

University of Iowa Graduate & Professional Student Government Minutes

Meeting Date: November 5, 2018 at 6:00 pm.

Location: Black Box Theatre (360), Iowa Memorial Union

Call to Order. The third meeting of the 2018–2019 Graduate & Professional Student Government of the University of Iowa was called to order by President Dexter Golinghorst at 6:00 pm on Monday, November, 2018 in the Divine Nine Room at the Iowa Memorial Union.

Roll Call. All present - quorum met.

NEW BUSINESS.

First Order of Business.

Guest Presentation. *University of Iowa Ombudsperson, Rachel Williams at 18:00*

Context:

- Most common visitor concern is hierarchical relationship issues (50%)
- Graduate and professional students post-docs and residents/fellow concerns: 20% -- academic advising problems
- 31% in 2018 (of visitors) disrespectful behavior
- 2017-2018 campus issues: graduate students with serious health concerns, abrasive behavior (bullying behavior)
- Office of the Ombudsperson: C108 Seashore Hall
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Second Order of Business.

Listening Session on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. *Professor Sarah Bruch at 18:15 to 18:45.*

Overview of Campus Climate Survey:

- More marginalized identities are more likely to have different experiences than those who do not
 - During these listening sessions, it will lead to a DEI plan of action
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Third Order of Business.

Cycle 2 Grant Funding Vote.

MOTION TO APPROVE CYCLE 2 GRANTS FUNDING ACT

Motion to Approve Cycle 2 Grants Funding Act: *Austin, College of Pharmacy at 18:56.*

Motion Seconded: *Christine, College of Pharmacy at 18:56.*

Vote: *12 in favor. None Opposed. None Abstentions.*

Motion Passes.

Fourth Order of Business.

Hancher Committee Nominations. *Dexter Golinghorst, President. 18:57 to 19:03.*

Two Applicants.

John Steger. Wants to serve because he wants to help turn out Graduate and Professional students for shows at Hancher. Has been involved in theatre in high school and in the community; in addition to playing parts, John worked on advertising for the shows. Ideas: Discounted food and drinks for graduate students for half an hour prior to showtime. Also, perhaps having more shows without assigned seating so busy graduate students have an easier time choosing to attend last minute. Maybe try offering one free event for students to illustrate how incredible Hancher is as a resource.

Girinda Stellick. Wants to serve because Hancher is an amazing, underappreciated resource. Not many schools boast a world-class concert hall with such huge acts in a single season. Girinda served as the arts and culture editor for the Daily Iowan, interviewing a number of Hancher administrative staff and attending and reviewing performances at Hancher. Girinda already attends shows and would be able to get an on-the-ground perspective. Ideas include Q&A sessions with performers open to students, more student-focused occasions in the Hancher building, and doing a better job spreading awareness about the health benefits of attending the theatre.

Discussion on Applicants. 18:57 to 19:03.

MOTION TO APPROVE HANCHER COMMITTEE APPLICANTS

Motion to Approve: *Sydnei Jones, College of Law moves to approve applicants for Hancher Committee at 19:05.*

Motion Seconded: *Gurjap Singh, College of Engineering seconded motion at 19:05.*

Vote: 12 in favor. 0 Opposed. 0 Abstentions.

Motion Passes.

Fifth Order of Business.

Appointing a Deputy Safety Chair. *Dexter, College of Pharmacy from 19:05 to 19:08.*

Nominee: Matthew J. Schoenberger.

Matthew is a P2 at the College of Pharmacy. He graduated from the University of Iowa with a B.A. in Interdisciplinary Studies of Health Sciences in 2017. He has been involved in a number of leadership positions related to University and Public Safety. Matthew would like to increase crosswalk visibility, work to minimize the harassment on campus, and fund or improve resources for resolving student stress.

MOTION ON D.B. #7—CO-SAFETY CHAIR APPOINTMENT ACT

Motion to Vote to approve Co-Safety Appointment Act: *Gurjap Singh, College of Engineering moves to approve at 19:14.*

Motion Seconded: *Austin, College of Pharmacy seconded.*

Vote: 11 in favor. 1 Opposed. 1 Abstention.

Motion Passes at 19:15.

Sixth Order of Business.

Updates from Delegates. 19:16 to 19:26

Topic #1: College of Arts and Sciences -- Candidates—*KaLeigh White, Grad Rep.*

- Meeting with candidates and providing feedback back

Updates from Executives. 19:26 to 19:29

Topic #2: Immigration comment—*Dexter, President*

- Didn't realize he made the comment
- Mentorship with Dr. Shivers
- Board of Regents in November
- Updates on safety -- East side of the river
 - More crosswalk safety initiatives

Updates from Executives. 19:30 to 19:31

Topic #3: Exec. meeting—Amanda, Chief of Staff

- Tuesday 11/13 -- Meeting with execs

Topic #4: Safety surveys. 19:31 to 19:32

- Loc will be distributing a survey

Updates from Executives. 19:37 to 19:31

Topic #5: [increasing funding]. Maurice Payne, Grants Director

- Increasing funding for specific departments, i.e. arts and sciences
- Mo has been meeting with multiple departments

Updates from Executives. 19:40 to 19:42

Topic #6: Change in name of position—Kaleigh and Danielle

- Change position title of Diversity Chair to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Chair to align efforts with a greater scope

Motion to approve Name Change: Austin, College of Pharmacy

Motion to approve seconded: Ruchira, College of Dentistry

Vote: 12 in favor, None opposed, None abstentions

Motion Passes.

Updates from Executives. 19:43 to 19:46.

Topic #7: DEI Chair: Danielle

- Working on the calendar to be more inclusive
- Creating a t-shirt idea for MLK Day + co-programming
- Change of title for position

Updates from Executives. 19:47 to 19:47

Topic #8: Sustainability chair: Christian and Amina

- Meeting with director of sustainability to increase visibility of GPSG's involvement

- Met with recycling coordinators to discuss feasibility of recycling centers (could be difficult to do, with multiple moving parts).

Updates from Executives. 19:54 to 19:55.

Topic #9: Voting. Rob

- Voting is Nov. 6

Updates from Executives. 19:55 to 19:56.

Topic #10: Interprofessional chair

- Meeting with JavaHouse to co-program
- Cancelling game-watch so that money can be freed up (~\$4500)

Seventh Order of Business.

Discussion about Midterm Election and Regent's November Meeting. 19:34 to 19:35.

Discussed increasing voting turnout. Interviewed multiple Dean of Students Candidates.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Motion to Adjourn: *Amanda College of Dentistry moves to Adjourn at 19:56.*

Motion Seconded: *Dexter, College of Law seconds.*

Vote: 13 in favor. 0 Opposed. 0 Abstentions.

Motion Passes.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 19:57.