

GPSG  
Graduate and Professional Student Government  
Tuesday, October 4, 2016, 7:00pm  
UCC Executive Conference Room (2390)

I. Welcome, Check-Ins, & Public Access

A. Journal of Corporation Law (Bryce Shelman)

Funding request: \$3000 for symposium, "What Happens in the Dark: An Exploration of Dark Pools and High Frequency Trading." Funding is for travel, lodging, and honorarium for speaker(s). A number of JCL's other funding sources cannot be used for honoraria, so it is of particular importance to receive GPSG support. Total projected expenses between \$12k-15k. They are a new student org so could not pursue funding through the normal student org route earlier. Decision: \$2500 for honoraria for non-UI speakers.

B. NPHC (Victoria Parker, Delta Sigma Theta; Barbara Okeke, Zeta Phi Beta; Don Brathwaite, Phi Beta Sigma)

Funding request: \$2300 for plots near the IMU (by the Danforth Chapel) as a physical representation of black history and black excellence at the University of Iowa. Many members of these fraternities have been waiting for decades to see this representation at UI and were very excited to see these plots in person during Homecoming weekend. Total cost is about \$80k; CSIL has asked for UISG and GPSG for \$10k, and because grad/prof students are 23% of the campus, we are proposing to fund \$2300; UISG has agreed to fund for \$7700. Other campuses have similar plots or plan to have them.

Decision: \$2300 for NPHC plots.

C. Joint UISG & GPSG meeting Revote (all pass)

1. J.R. 1: Voter Registration (pass), see <http://uiowa.turbovote.com>
2. J.R. 2: Increased Faculty and Staff Diversity (pass)
3. J.R. 3: Tuition Transparency (pass)

D. 7:45-8pm: University Counseling Services update (Barry Schreier)

1. Last year UCS served over 2000 students for the first time in its history. Pilot program for same-day triage-style appointments was used by students: men, international students, Asian American students, and 1st year students used the same-day service more often than the sustained service.
2. Grad students are typically among the highest or second-highest proportion of students who use UCS.
3. When it comes to university counseling, potential funding models include student fees, service charges, access charge, insurance... at UI, it is tuition-based (benefit is that it is stable).
4. Have hired 2 more staff and will hire 6 more, job ads posted in Dec and interviewing in Jan! (Looking for feedback for who to hire. Suggestions: at

least once a week have staff for evening hours, would you consider tele/skype-counseling.) Have hired into University Housing & Dining and Athletics, to add to the staff at Dentistry. Going to the Regents soon to propose a permanent East Side location with 6 staffers.

5. Working on destigmatization/awareness campaigns, how to aid student veterans, and adopting a larger wellness vision (beyond UCS) across the University of Iowa.

## II. New Business

### A. Updates/Announcements

1. GPSG Gamewatch is October 8 at Kinnick!
  - a) 11-2pm Kinnick Stadium Press Box, McCord Indoor Club
  - b) Voter registration from 10:30am-noon
  - c) [Facebook](#), [official registration](#)
2. Starving the Beast: The Battle to Disrupt and Reform America's Public Universities  
Free film screening on Monday, October 17 at 7pm at the Englert.  
Reception and conversation in the Gallery afterward.
3. New graduate organizations:
  - a) [Journal of Corporation Law](#)
  - b) [2nd Amendment Law Group](#)

### B. Executive Council Updates

1. Josh Schoenfeld, President
  - a) Proposed Tuition Increases - Updates. Continue to discuss this with the Regents; the reason our tuition continues to increase is because the State continues to fail to fund the University appropriately. Out-of-state and graduate/professional students are getting the brunt of these tuition increases, typically by about 2.5%. Resident medical students should only see tuition increase 2% (but this is because tuition is already so high compared with our peer groups), and dental 2.5%. In terms of dollar amounts these are significant increases; we'll continue to push the Regents to couch tuition increases in dollar amounts, not % of current tuition levels. Last year, we our request to know where the money is going was responded to in detail. In a few weeks GPSG will hopefully get this year's numbers. All colleges are setting up new revenue streams, but that money won't be seen for a few years.
2. Jasmine Mangrum, Vice President
  - a) BART (Bias Assessment and Response Team) is up and running again, now called the Campus Inclusion Team. Previously faculty and staff weren't thrilled with the setup of BART, so the CIT is working with the Ombuds instead of the Dean of Students / Center for Diversity.

3. Alison Schell, Grants Director
  - a) Research Grant Recommendations: 9 applications
    - (1) Cutoff score was 70/75
    - (2) Fully fund one project, Partially fund 3 projects (\$3,500)
  - b) Travel Grant Recommendations: 48 applications
    - (1) Cutoff score was 43/50
    - (2) Fully fund 11 projects (\$5,400)
4. Nicole Jardine, Secretary
5. Rondine Allen, CFO
  - a) [GPSG & GSS funding workshop](#), Oct 24 in IMU Illinois Room
6. Zach Builtta, GPAC/JFC Chair
  - a) Supplemental Budget: funded 19, for about \$9000
7. Samantha Lange, Safety Chair
  - a) SIT meeting update: lots of talk about increasing mentorship on campus
  - b) [Campus Safety & Security Summit](#) on Weds, Oct 26 at ISU: anyone from GPSG going? It's a whole-day event about promoting campus safety. Last year's was apparently very informative. If interested, please contact Josh and Jasmine.
8. Deborah Yu, Sustainability Chair
  - a) Researching bike shelters -- so far everything has been very expensive.
  - b) Sustainability Charter Committee update: pushing for sustainability office, talk on how to limit spending while still reaching 2020 goal.
9. Laurence Chan, Diversity Chair
  - a) I am unable to attend because I will be at the Asian Pacific American Cultural Center (APACC) in part of an ongoing community engagement series with each of our cultural and resource centers with President Harreld and other student government leaders.
  - b) The Campus Inclusion and Climate Committee (CICC) has been reviewing our university's 2015-2016 Affirmative Action Plan and Report of Activity. We are in the process of selecting schools and departments within the schools who have had a history of failing to hire faculty from historically marginalized populations (i.e. women, people of color) at the university's placement goals (which is computed from national, regional, and peer institution data). We plan to submit a report and recommendations.
10. David Quach, Inter-professional Chair
  - a) Gamewatch is happening!
  - b) Iowa One Health Conference will be held at the CPH the first Saturday of November
11. Hannah Walsh & Shaun O'Neill, Governmental Relations Chairs

- a) Financial Retention Incentive for grad/prof students is now under study by the LSA for fiscal analysis. By December we will have the results of that study and will start advocating for it.

#### 12. Operations Team/SIT Updates

- a) Housing Task Force -- even a new building wouldn't help for at least another 5 years. Can't pressure local legislature for rent control because it is not legal under the Iowa constitution. Maybe we could combine this with Ian's idea (see below, III.C.3)

#### C. Upcoming Dates

1. Next GPSG Meeting - November 1, 2016 at 7pm

#### D. Upcoming Deadlines

1. [Grants Cycle 2](#) - October 6, 2016 at 11:59pm
2. [PHILanthropy Student Success Grants](#) - October 28 at 5pm  
funding for a variety of activities for undergraduate and graduate students outside of the classroom, such as research, travel, and service projects.

### III. Member Government Check-In

#### A. CCOMSG

1. Revising constitution to match elections with curriculum

#### B. COP

1. Groundbreaking ceremony for new building was successful
2. Reaccreditation happening this week
3. October is Pharmacist Awareness month

#### C. GSS

1. Ian: "Guide to Grad/Prof Student Life"? ([Example](#) from OSU). Maybe include housing advice.
2. Helping with interviews for CLAS Associate Dean

#### D. IASDA

1. Social event is tonight

#### E. ISBA

1. Revising constitution
2. Event this Thursday at Studio, Talent show / karaoke, tickets \$5/\$7
3. Any programs for first-gen grad/professional students? Let's keep our eyes out.

#### F. MBAA

1. Event on Nov 11 (for all grad/prof students, invitation is coming)