Minutes

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   o Dean Keller reported on the negotiations between the Board of Regents and COGS on the 2011-2013 contract. He also reviewed the place of the graduate education budget in the general education budget, and in the overall budget within the new strategic plan. The Dean reviewed what the graduate college is doing to help the University and graduate students within the these restraints.

V. Guest Speakers (~10 min)
   o Council on the Status of Women – Kristi DiClemente: The Council is an advisory body to the university under the Chief Diversity Officer. It’s mission is to ensure an environment on campus that supports the rights of all women on campus, and advocates for their rights and equality on campus. They are sponsoring upcoming events for Women’s History Month, and are looking for new members.

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   B. Vice President’s Report – James Skretta
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   D. Membership Officer’s Report – Ulrike Carlson*
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   H. ECGPS Delegate Report – Senthilkumar Perumal Kuppusamy, stef shuster, Meggie Aube
      (alternate)*
   I. DGSAC Chair Report – Nirmalla Barros*
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      Things have been quite busy over the last few weeks with the Jakobsen Conference moving at full steam and recent developments with the Board of Regents and Iowa state legislator.

      You all should have received an email request for native Iowans to provide either testimonials or consider the possibility of going to the Capitol with the Graduate College on April 5th. If you are a native iowan, or know of folks in your department who are, we have a new webform for you to use to help us catalogue all of the wonderful work that graduate students engage in at this university and how we give back to UI and the state of Iowa. Please visit: (http://gss.grad.uiowa.edu/forms/native-iowan-questionaire)

      In order to begin working toward political action, we are working on creating a new area on our website for legislative action. That should be up in the next 2 weeks. It will contain: the URL for if you are a native iowan, a template letter-to-legislator for graduate students to use who are not from the state of Iowa, information on two trips to the Capitol (March 7 & April 5) and ways to reach out to your legislators or the Educational Appropriations committee.

      Finally, we are almost at that time of the year when we need to start thinking about new positions/leaders for next year. If you are involved in a committee, please start speaking with your co-chairs about taking on leadership positions. If you have any questions about the GSS Executive Council (i.e. president, vice president, membership officer, etc) then don’t hesitate to contact us! We will be voting on these positions April 19th during our general membership meeting. Also, the next president of the Executive Council of Graduate & Professional Students needs to be a student who is earning a degree from the Graduate College (ie a graduate student). If you are interested in this position, please contact Lyndsay Harshman (current president from Medicine) or Eric Kaiser (past president of ECGPS) for more information.

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

   C. Treasurer’s Report – Brian Borchers
      We have currently used about 22% of our budget. Another roughly 10% will be processing soon, and much more to come with Jakobsen quickly approaching. If you are interested in being Treasurer for the following year and have questions, please fee free to ask me.

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D. Membership Officer’s Report – Ulrike Carlson
GSS would like to welcome our newest member: Sujit Mohanty from Chemical and Biochemical Engineering!

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*
At the recent meeting of the graduate council on February 10, 2011 we discussed and voted on the creation of a new MFA degree. By unanimous vote, the Graduate Council approved of the creation of a new MFA degree in Spanish Creative Writing. The recommendation to approve this new degree will now go through the Faculty Council for final decision making.

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 recent meeting of the Executive Council of Graduate and Professional Students. Jesse Damazo with the Bijou came to the meeting to request money for the purchase of new equipment. This equipment will allow for the Bijou to show digital films, rather than movies on film. While we had many questions that Jesse was able to answer, a motioned was made to have more budget information from Jesse before a final vote could be made by ECGPS.

I. Dean’s Graduate Student Advisory Council Chair Report – Nirmalla Barros
I would like to remind all DGSAC members that our meeting with Dean Linda Maxson is this Wednesday, February 23, 2010 from 12 to 1pm. We will be meeting in Room 240, Schaeffer Hall. Please arrive five minutes before to ensure we start the meeting on time. A meeting agenda was sent to all committee members.

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

Committee Representative Reports
A. Academic Mentoring Committee – Tracy Morgan, Meryl Irwin*
The committee made changes to and finalized the application for the Sandra Barkan Mentoring Award. We secured funding from both the Graduate College and the Office of the Vice President for Research, and an announcement has been sent via the DEO and DGGS list-serves. Applications are being accepted online now. We are also in the process of implementing a lunchtime session on graduate and professional studies for the undergraduates as part of the Spring Undergraduate Research Conference (SURF), which occurs in conjunction with the Jakobsen Conference. Finally, we completed both online application forms for the Campus-wide Mentoring program, and will begin running the matching program this semester. Thanks to all the committee members who volunteered to help out with these activities!

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
The EOC recently finished and printed their promotional brochure as well as a Save-The-Date for our Jakobsen High School event. We have gotten these materials approved by the school district and are currently contacting schools and meeting with guidance counselors to promote the event. We will also...
make an effort to contact PTAs as we believe that it will be helpful to inform parents directly. At the same
time we are asking for speakers for our lunch session. If you would like to participate as a speaker,
please contact the EOC (ulrike-carlson@uiowa.edu).

Our website is online as well and we are still looking for Graduate Students who would like to participate
in our High School Outreach Program. Check out our website and share with students in your
department: <http://sites.google.com/site/gsseoc/> Thank you!

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

E. Jakobsen Conference Committee – Kyle Moody; Lynettia Felling; Lauren Rosales
The 2011 James F. Jakobsen Graduate Conference continues to improve each week, but your help is still
needed. If you are not yet a committee member but are still interested in learning more about what you
can do on the committee during the week before the conference (dated March 26), please e-mail either
Kyle Moody (kyle-moody@uiowa.edu) or Lauren Rosales (lauren-rosales@uiowa.edu). We’d be happy to
have you join our committee!

Division Heads - this week we will be grouping Jakobsen presenters into sessions and coming up with
titles. Please be creative with these, and complete them in a timely fashion.

If you have not yet registered to attend the Jakobsen Conference, there is still time! Visit the conference
website at http://gss.grad.uiowa.edu/jakobsen-conference for more details, and a new schedule of events
and list of presenters will be uploaded soon!

F. Jakobsen Conference Review Committee – Kristina Rogers
Nothing to report at this time.

G. Service Committee – Kimberly Hoppe, Katie Benson
The DVIP's Souperbowl was a success! Upcoming Service events include the annual Wiffleball
Tournament and the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

The Wiffleball Tournament is scheduled for April 2nd from 12-5PM at the UI Recreation Building. There is
an 8-person minimum to register a team & the deadline for registering will be March 24th. An email
announcement will be sent out this week, please start spreading the word and forming teams!

We are hoping to form a GSS team for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life to be held 6/24-
25/2011 please contact Kimberly Hoppe or Katie Benson if you are interested in participating in the relay
(kimberly-hoppe@uiowa.edu or katherine-f-benson@uiowa.edu). More information on the 2011 Relay for
Life of Johnson County can be found on their website:
<http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?pg=entry&fr_id=30070>

H. Social Committee – Mike Palermo
As of right now we are in the process of putting together lots of events. We will have our usual FAC at
Martini's on Friday starting at 7. We also would appreciate if people can fill out the survey so we can put
on even more successful events.

I. Travel Funds Committee – Kristi DiClemente, Alissa Hulstrand
The February 17 cycle of the GSS Travel Funds closed last Thursday. To senators on the TF Committee,
our next Travel Funds scoring session is TOMORROW, Wednesday February 23 at 5:30 in the ITC in
Schaeffer Hall (41 SH). As always, we will provide snacks; you provide a writing utensil. To those who
have never scored before, we have guides and instructions and we will show you how to score. If you
cannot make the meeting please let Kristi know at kristi-diclemente@uiowa.edu.
J. GPAC Representatives – Kelli Todd, Mike Palermo, Brian Borchers
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