



Graduate Student Senate  
General Assembly Meeting  
Minutes – Approved February 4, 2020  
December 3, 2019

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** – Peter Miller
- 2. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** – Christian Bako (1 min.)
  - a. Approved
- 3. Introduction to SWOT Analysis** – Christian Bako (4 mins.)
- 4. SWOT Analysis** – (48 mins.)
  - a. Split up into four groups
  - b. Spend 12 minutes on each component of the SWOT Analysis
- 5. Summary of SWOT Analysis** – (7 mins.)
  - a. Come together as one general assembly
  - b. Each group presents general findings and summarizes key topics
  - c. Student Success
    - i. Lack of communication and transparency
    - ii. Inconsistencies between department, offer standardized protocols
    - iii. Lack of encouragement of interdisciplinary collaboration
  - d. See attached document for a summary of the SWOT Analysis
- 6. Adjournment – 7:00 PM**

#### Announcements

- a. Next Travel Funds Application Deadline – January 17<sup>th</sup>**
  - i. The next [GSS Travel Fund application](#) deadline is Jan. 17, 2020 by 11:59 PM. This round of applications is for conferences occurring between November 1, 2019 and February 29, 2020.
- b. Next General Assembly Meeting – Tuesday, February 4, 2020**
  - i. The next Graduate Student Senate general assembly meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 4th, 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 on alternating Tuesdays and Wednesdays during the Fall semester. Next coffee hour is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 to 3:30. Please share our [Facebook event\(s\)](#)!
- 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 on Tuesday at 10:00 A.M. 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!



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2019-2020 Graduate Student Senate  
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