

University of Iowa Graduate and Professional Student Government
General Assembly Meeting
August. 29th, 2023, 7pm
Iowa Memorial Union 337 MGC Room

Meeting Called to Order at 7:02 PM

Attendance:

Executives:

In attendance:

President Mason Koelm
Cabinet Director Khyathi Gadag
Finance Director Matthew Klaes
Physical Safety Director McKenna Raimer
International Affairs Director Raghav Sharma
Interim DEI Director Madeleine Wood-Smith
Governmental Relations Director Sydney Wagner
Mental Health Director Nanle Gusen
Communications Director James Miller
Interprofessional Director Robin Nilsson

Not in attendance:

Vice President Adriana Kotchkoski
GPAC Director Eric Field

Delegates:

Association of Graduate Nursing Students (AGNS)
Shaoshuai Chen | Present
Emily Puetz | Not Present
Carver College of Medicine Student Government (CCOMSG)
Abby Davison | Present
Chandler Brown | Present
College of Pharmacy Student Leadership Council (COPSLC)
Rebecca Scribano | Present
Sabrina Renner | Present
College of Public Health Graduate Student Association (CPHGSA)
Grace Olsen | Not Present
Graduate Student Senate (GSS)
Fine Arts & Hum. - Jordan R. Ismaiel | Present
Physical Science, Math, Eng. - Soheil Hosseini | Present
Social Science & Ed. - Celine Fender | Present
Biology and Med. - Emily Hagan | Present
At-Large 1 – Karley Monaghan | Present
At-Large 2 – Priyanka Kailas | Present
Iowa American Student Dental Association (IASDA)
Vi Phan | Present

Sam Allen | Not Present
Arshi Munjal | Not Present
Tyler Jenness | Present
Iowa Student Bar Association (ISBA)
Rhianna Lightle | Present
Austin McLellan | Present

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees:

President:

- Discussed meetings held over the summer with various organizations.
- Highlighted the large number of new Directors to work with.
- Discussed meetings with President Wilson and support for committee resources.
- A trip to Washington D.C. is in the works
 - Not part of an annual event; the Government Relations Director is establishing the necessary connections
- Joint Session will occur in October
- Increasing focus on initiatives and collaborations.

Vice President:

- Not in attendance

Finance Director (Budget, GPAC, Grants):

- Budget vote is happening at this meeting; will be available for questions
- GPAC Funding Cycle #2 has recently opened
 - University Organizations are sponsored for approximately \$30,000
 - Urged Delegates to inform their clubs to apply for funds
 - Grants Director is being appointed tonight

Cabinet Director:

- Will be establishing 1-on-1 meetings with directors
- Had meetings for mental health and student initiatives

Cabinet Updates and Period of Q&A:

- Question regarding student organization audits: there will be no impact in organization operations, the audit is to address university liability. President Koelm delegated committee participation to GPAC Director Field.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees:

No Reports and no questions

New Business:

Request participation in Constitution and Bylaws Review Amendments (CoBRA) Committee

- Our constitution needs revisions and updates

- Request one member of each college get involved and help update the constitution.

Legislation:

D.B.1 FY2024 GPSG Budget Approval Act:

- Presented budget for review and opened discussion.
- 2 line items; contingency and operational

Delegate McLellan yielded time to Finance Director Klaes to discuss budget
Budget Overview

- \$110,000 from student activity fee committee, 71-29 grad to professional
- Constitution requires we are within \$20k – \$80K in the Contingency account;
- We received less back last year, so the contingency is a little lower than in the past.
- Budget and contingency will both be minorly updated after registrar census; allocations are split between an even allocation to all colleges and allocations based upon program population

Finance Director Klaes yielded back to Delegate McLellan
President Koelm: Call for motion or statements

Delegates asked Director Klaes and President Koelm additional budget questions.

President Koelm: Call for comments and motions
Delegate McLellan: Motion to adjourn discussion and vote
Delegate Lightle: Seconded both motions

D.B.1 FY2024 GPSG Budget Approval Act placed up for vote and passed.

D.R. 1 Instatement of DEI Director:

Call for sponsor from delegates:

Delegate McLellan sponsored and yielded his time to President Koelm.

- The elected DEI Director resigned over summer
- President Koelm yielded additional time to Madeline to discuss her position.

President Koelm discussed the position’s relevance amid recent legislation.

President Koelm: Call for comments and motions
Delegate Lightle: Motion to adjourn discussion and vote
Austin: Seconded both

D.R. 1 Instatement of DEI Director placed up for vote and passed.

D.R. 2 Instatement of Grants Director:

Call for sponsor from delegates:

Delegate McLellan sponsored and yielded his time to Candidate Chen.

Candidate introduced herself and discussed her experience.

- Grant writing and application experience (10 years)
- Cares about graduate students and allocations.

- Highlighted difficulties of international students inability to work legally, other than RA jobs.
- Discussed rethinking allocations based upon the needs of the different colleges and expanding the scope of questions for the application process to ensure the money is needed for completion of the project.

President Koelm: Call for comments and motions

Delegates asked questions regarding the Grants Director position and grant selection process

Delegate McLellan: Motion to adjourn discussion and vote

Delegate Lightle: Seconded both motions

D.R. 2 Instatement of Grants Director placed up for vote and passed.

President Koelm: Call for Motion to Adjourn

Delegate McLellan: Motion to adjourn

Delegate Lightle: Seconded