

University of Iowa Graduate and Professional Student Government
General Assembly Meeting
March 19, 2024
Iowa Memorial Union 337 MGC Room

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Executives:

In Attendance:

President Mason Koelm
Vice President Adriana Kotchkoski
Cabinet Director Khyathi Gadag
Finance Director Matthew Klaes
Governmental Relations Director Sydney Wagner
Mental Health Director Nanle Gusen
Communications Director James Miller
Grants Director Shaoshuai “Shirley” Chen
Interprofessional Director Robin Nilsson
GPAC Director Eric Field

Not in Attendance:

DEI Director Aimen Hameed
Physical Safety Director McKenna Raimer
International Affairs Director Raghav Sharma

Delegates:

Association of Graduate Nursing Students (AGNS)
Nikta Kia | Present
Emily Puetz | Absent
Carver College of Medicine Student Government (CCOMSG)
Abby Davison | Present
Chandler Brown | Absent
College of Pharmacy Student Leadership Council (COPSLC)
Rebecca Scribano | Absent
Sabrina Renner | Present
College of Public Health Graduate Student Association (CPHGSA)
Ellie Madson | Present
Nick Lembezeder | Absent
Milica Pavlovic | Present
Graduate Student Senate (GSS)
Fine Arts & Hum. - Jordan R. Ismaiel | Absent
Physical Science, Math, Eng. - Soheil Hosseini | Absent
Social Science & Ed. - Celine Fender | Absent
Biology and Med. - Emily Hagan | Absent

At-Large 1 – Karly Monaghan | Present
At-Large 2 – Priyanka Kailas | Present
Iowa American Student Dental Association (IASDA)
Vi Phan | Present
Sam Allen | Absent
Arshi Munjal | Absent
Tyler Jenness | Absent
Iowa Student Bar Association (ISBA)
Rhianna Lightle | Absent
Austin McLellan | Present
Karlyn Simcox | Present

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees

President:

- Birdie Distribution
- Local Legislator Roundtable
- Student Activity Fee Update

Vice President:

- ISAB Anniversary Event this Friday

Finance Director (Budget, GPAC, Grants):

- Reminder that Engage takes time to approve so we need events submitted well in advance (Shoutout to Robin for doing so)
- GPAC Rapid Funding Bill on the docket tonight

Cabinet Director:

- Collab going on with Peer-to-Peer programs. There will be a lot coming out soon (Peer to Peer to be the next big thing at the University)

Cabinet Updates and Period of Q&A

GPAC Director Eric Field:

- For the past two years, GPAC was significantly under budget. Due to the GPAC modifications last year, we are now spending more money and getting more requests than ever. We need further rapid-funding support, which is where the bill proposed today comes in.
- Funding Cycle 1 is coming up, but it will not be affected by the budget deficiency. Cycle 1 is not financially in trouble, as it is next year's budget.

Physical Safety Director McKenna Raimer:

- Not Present

International Affairs Director Raghav Sharma:

- Not Present

DEI Director Aimen Hameed:

- Not Present

Governmental Relations Director Sydney Wagner:

- Hawkeye Caucus Day April 3.
 - Speak with legislators in Des Moines regarding things important to GPSG.
 - Open to all GPSG (formal invite is pending)
- Faculty Senate Local Legislator Roundtable

Mental Health Director Nanle Gusen:

- This week is Wholistic Wellness Week
 - Collaborating with Physical Safety and several other members of the Cabinet.
 - Began on Monday with Physical Safety Training which continued today as well.
 - Tomorrow is a Photo Shoot with the Women of Colour Network
 - Thursday is Wellness Roundtable panel and discussion (with a pizza social from 5-5:30 and discussion from 5:30 – 7)
 - Friday will be Massage Therapy session in the morning and guided meditation in the afternoon on zoom.

Communications Director James R Miller:

- No updates

Grants Director Shaoshuai “Shirley” Chen:

- Going to release the results of Cycle 4 grants.
 - Received 99 total applications (82 travel, 17 travel)
 - Allocated \$14,350 this cycle.
 - Received more applications this cycle and approved a little more than prior cycles.
- We only have \$15,000 left for the next two cycles, but we expect less applications due to less travel happening during these later cycles.

Sustainability Director Abby Crabtree:

- Trash pickup crawl will be upcoming on April 20th, partnered with a couple university groups.

Interprofessional Director Robin Nilsson:

- Roller skating event has been scheduled for April 26th and everything has been set.
 - Rentals will be provided up to \$100 on a first come, first serve basis.
 - Still looking to figure out the music for the event and get a proper sound system for playing tunes.

Reports of Officers and Standing Committees:

Association of Graduate Nursing Students (AGNS):

- No updates

Carver College of Medicine Student Government (CCOMSG):

- No updates

College of Pharmacy Student Leadership Council (COPSLC):

- No updates

College of Public Health Graduate Student Association (CPHGSA):

- Holding elections so new delegates will be at the next meeting
- College represents 14 different organizations within the college of public health, so trying to give more opportunities for smaller student groups to request funds.

Graduate Student Senate (GSS):

- Jacobson Research Showcase happening this Saturday, March 23, in the IMU main lounge. Really great event, so come out and support that!
- GSS elections will be happening in the April meeting.
- Been doing seminar series on various topics.

Iowa American Student Dental Association (IASDA):

- Submitting 6 members to DC in April for lobbying with the ADA.

Iowa Student Bar Association (ISBA):

- Elections next week; candidates are still coming in.
- Since our last meeting, ISBA held their first pickleball tournament, which had about 10% participation.
- Barrister's Ball coming up first week of April.
- Held a student dietary health event regarding.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- GPSG Executive Core Election Speeches
 - Presidential Candidate: Kyathi Gadag
 - Vice-President Candidate: Abby Crabtree
 - Finance Director Candidates: Patrick Johnson & James R Miller
 - Cabinet Director Candidate: Airiana Mohr
- Candidates Dismissed for Debate

- GPSG Executive Core Election Results:
 - President: Kyathi Gadag
 - Vice-President: Abby Crabtree
 - Finance Director: Patrick Johnson
 - Cabinet Director: Airiana Mohr

D.B 9 - Moving Contingency Funds to Graduate and Professional Allocations Committee (GPAC) for the remainder of FY2024:

Call for sponsor: Representative Monaghan

Floor opened for questions and comments | None

Floor opened for debate | None

Call for motion to end debate and vote:

- Motion: Representative McLellan
- Seconded: Representative Simcox

Resolution Passed

D.B. 10 - FY24 Grants Funding Cycle 4 Approval Act:

Call for sponsor: Representative McLellan

- Grant funding recommendations are available for review.
- Other updates provided during director updates

Floor opened for questions and comments | None

Floor opened for debate | None

Call for motion to end debate and vote:

- Motion: Representative McLellan
- Seconded: Representative Simcox

Resolution Passed

D.R. 4 - GPSG Constitutional Amendments:

Call for sponsor: None present; Motion to modify sponsor, Sponsor: Representative McLellan.

- Constitutional Amendments have been discussed at prior meetings.

Floor opened for questions and comments

- Discussion regarding removing the formalities of the Roberts Rules required by the current Constitution and what those look like.

Floor opened for debate | None

Call for motion to end debate and vote:

- Motion: Representative McLellan
- Seconded: Representative Simcox

Resolution Passed
Meeting Adjourned