you like cookies? Do you like meeting graduate students from other departments? If so, please join GSS at Cortado Coffee & Café (26 S. Clinton Street) for a series of weekly "coffee-breaks" for ALL graduate students. Coffee and cookies will be available for free from 2:30-3:30. The dates for this semester will be announced shortly.

d. AMS/GSS Coffee Break

- i. GSS is now partnering with the Association of Multicultural Scientists (AMS) to host a weekly coffee break. This event happens each week in MERF 3112 on the west side of the river. Coffee, doughnuts, and fruit will be available. Everyone is welcome, come and go as needed! The dates and times for this semester will be announced shortly.



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2019-2020 Graduate Student Senate
Roster of Elected Positions

Executive Officers:

President	Christian Bako	christian-bako@uiowa.edu
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Christian Bako	christian-bako@uiowa.edu

Webmaster:

Sarah Kelly	sarah-m-kelly@uiowa.edu
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Roster of Appointed Positions

Committee Chairs:

Graduate Success Committee	Jessica DeYoung	jessica-deyoung@uiowa.edu
Graduate Teaching Committee	Sohyun Kim	sohyun-kim-1@uiowa.edu
International Students Committee	Kody Waldstein	kody-waldstein@uiowa.edu
Jakobsen Conference Committee	Guadalupe Munoz Rocha	guadalupe-munoz@uiowa.edu
Service and Social Committee	Rachel Maller	rachel-maller@uiowa.edu
Travel Funds Committee	Amanda Adams	amanda-adams-1@uiowa.edu
	Jennie Liu	yujia-liu@uiowa.edu