

GPSG  
Graduate and Professional Student Government  
Tuesday, November 1, 2016, 7:00pm  
UCC Executive Conference Room (2390)

I. Welcome, Check-Ins, & Public Access

A. 7:05-7:20: Report from the Office of the Ombudsperson (Cynthia Joyce)

<http://www.uiowa.edu/ombuds/reports-and-documents>

1. 26% of visitors are students (G, P, UG). Of these, 31% are evaluative relationships (advisor, etc.) 29% of visitors report experiencing disrespectful behavior; 8% report bullying.
2. Campuswide concerns: hiring issues (unsuccessful internal candidates), hidden effects of mental health conditions, legal assistance for students (Student Legal Services cannot advise students if the other party is also UI, so SLS sends people to the Ombuds office. Ex: issues with roommates off campus, and both are UI students. ~25 students/year)
3. Resources: 319-335-3608, <https://uiowa.edu/ombuds/resources>

B. 7:20-7:40: UIOWA Water Symposium Request for Funding (Johnathan Culpepper, Brandon Jennings)

1. March 22, 2017: World Water Day. The idea: water is not a national, statewide, or even campuswide conversation, so the goal is to start one. Water is a contentious issue in Iowa. Politicization has prevented dialog about water. Goal is to bring together UI artists and scientists, along with public advocacy groups (on and off campus), students in general, and agricultural professionals. College of Engineering, ICPL, Office of Sustainability, and the Iowa Hydraulics Institute are providing financial and/or logistical support. Two groups will match whatever funding GPSG provides. Using a professional water-related conference format that has been used successfully at other locations. Documentary, panel, followed by poster session for scientists and artists. There have been previous events on campus that were water-themed, but only for artists. So the organizers can tap that existing network and build new ones. IA State has a similar one but it is very narrow and focused on agriculture.
2. **Decision for GPSG to fund for \$1000:** passes, with understanding that if this becomes an annual event that the students should associate with or become a registered student org and apply for funding through GPAC for subsequent years.

II. New Business

A. Updates/Announcements

1. The Buzz App ([marketing materials](#))
  - a) Encourage people to download!
2. Student Carpool [Website](#)

- a) Encourage people to sign up!
  - 3. Financial literacy services: what info do we want?
    - a) We will email delegates of each college to figure out content for a workshop held in each college for those students.
  - 4. New graduate organizations:
    - a) Iowa National Lawyers Guild
    - b) Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International Hammond Chapter
    - c) Pharmacy Ambassadors
    - d) Lambda Kappa Sigma Pharmacy Fraternity
    - e) NAMI of Carver College of Medicine
    - f) Teddy Bear Clinic
- B. Executive Council Updates
1. Josh Schoenfeld, President
    - a) Regents' meeting; All 3 Regent student reps agreed that we cannot continue to disproportionately increase nonresident tuition. Regents vote on the \$12.50 UCS fee in December.
  2. Jasmine Mangrum, Vice President
    - a) Still planning the Free Speech event.
  3. Alison Schell, Grants Director
    - a) Cycle 2 Funding Recommendations: passed
    - b) Discussion on Research Grant Funding
      - (1) Should we fund salaries? Should we fund participant compensation? **No**, at least for this cycle, because it is against current guidelines.
  4. Nicole Jardine, Secretary
    - a) UI TA Endorsement pilot program will be held in the Spring
  5. Rondine Allen, CFO
    - a) Updated Funding Tenets to specify what we do/don't fund.
  6. Zac Builta, GPAC/JFC Chair
    - a) Updated [GPAC Bylaws](#)
  7. Samantha Lange, Safety Chair
    - a) Nightride concerns: increased volume is leading to dropped calls and missed riders, there's only one ADA-compliant vehicle and it belongs to Parking & Transportation.
    - b) Campus safety meeting: Meeting on November 29, so email Samantha if you have specific asks before then.
    - c) Asking more people to download Hawk Watch / Rave Guardian app (search in app store and enter UI email address).
  8. Deborah Yu, Sustainability Chair
    - a) Covered bike shelter update: still looking for less expensive options, including under parking garages.
    - b) Green Initiative Funding: student orgs can [apply](#) for funding for sustainability-related events.

9. Laurence Chan, Diversity Chair
  - a) Brainstorming and data gathering on how the diversity chair can serve effectively this academic year. We are exploring:
    - (1) Mandated faculty implicit bias training
    - (2) Sexual harassment and assault - supporting preventive measures
    - (3) Exploring climate surveys across peer institutions and within UI - will create a survey to determine what is missing / needs to be done
    - (4) Discussing with OGI how to best serve diversity efforts and an exploration of how Asian identified students are excluded from scholarship opportunities
    - (5) Meeting with UISG constituency senators to address hate messages across campus
10. David Quach, Inter-professional Chair
  - a) [Grad Guide](#): would appreciate more input especially about Diversity and Inclusion, and Sustainability. Any suggestions please send to David Quach and Ian Faith. Goal is to have this up by next semester as a separate tab on the GPSG website.
  - b) GameWatch update: probably 200 people attended!
11. Hannah Walsh & Shaun O'Neill, Governmental Relations Chairs
  - a) VOTE!
12. Operations Team/SIT Updates
  - a) The teams implementing the budget have a [website](#)! If you or your constituents have thoughts, they can use that website.
13. GPSG Top 10: we are asked to come up with 10 "big idea" initiatives or proposed changes on campus. Josh will send an email to solicit ideas.  
**Deadline:** 2 weeks.

C. Next GPSG Meeting  
December 6, 2016 at 7pm

- D. Upcoming Deadlines
1. Grant [deadline](#) Thursday, Nov 3!

### III. Member Government Check-In

- A. CCOMSG: amended constitution and preparing for holiday events
- B. COP: new building, there's a health fair tomorrow for health screenings and flu shots (free if you have gradcare)
- C. GSS: Grad College working on new fellowships; there will be new Assoc Dean  
IASDA: national leadership conference, building renovations almost done
- D. ISBA: Halloween party, revising constitution
- E. MBAA: just had elections, holiday banquet coming