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  o Review of Committee Activity and Membership
  o (Please review Reports that follow. * Reports included)

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Graduate Student Senate
General Meeting
Agenda
19-Apr-2011

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   o Dean Keller
   o Dean Berkowitz

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     ▪ President
       The President of the GSS is the chief executive officer of the GSS, and the primary advocate on behalf of graduate students both to the Graduate College and the University community at large. While specific duties of the President will vary from year to year, the President shapes the overall agenda and direction of the GSS.
     ▪ Vice President
       The Vice President of the GSS assists the President in carrying out the functions of the Graduate Student Senate and shall assume the duties of the President when the President is absent.
     ▪ Treasurer
       The Treasurer of the GSS is responsible for the administration of all GSS funds and business affairs.
     ▪ Membership Officer
       The Membership Officer of the GSS is responsible for keeping track of the membership of the GSS and attendance at meetings of the GSS.
     ▪ Executive Associate
       The Executive Associate assists the President in assuring the smooth running of the GSS. The Executive Associate is responsible for keeping the minutes of meetings of the GSS, and for distributing those minutes as appropriate.
     ▪ Parliamentarian
       The Parliamentarian ensures that meetings are conducted in an orderly fashion. The Parliamentarian is the authority on constitutional issues, as well as the traditions of the GSS and Robert's Rules of Order.
     ▪ ECGPS Delegates (2)
       During our meeting, we will nominate two people to serve as delegates to ECGPS. We pass the names on to ECGPS and they will vote on who will become the next ECGPS President. The other nominee will become a delegate to ECGPS.

      Every other year, the President of the Executive Council of Graduate & Professional Students must be a student from within the Graduate College. Please contact Lyndsay Harshman (lyndsayharshman@uiowa.edu) for more information about this position.

      The ECGPS President should have some knowledge of the ECGPS Member government system, the ability to meet and negotiate with higher administrators, and advocate on behalf of all graduate and professional students.

V. Executive and Committee Activities
   o Review of Committee Activity and Membership

Executive Reports
A. President’s Report – stef shuster
   After this meeting, GSS will have one more general meeting scheduled on Monday May 2nd at 6pm in the IMU Illinois Room. This is a great meeting to reflect on the past year and plan for the future. Please make sure to send a full senator or alternate. If you already know who the full senators are for your department next year – consider asking them to attend as well. If you have been involved in a committee and want to step up in your leadership, please contact the out-going chairs before May 2nd and let them know you are interested! Finally, if you are leaving the
senate – please make sure to find a replacement for your department and forward their name on to Ulrike Carlson (Ulrike-carlson@uiowa.edu).

One event of interest that I want to make a pitch for (in addition to SPRING FLING scheduled for May 6th) is an upcoming Legislative Forum on April 21st from 7-9pm in Old Brick. We have talked a lot this year about becoming more involved in the legislative process through writing letters and lobbying. On April 21st, we (ECGPS & GSS) are bringing the politicians to Iowa City for a “townhall” meeting to ask questions about post-secondary education, appropriations, and other issues you are concerned about. Please share this event and the details with your department's graduate students and faculty.

B. Vice President’s Report – James Skretta
Nothing to report at this time.

C. Treasurer’s Report – Brian Borchers
Nothing to report at this time.

D. Membership Officer’s Report – Ulrike Carlson
As we are coming close to the end of the year I would like to say thank you to all the senators who have volunteered their time and effort this year to GSS - thank you for your great work. For the next year I hope we can get even more graduate students interested and involved in GSS. I enjoyed serving as Membership Officer and hope to see you all again next year. If you are not returning to GSS next year, please remember to support GSS membership in your department by actively looking for someone to become senator in your stead. Have a great summer!

E. Parliamentarian’s Report – Juan Carlos Herrera Mujica
Nothing to report at this time.

F. Graduate Council Report – Kristi DiClemente, Kristina Rogers, Maneesh Kumar, stef shuster
Nothing to report at this time.

G. Graduate Student Organizations – Meggie Aube
Nothing to report at this time.

H. ECGPS Delegate Report – Senthilkumar Perumal Kuppusamy, stef shuster, Meggie Aube (alternate)
At the last ECGPS meeting, we had a lengthy discussion about the ECGPS travel funds. The issue of collaborative research was thoroughly examined and there are a few issues that the delegates wanted to bring to your attention. If you engage in collaborative efforts with other graduate students (for music, art, research, etc) the applications you submit to travel must be different than your collaborators. In other words, do not submit the same exact application. This is considered plagiarism. Also – we have heard that students in the physical sciences & humanities are not explaining their work in a way understandable to a lay audience. If your research is theory dense – you need to unpack it. And if you are researching about chemical properties or complex physics, please take a step back and imagine that you do not have specialized training, and then write up your application.

I. Dean’s Graduate Student Advisory Council Chair Report – Nirmalla Barros
Nothing to report at this time.

J. Webmaster Report – Maneesh Kumar
Nothing to report at this time.
Committee Representative Reports

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   The application forms for the campus-wide Academic Mentoring Program were announced to graduate and undergraduate students through the SURF and Jakobsen Conferences. We have received our first online mentee application! Please share information with your department members about the program.

   Our committee is always happy to take new members. If you are interested in joining please email the chair (theresa-morgan@uiowa.edu).

B. Computer Resources Committee – Brian Borchers
   Nothing to report at this time.

C. Education Outreach Committee – Ulrike Carlson, Donna Lancianese
   Despite our hard work, the turnout at our Jakobsen Conference Event was less than satisfactory. However, we this year managed to get our website up and running and distributed promotional material for our Community Outreach Program to several local high schools. Hopefully next year we can build on these efforts and can encourage high schools to actually make use of the resources we offer. For that we always need senators to become involved in our committee and take over a leadership position.

D. International Student Committee – Joseph Steinitz, Chris Harris, Nikhil Sikka
   Nothing to report at this time.

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   Nothing to report at this time.

G. Service Committee – Kimberly Hoppe, Katie Benson
   Nothing to report at this time.

H. Social Committee – Mike Palermo
   Well the end of spring semester is approaching quickly which can mean only one thing...Spring Bash! We will be having our annual semi-formal event this year at Hotel Vetro (201 S. Linn st. on the pedestrian mall). It will take place May 6th from 7pm-11pm. It is open to all graduate and professional students. Heavy appetizers will be provided, a cash bar, and a DJ. So come out, bring a friend, and help us celebrate the weather and the end of another academic year.

I. Travel Funds Committee – Kristi DiClemente, Alissa Hulstrand*
   Nothing to report at this time.

J. GPAC Representatives – Kelli Todd, Mike Palermo, Brian Borchers
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