

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

- I. Old Business
 - II. Welcome, Check-Ins, & Public Access
 - A. 7:00-7:20: Joe Tiefenthaler, FilmScene
 - B. Public Access
 - 1. Landon Elkind, COGS President.
 - a) It will be important for GSS, GPSG, and COGS to work in lockstep for graduate worker rights and benefits. Must set up the committee before summer. Should put reasonable timeframes for notifications of changes.
- III. New Business
 - A. Updates/Announcements
 - 1. John Keller, Graduate College Dean
 - a) graduate student benefits: because of significant changes to collective bargaining, COGS and Regents are limited in the benefits package that can be provided to grad students via the COGS contract. The University of Iowa is pursuing avenues to supplement the benefits (e.g., healthcare) and rights that used to be in the COGS contract to now be in a handbook that forms an agreement between the UI and graduate students, with a longstanding committee devoted to the ongoing discussion of these benefits (a process similar to staff and faculty benefits).
 - b) University restructuring: University of Iowa 2020 Organizational Committee. Focuses on how to use limited resources for academic support to meet our mission of being high-quality and distinctive. An open forum will be held this semester.
 - B. Executive Council Updates
 - 1. Josh Schoenfeld, President
 - a) Reminder: Elections are the next meeting! Also maybe tacos.
 - b) Mass email will go out. Nominations open in two weeks. President is preferably a graduate student, Vice President preferably a medical student.
 - 2. Jasmine Mangrum, Vice President
 - a) GPSG delegates are invited to lunch with a speaker on Free Speech Day. Get in touch!
 - 3. Alison Schell, Grants Director
 - a) Cycle 4 Funding Recommendations
 - (1) **Decision to fund graduate and professional student travel for \$10948.84:** passes with 1 abstention

4. Nicole Jardine, Secretary
 - a) TA Spring Series has wrapped up -- survey results soon
 - b) Vice President for Student Life search: graduate and professional students
5. Rondine Allen, CFO
 - a) Working to change funding model for student orgs such that there are 3 cycles for this upcoming fiscal year, to get rid of the problem of applying in March for the upcoming fiscal year (such that previous year's execs apply for next year's execs)
6. Zac Builta, GPAC/JFC Chair
 - a) (out sick)
7. Samantha Lange, Safety Chair
 - a) Fresh Check Day: April 5, 2017 ([marketing materials](#)) ([facebook](#)). Interested in volunteering to help? Get in touch!
 - b) GPSG helped to select University Counseling Hire
 - c) Sponsoring The Voiceless screening (see upcoming event)
8. Deborah Yu, Sustainability Chair
 - a) In touch with College of Pharmacy's building management and we will be talking about the potential to add composting as well as looking into what they currently have for recycling and signage throughout the building.
9. Laurence Chan, Diversity Chair // update by KaLeigh White
 - a) Working with Office of Sexual Misconduct to scale up prevention plan. Office is seeking student feedback in one-on-one meetings with student orgs. If you know of a student org representing a marginalized group who would want to give feedback on their plan, please get in touch.
 - b) Laurence is meeting with Bria Marcelo to discuss options for NCBI training for GPSG, perhaps on a Tuesday that isn't already a GPSG meeting.
10. David Quach, Inter-professional Chair
 - a) Grad Guide
11. Hannah Walsh & Shaun O'Neill, Governmental Relations Chairs // Dexter
 - a) Hawkeye Caucus! Please, please sign up (and send to your constituents) so that you can advocate on behalf of your college. For example, things that affect students: campus gun carry bill, voter ID bill. HF 334 is student loan related that we may choose to advocate for.
12. Operations Team/SIT Updates
 - a) Grant is taking over the spot to represent grad voices on the Path Forward website.

C. Next GPSG Meeting

1. Apr 4, 2017 at 7pm. Elections! Delegates are the only people who vote in the election so please ensure that you or someone from your college is here.

D. Upcoming Deadlines/Events

1. Free Speech Day: Tues, March 28 ([web](#))
2. The Voiceless (Screening and event): Sunday, April 2 ([poster](#))
3. From Auschwitz to Iowa City (with Michael Bornstein): Weds, March 29 ([UI RSVP](#)) ([poster PDF](#)) ([facebook](#))
4. Hawkeye Caucus: Tues, April 4. [Sign up!](#)

IV. Member Government Check-In

A. CCOMSG

B. COP

1. Elections upcoming, Pharmacy ball upcoming

C. GSS

1. Voting on statement supporting the Grad College
2. Jakobsen Conference on March 25. Come moderate a talk!
3. Karaoke and La Regia tacos this Thursday from 7-10pm at Studio 13

D. IASDA

1. Elections right now

E. ISBA

1. Elections are in April
2. April 1 is the Barrister's Ball
3. Journal of Corporation Law is hosting symposium on dark money, March 30 and 31. GPSG funded!

F. MBAA