**University of Iowa Graduate and Professional Student Government**

**General Assembly Meeting Minutes**  
**Date:** [10-08-2024]  
**Location:** Iowa Memorial Union, Room [335]  
**Meeting Called to Order:** [7:00 PM]

**Attendance:**

Executives:

Ganrong Fu (James) - Communication Executive

Bethany Walczak - Mental Health Director

Brigitte Ledferd - Interprofessional Executive

Khyathi Gadag - President

Nathan Chen - GPC Director

Nanle Gusen - Grants Director

Airiana Mohr - Cabinet Director

Josie Welker - Sustainability Director

Abigail Crabtree - Vice President

Delegates:

Jennah Johnson

Sabrina Renner

Allison Darling

Travis Fischer

Vi Phan

Ian Patterson

Joey Small

John Stevenson

Stephanie Pedersen

Emily Killian

Mavis Gyesi

Emma Trachta

Adam Kahn

Nihitha Valluru

Innes Hicsasmaz

David Mares

**Executives:**

* **President:** Khyathi Gadag
* **Vice President:** Abigail Crabtree
* **Cabinet Director:** Airiana Mohr
* **Finance Director:** Patrick Johnson
* **Physical Health and Safety Director:** Austin Olberding
* **International Affairs Director:** Krishna Venkatapur
* **Government Relations Director:** James Miller
* **Mental Health Director:** Bethany Walczak
* **Communications Director:** Ganrong "James" Fu
* **Grants Director:** Nanle Gusen
* **Interprofessional Director:** Brigitte Ledferd
* **DEI Director:** Lara Zeng
* **Sustainability Director:** Josie Welker

**Delegates:**

* **Association of Graduate Nursing Students (AGNS):**
  + **David Mares-Davila**
  + Stephanie Pedersen
* **Carver College of Medicine Student Government (CCOMSG):**
  + **Jennah Johnson**
  + **Innes Hicsasmaz**
* **College of Pharmacy Student Leadership Council (COPSLC):**
  + **Ian Patterson**
  + **Sabrina Renner**
* **College of Public Health Graduate Student Association (CPHGSA):**
  + **Emily Killian**
  + **Allison Darling**
* **Graduate Student Senate (GSS):**
  + **Fine Arts & Humanities: Mansour Golpour**
  + **Physical Science, Math, Engineering: John Stevenson**
  + **Social Science & Education: Mavis Gyesi**
  + **Biology and Medicine: Kshitija Kale**
  + **At-Large 1: Kyleakin Helm-Kwasny**
  + **At-Large 2: Travis Fischer**
* **Iowa American Student Dental Association (IASDA):**
  + **Vi Phan**
  + **Sam Allen**
  + **Anna Hedges**
  + **Kathryn Volz**
* **Iowa Student Bar Association (ISBA):**
  + **Adam Kahn**

**Reports of Officers and Standing Committees**

* **President (Khyathi Gadag):**  
  Campus safety board

Wellbeing at Iowa Website

* **GPAC Director (Nathan Chen):**

GPSG Funding Cycle 2 closed on 9/27

72 requests for $43,924.86

GPAC met on 10/1 and voted on GPSG Funding Cycle 2 recommendations

GPSG Funding Cycle 2 recommendations are DB3

67 requests for $30,390.77

* **Vice President (Abigail Crabtree):**  
  Met with Larry Weber with the Flood Center, establish connection for legislative advocacy priorities.
* **Finance Director (Patrick Johnson):**  
  Funding stickers for shut the sash

Uber funding

* **Cabinet Director (Airiana Mohr):**  
  Birdie alarm, campus safety

Uber rideshare (night)

* **Physical Health and Safety Director (Austin Olberding):**  
  Winter Clothing Drive

Funding allocated for the initiative

Donation from Scheel’s to be picked up

Instagram post in near future

Donation spots: DOS and Clothing Closet in IMU, Campus Safety and ISSS in UCC

Fresh Check Day – October 23

Collab with USG

Birdie Alarms

Potential future initiatives:

Safety concerns surrounding Newton Road construction (from committee)

Stop the Bleed kits with Campus Safety

* **International Affairs Director (Krishna Venkatapur):**  
  Welcome email sent to all interested members from survey results.

First Committee Meeting: Scheduled a Zoom meet and greet/ brainstorming session for 16 OCT.

Met with ICFRC director

Will be including their events in the committee calendar. We will use ICFRC events as an opportunity to meet members in person.

Future Events:

Confirmed

ICFRC South African Democracy Event

October 16th 12-1 PM @ Iowa City Public Library

Invite sent to all members

First Committee meeting

October 16th 6-7 PM @ Zoom

Invite sent to all members

ICFRC Authoritarianism and Christian Nationalism in Hungary

November 1st 6-7:30 PM @ Old Capitol Museum

Invite will be sent by the end of next week.

Working

Second Committee Meeting

Proposed date: October 23rd  @ Zoom

Gauging member availability

Coffee Hour

Proposed date: November 1st

* **Government Relations Director (James Miller):**  
  Scheduling committee meeting this week

Working on GPSG agenda and priorities

* **Mental Health Director (Bethany Walczak):**  
  Fresh Check Day – October 23

Collab with USG

First Committee Meeting – October 9, 2024

Will work with Birant Akbay, a pre-doctoral intern with UCS, on input regarding the design of a distress management kit (“hope box”)

* **Communications Director (Ganrong "James" Fu):**  
  Social media updates on director features

Website updates for delegates

* **Grants Director (Nanle Gusen):**  
  Cycle 1 Funding Requests:

64 travel grant requests, 11 Research Grant Request

Internal Review Deadline October 11, 11:59pm.

Expected Results for Voting- October 14

* **Interprofessional Director (Brigitte Ledferd):**
* **DEI Director (Lara Zeng):**  
  Meeting notes are posted:

Iowa Grad Success & Belonging

GPSG to help publicize events

Representatives from DEI Committee Members

AOD directors

Guidance

Committee

Welcomed new members

First committee meeting in person October 10 7pm

Mentorship program

DEI town hall – Spring 2025

* **Sustainability Director (Josie Welker):**  
  Shut-the-sash

The office of sustainability matched our financial contribution for sticker purchase.

The purchase request has been submitted and the processing of payment is in progress.

Once the stickers come in, we will run a social media campaign to spread the word, and the office of sustainability will write an article about the initiative.

I am meeting with professors in multiple departments to spread the word as well.

I have my first committee meeting tomorrow and I am looking forward to getting other initiatives moving with my committee!

**Reports of Delegates**

* **Association of Graduate Nursing Students (AGNS):**
* **Carver College of Medicine Student Government (CCOMSG):**  
  Planning a time to visit the student
* **College of Pharmacy Student Leadership Council (COPSLC):**  
  n/a
* **College of Public Health Graduate Student Association (CPHGSA):**  
  first general body meeting
* **Graduate Student Senate (GSS):**  
  n/a
* **Iowa American Student Dental Association (IASDA):**  
  voter registration
* **Iowa Student Bar Association (ISBA):**  
  Access to Hillcrest dining

**Old Business:**

N/A

**New Business:**

* **Legislation Title: FY25 GPAC Funding Cycle 2 in D.B #3**

Passed