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

**Legislative Meeting Minutes**  
**Date:** [09-10-2024]  
**Location:** Iowa Memorial Union, Room [256]  
**Meeting Called to Order:** [7:00 PM]

**Attendance:**

**Executives:**

Communication Director – Ganrong Fu

Sustainability Director – Josie Welker

President – Khyathi Gadag

Cabinet Director – Airiana Mohr

Grants Director – Nanle Gusen

Finance Director – Patrick Johnson

Government Relations Director – James R Miller

DEI Director – Lara Zeng

GPAC Director – Nathan Chen

Interprofessional Director – Brigitte Ledferd

PHS Director – Austin Olberding

**Delegates:**

Travis Fischer

John Stevenson

Jennah Johnson

Kshitija Kale

Ian Patterson

Sabrina Renner

Kyleakin Helm-Kwasny

Allison Darling

Adam Kahn

Anna Hedges

Innes Hicsasmaz

Sam Bjornson

David Mares

Mavis Gyesi

**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**
  + **Sam Bjornson**
* **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**

**Presentation from Liz Tovar (DEI)**

Executive Officer and Associate Vice President of the Division of Access, Opportunity, and Diversity

* Engagement Program/Future leader (culture and global confidence)
* Board of Region directives (3 regions)

**Reports of Officers and Standing Committees**

* **President (Khyathi Gadag):**  
  Shared governance session 24th September

Mental Health

DEI Changes

Freedom of Speech

Request for sub-committee (listed in meeting agenda)

* **Vice President (Abigail Crabtree):**  
  Reminder for contact information

Delegates Headshot

2 Delegates per college (except for GSS who has 6) 18 in total

It is the expectation that every college sends their two voting delegates (except GSS who sends 6) to every legislative meeting. But it is essential that we have a total of 10 delegates (majority) to meet the quorum and hold the meeting. Without a majority (10), we do not meet the quorum and we CANNNOT hold the meeting.

This is all outlined in the Constitution!

* **Finance Director (Patrick Johnson):**  
  Budget voting
* **Cabinet Director (Airiana Mohr):**  
  N/A
* **GPAC Director (Nathan Chen):**

Emailed GPAC members, will convene GPAC on 10/5 or 10/6

Funding Cycle 2 requests trickling in, 16 as of 9/10 at 3 PM

GPAC Rapid Funding requests ongoing

~$26,500 approved GPAC funding so far (Cycle 1 and Rapid Funding)

* **Physical Health and Safety Director (Austin Olberding):**

Anti-violence Coalition meeting - September 11

Brainstorming meeting - September 17

Winter Clothing Drive update meeting – September 12

* **International Affairs Director (Krishna Venkatapur):**  
  Planning a meeting with the ISAB director to brainstorm and possibly coordinate future events.
* **Government Relations Director (James Miller):**  
  Meeting with USG GR Dir on Thursday to discuss collaboration on election-themed events. We will be reaching out to Hawk the Vote as well.
* I have begun receiving requests about Committee activities and am looking to plan a committee meeting as soon as we receive the committee interest list.
* **Mental Health Director (Bethany Walczak):**  
  Working with professors regarding student mental health.
* **Communications Director (Ganrong "James" Fu):**  
  Mass email for committee sent

Qualtrics Results will be sent soon

* **Grants Director (Nanle Gusen):**  
  Grants cycle 1 is open until September 30

Social media updates on grants cycle

Committee list ready (old and new members)

First committee meeting and review training soon

* **Interprofessional Director (Brigitte Ledferd):**

Event Ideas: Bowling at SpareMe, Iowa Heartlanders Game, Keith Herring Museum Event

* **DEI Director (Lara Zeng):**

Meeting with GPSG leadership and DEI Forward Task Force – September 10

Working with Office of Graduate Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Planning October DEI town hall

* **Sustainability Director (Josie Welker):**  
  Sustainability Director - Josie Welker

Meeting with office of sustainability director and PCC member to discuss approaches for implementation of green lab initiatives – September 16

* **Mental Health Director (Bethany Walczak):**

Met w/ Dr. Fletcher and embedded counseling team. Came up with advocacy ideas and topics.

Continuing to collaborate with USG on table for Fresh Check Day

Discussed social media post to bring awareness to new group counseling for grad students, professional students, and post-docs through UCS (University Counseling Services)

Interested people for UCS Student Advisory Board can talk to me or email Heidi Schmitt (heidi-r-reynolds@uiowa.edu).

**Reports of Delegates**

* **Association of Graduate Nursing Students (AGNS):**  
  Treasury (chat)
* **Carver College of Medicine Student Government (CCOMSG):**  
  New first-year representative

Flyer grad mixer September 20th

* **College of Pharmacy Student Leadership Council (COPSLC):**  
  Electing new first-year representatives
* **College of Public Health Graduate Student Association (CPHGSA):**  
  Hosting events for National Vote Day

Meeting college-wide representative

* **Graduate Student Senate (GSS):**  
  First executive meeting

Letter about UIowa and Iowa police relationship management. Some groups of students are disproportionately affected by police on campus.

Letter to end fees for (grad and professional student) university employees

* **Iowa American Student Dental Association (IASDA):**  
  Electing new first-year representatives
* **Iowa Student Bar Association (ISBA):**
  + Hosting elections for 1L rep and 3L rep right now

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

Legislation

* D.B.1 [GPSG FY25 Budget](https://iowa-my.sharepoint.com/:x:/r/personal/acrabtree_uiowa_edu/Documents/Attachments/GPSG%20FY25%20Budget%20(2).xlsx?d=wf72f31f27a1e4f03b54fff3fece73b57&csf=1&web=1&e=JlZsyX)
  + Passed unanimously
* [D.B.2](https://iowa-my.sharepoint.com/:w:/r/personal/acrabtree_uiowa_edu/Documents/Attachments/DB%202.docx?d=wbccc4687ab91417494feee5e5f0db2c0&csf=1&web=1&e=gTl5AD) GPAC Amendments
  + Passed unanimously