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Howdy! I am excited that many of the committees have met at least once since the last general meeting. Lots of committees are getting settled in for working throughout the semester on fun projects, service opportunities, and engaging with the larger UI and Iowa City community. If you have still not joined a committee, please visit the GSS Website and peruse the various opportunities available to you. On the President’s side, I have mostly been working with committee chairs/co-chairs to help provide support and resources. We had a New GSS Leadership training last month that went well.

Hooray for the Social Committee and their first two events of the year – the first social hour at Joes and Sunday’s Fall Potluck & Kickball! I hope to meet more graduate students at the next GSS social event. I encourage you to come to GSS sponsored events and get to know your fellow graduate students. You never know who you might meet!

If you have been keeping up with the listserv emails (and sending them to the fellow students in your department) you’ve hopefully visited the “News & Events” page on the GSS website. The Online Newsletter was designed to minimize multiple GSS emails sent over the listserv and to reduce the size of GSS mailings. The idea behind having the newsletter and calendar on the same page is to encourage students to stay up to date with GSS news from committees or other sources, in addition to staying informed of GSS events. Please bookmark the GSS calendar and mark down committee meetings (http://gss.grad.uiowa.edu/event)!

This year we are continuing to keep track of your GSS Service Hours. If you attend GSS meetings, committee meetings, and various GSS events, you receive service hours. The Executives and Committee Chairs keep track of your hours, and for those senators who achieve “Exemplary Senator” (46+ logged service hours/academic year), you will be invited to attend the GSS Service Awards reception in May. With your approval, we will also contact your department to inform them of your efforts. Participation is optional, and you are not required to achieve any set level of the service reward system. For more information, please visit http://gss.grad.uiowa.edu/about.

If you ever have any questions or comments about GSS or want to bounce ideas on creating an event, please don’t hesitate to contact me (stef-shuster@uiowa.edu)!

B. Vice President’s Report – James Skretta

Nothing to report.

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C. Treasurer’s Report – Brian Borchers

If you are a leader and missed the training or have questions regarding funding, please contact me. Nothing major has happened yet. Please remember to plan ahead if you are in need of funding for an event or for your committee meeting.

D. Membership Officer’s Report – Ulrike Carlson

Membership Officer report:

As of the start of the 2010/11 year, GSS has 111 senators in 58 departments. That means that 63% of all eligible departments are currently represented on GSS.

With regard to that I would like to welcome our newest senators:

Mitchell Thomann, Biostatistics
Katherine Massoth, History
Kimberly Tranel, International Studies
Kalle Eko, Journalism & Mass Communications
Samantha Bouwers and Julie Zimmerman, Library and Information Science
Frank Amling and Madelyn Pilcher, Nursing
Andrew Johnson and Caitlin Runne, Pharmacology
Hiromi Takayama, Teaching and Learning

Thank you for joining GSS and helping us to give graduate students a voice!
This semester I will work on contacting those departments who do not have a representative yet and encourage them to nominate one or more senators. You, as members of GSS can help by talking to fellow graduate students from other departments and educating them about GSS, its importance and the opportunities it provides. You might want to check the sign-up sheets: The departments that currently have no representation are included (as empty cells) and you might know someone from that department.

Also, some of your departments may have additional open seats (represented by extra lines in the sign-up sheets). Consider encouraging other students in your department to fill one of those seats!

With regard to the recent changes to graduate departments at the U of I, there have been questions with regard to representation of departments that have been merged with other departments. GSS representation is determined every year by the Office of the Registrar’s Enrollment Profile of the previous year.

(Find it here: http://registrar.uiowa.edu/ReportsStatistics/tabid/80/Default.aspx - choose the first link then select Fall 2009). That means, that this year some departments are represented that do no longer exist. It is practicable to use an official resource to determine representation and the existing errors will correct itself next year, when a new enrollment profile is available.

If your department has been merged with another department, please make sure that you contact each other.

I am looking forward to a great year and seeing you all in and out of meetings!

E. Parliamentarian’s Report – Perry Motsegood

Nothing to report.

F. Graduate Council Report – Kristi DiClemente, Kristina Rogers, Oksana Zagorodna, stef shuster

The Graduate Council has met three times since the beginning of the academic year. The Council received an update from Ken Brown about the Obermann Graduate Institute on Engagement in the Academy. Graduate student applications for the January 2011 institute are due Thursday, October 21. We received an update from Associate Dean Gardinier who is working with a small team to host a dynamic series of
professional development workshops for graduate students and postdocs. Please look for more announcements on “The Network” professional development series.

G. Graduate Student Organizations Liaison – Meggie Aube

Nothing to report.

H. ECGPS Delegate Report – Senthilkumar Perumal Kuppusamy, stef shuster, Meggie Aube (alternate)

The ECGPS was off to a running start at the first meeting of the semester on September 7th. Many new changes have been made that affect both graduate and professional students. The Student Activity Fee increase of two dollars was both supported by ECGPS and discussed at the meeting. The money from the fee increase goes directly to student organizations. As mentioned in GSS, the travel funding will be different this year and there will now be separate applications for ECGPS and GSS travel funds. Also brought up at the meeting were the changes made to the Collaborating Funding Organizations process. CFO’s include organizations that affect all students such as, homecoming, Bijou, Scope, etc. There is now a set criteria for obtaining a CFO status and any organization can apply. The Interdisciplinary Outreach Committee is busy planning many events including a Tech Fair October 20, A Health Fair on October 29, and an Etiquette Dinner on November 10 from 6-8 p.m. in the IMU black box theater. If you want to know more about what is happening in ECGPS, there is now a newsletter that will be regularly posted to their website.

I. Dean’s Graduate Student Advisory Council Chair Report – Nirmalla Barros

We are in the process of trying to schedule a meeting with Dean Linda Maxson as well as a committee meeting beforehand to get together to brainstorm pertinent issues to discuss.

J. Webmaster Report – Maneesh Kumar

Nothing to report.

VI. Committee Representative Reports
A. Academic Mentoring Committee – Tracy Morgan, Meryl Irwin

Committee Chairs had a meeting with Katie Wildman and Dr. Robert Kirby from the Blank Honors Center to discuss the committee’s increased role in undergraduate education. We are in contact with the Research Ambassadors group on-campus to arrange joint efforts to teach research procedures to undergrads, and committee members are beginning to contact directly smaller, subject-specific undergraduate groups. A meeting is arranged this week with the Graduate College to finalize the online application for matching mentees and mentors campus-wide. We hope to have this program up and running on the GSS website soon.

Thanks to all who joined our committee! If interested in joining please email the chair for more info (theresa-morgan@uiowa.edu).

B. Computer Resources Committee – Brian Borchers

Allocations of computers are done unless we receive more from ITS during this academic year. Thanks again to all the members who helped.

C. Education Outreach Committee – Ulrike Carlson, Donna Lancianese

We had our first meeting two weeks ago and would like to welcome all old and new members to the committee. At our first meeting we identified a series of tasks in conjunction with our graduate lecture series and our outreach program. We collected ideas for lecture topics. One lecture that we will bring back from last year, is “Achieving a Healthy Work-Life Balance” with presenters from Counseling Services, Student Health

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and Family Services This lecture will take place on Wednesday, Dec 1st from 3:30-5:00pm. Registration information will be sent out nearer to the actual lecture date. We are also working on organizing a guided tour of the new Rec center and a cooking workshop for graduate students. For our Outreach Program we are working on promotional materials to give to the local schools and also on getting our Outreach survey started. We are looking forward to a busy semester with lots of work, exciting challenges and good results!

D. International Student Committee – Joseph Steinitz, Chris Harris

Nothing to report.

E. Jakobsen Conference Committee – Kyle Moody; Netta Felling; Lauren Rosales

The 13th Annual James F. Jakobsen (JFJ) Graduate Conference will take place on March 25 and 26, 2011, at the Iowa Memorial Union. Please consider making a submission since it will be an opportunity to present your fine work to a set of your peers here at the university, as well as a chance to see what other departments and scholars are creating. The publicity, event & planning, and judging & submission co-chairs are still in the process of designing a theme for the conference, and after this we will be meeting to discuss sponsorships and working with the SURF committee. In the meantime, we need division heads for the conference. This is a fairly low-stress position, for it is the responsibility of division heads to work directly with the Judging & Submissions Co-Chair to facilitate judging and conference details for their divisions and subjects. The conference is in need of the following division heads: Arts; Humanities; Mathematical, Physical, & Engineering Sciences; Social Sciences & Education, and Creative Arts. If you are interested in learning more about these positions, please send Kyle Moody an e-mail at kyle-moody@uiowa.edu. Let’s work together to make this the best Jakobsen Conference yet!

F. Jakobsen Conference Review Committee – Kristina Rogers

The James F. Jakobsen (JFJ) Conference Review Committee met on Wednesday, September 22. I am excited to announce that the three co-chair positions have been filled and the conference planning for the 2011 Jakobsen Graduate Conference has begun! This year, the JFJ co-chairs are Kyle Moody (Publicity), Lynettia Felling (Event Planning), and Lauren Rosales (Judging & Submissions)!

Although the Jakobsen Review Committee has held the sole meeting of the year, do not fret! The Jakobsen Conference Committee will need lots of hands on deck to make this conference a successful event! Remember, the conference is GSS’s largest event and is completely organized by graduate students - the JFJ committee will need your help! Even if you can only pitch in every once in a while, every little bit of human-power you can spare is extremely important to the Conference committee. Keep your eyes and ears open for calls for help from the committee up until the day of the conference – such tasks you might be needed for include assistance with distributing posters across campus announcing the conference and asking for students to submit their work, a call for volunteers to serve as division heads to assist the judging and submissions co-chair, or simply helping on the day of the conference to ensure the conference runs smoothly.

It’s never too late to join a GSS committee! If you are interested in serving in some sort of role on the Jakobsen Conference Committee, feel free to contact me (kristina-rogers@uiowa.edu) or the conference co-chairs directly (kyle-moody@uiowa.edu; lynettia-felling@uiowa.edu; lauren-rosales@uiowa.edu).

G. Service Committee – Kimberly Hoppe, Katie Benson

The Service Committee’s next meeting will be on Monday, October 11th at 5:30PM in the Callen Conference Center. Upcoming events are the Iowa City Run for the Schools on October 17th, we encourage everyone to register and participate in this event to help local schools. We will be volunteering at the Hope Lodge Gala on November 6th from 5:30-9PM at the Coralville Marriott. Please let Katie Benson or Kimberly Hoppe know if you are able to volunteer for this event, Thanks!
H. Social Committee – Mike Palermo

The first Happy Hour was a success. Let's keep having some fun and meeting new people at the Annual GSS Potluck. Show off your culinary ability (or ability to purchase chips). Food/grilling starts at 2 and kickball at 3:30 October 3rd shelter number 4 in City Park. Bring a side dish and a griller if you want to grill. Note: GSS will not be providing food so bring food to share if you want. In the interest of sustainability why not bring a plate and fork? GSS will provide the kickball. The following Friday October 8th we will have our first FAC outing at Formosa. Look for email updates and facebook announcements for both these events. If your department has a student association or a social committee please let us know so we can keep the various departments in the loop about social events. Also if you have any ideas for events email them to Michael-Palermo@uiowa.edu.

I. Travel Funds Committee – Kristi DiClemente, Alissa Hulstrand

Our first Travel Funds cycle of the semester ended Friday, September 17 and the scoring session was on Wed. November 17. Once again, I ask you to remind your constituents that the GSS and ECGPS Travel Funds are now on separate applications. From now on we will require proof of application from ECGPS, similar to all other funding sources.

We are happy to announce that the Grad College is offering a new Supplemental Travel Award for a small number of graduate students each semester. This Supplemental Travel Award will pay a portion of travel expenses for graduate students who must travel for research (archive usage, equipment usage off site), interviews (research related), investigation (for a book writing), etc. This fund will help with travel expenses that are NOT covered by GSS or ECGPS travel funds. Some activities that DO NOT qualify for this funding are paper presenting, workshop attendance, internship travels, service learning projects, etc. This new fund is still in the developmental stages but it should be available in mid-October for a November 11 deadline, information will be posted on the GSS website when it becomes available. There will be one award cycle each semester.

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Vice President
Parliamentarian
Treasurer
Executive Associate
Membership Officer
ECGPS Delegates

Graduate Council
Webmaster

Committee Chairs:
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Computer Resources Committee
Education Outreach Committee
International Student Committee
Jakobsen Conference Planning
Jakobsen Conference Review
Service Committee
Social Committee
Travel Funds Committee

Additional GSS Representatives:
Dean’s Graduate Student Advisory Committee (DGSAC)
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