

GPSG Minutes
Graduate and Professional Student Government
Tuesday, January 31, 7:00pm
UCC Executive Conference Room (2390)

- I. Old Business
 - A. Resolution on bookstore sales tax: Passed
 - B. Grant Cycle 3: Passed
- II. Welcome, Check-Ins, & Public Access
 - A. **DECISION**: Kathryn Slunecko: Fund a [Theme Semester](#) event for \$5000? ([budget](#)) (this semester's theme is Our Lives Online)
 - 1. Event will probably be Friday, March 3.
 - 2. E-vote: decision passes.
 - B. Kelsey Ryder: Financial Literacy Services
 - 1. Loan repayment, loans for businesses
 - 2. Will bring speaker in April: Adam Carroll
- III. New Business
 - A. Updates/Announcements
 - 1. Open Process for UI Strategic Plan and Restructuring ([memo](#))
 - a) Related: Iowa Now 01/19/2017 [article](#), [video](#) on UI budget
 - b) UISG and GPSG will be at these decision meetings.
 - B. Executive Council Updates
 - 1. Josh Schoenfeld, President
 - a) Legislative Deappropriation
 - (1) State needs to make up about \$100 million, and the bill, SSB 1018, is to take \$8 million from UI's budget.
<https://www.legis.iowa.gov/legislation/BillBook?ba=SSB1018&ga=87>
 - b) GPSG Tax Incentive
 - (1) Put on hold.
 - c) Chapter 20
 - (1) Bill has not dropped yet.
 - (2) COGS will have phone banks every Tuesday from 5-8pm. Pizza will be provided to volunteers. 20 E. Market Street, Suite 210. GPSG encourages you to go once the collective bargaining bill drops, so that you can encourage the legislature to vote against it.
 - d) DACA/Immigration EO
 - (1) UI has come out in full support of our DACA students.
 - e) Tenure bill
 - f) 2nd amendment bill
 - (1) As far as we know, none of them currently affect campus.
 - g) Voting-related bills

- (1) Moving to limit same-day voter registration for voting, and to tighten voter ID.
- h) Student Parking Card - update
 - (1) Idea is a student parking card that will give you a discounted rate (75 cents/hour). Not open yet but it will be. There will be a pilot program at the Library lot; Josh has asked them also to look at a lot on the West side of the river as well.
2. Jasmine Mangrum, Vice President
 - a) Free Speech Symposium - update
 - (1) Goal: a campus discussion of Free Speech. Event is free to attend. GPSG has been organizing this for a year.
 - (2) **DECISION:** Fund for \$10,000? [budget](#) request, [tentative](#) schedule. E-vote: decision passes.
 - (3) Tuesday, March 28, 1-8pm: more faculty in the morning and politically and racially diverse speakers in the afternoon/evening.
 - b) Campus Inclusion Team
 - (1) it's here!! [Info](#). Goal: it's hard for students to report incidents because students often don't know who to approach. The CIT unifies multiple silos on campus to help students.
 - c) Big thoughts: how do we better connect GPSG's efforts with diversity-minded groups on campus?
 - (1) Idea 1: approach these groups to run for office in GPSG.
 - (2) Idea 2: improve transparency and advertising. Continue to remind people that our meetings are open.
 - (3) Idea 3: open our committees to non-delegates.
3. Alison Schell, Grants Director
4. Nicole Jardine, Secretary
 - a) TA Training, woo hoo!
5. Rondine Allen, CFO
 - a) Proposed changes to GPAC funding schedule:
 - (1) UISG has reversion problem: they promise funds to student orgs but the student org doesn't actually use it. Idea: change the funding period. Current method: is in March to propose the general budget for an org, with supplemental funding twice per year. Problem is that that's a turnover time for a lot of student orgs. Proposal: 3 cycles for supplemental funding.
6. Zac Builta, GPAC/JFC Chair
 - a) Gpac meets this Sunday to discuss Spring supplemental. Will be voting on recommendations next month.

7. Samantha Lange, Safety Chair
 - a) Fresh Check Day: April 5, 2017 (updated [materials](#))
 - b) Have ideas to improve mental health outreach on campus? Email Samantha!
8. Deborah Yu, Sustainability Chair
 - a) Assessing signage and making sure it changed from trash to landfill.
 - b) Idea: can we get more landfill, compost, and recycle bins on the West side?
9. Laurence Chan, Diversity Chair
 - a) Cultural Houses Update: blueprints are in, including new Veterans house. Want to get as much student feedback as possible.
 - (1) Bria Marcelo is willing for mini-NCBI (1-hour) training for GPSG!
10. David Quach, Inter-professional Chair
 - a) Grad Guide: please provide feedback/additions to the [draft!](#)
Please provide edits by next week. It'll be dynamic: GPSG retains editing capability.
11. Hannah Walsh & Shaun O'Neill, Governmental Relations Chairs
12. Anh Ngo, Operations Team/SIT Updates
 - a) We need to start training Anh's replacement (ideally from GPSG).
Responsibilities: bimonthly meeting with admin. Sub-committee: serve on academic affairs and student life, each with a monthly meeting. Next meeting is next week.

C. Next GPSG Meeting

1. March 7, 2017 at 7pm

D. Upcoming Deadlines/Events

1. Cycle 4 grant deadline: Feb 9, midnight
2. Hawkeye Caucus: Tuesday, April 4, 2017
 - a) Do you have lowan friends? GPSG will be sending out a contact form!
3. GPSG Elections: April 4, 2017
 - a) Next year, should be Pres: Graduate Student, VP: Professional Student. (If there's no one interested, that can switch)

IV. Member Government Check-In

A. CCOMSG

1. Med School Prom!

B. COP

1. Pharmacy Ball on April 22

C. GSS

1. Jakobsen submission deadline: Feb 13. This is an on-campus conference for grad students.

D. IASDA

1. Formal is in April

E. ISBA

F. MBAA