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

**General Assembly Meeting Minutes**  
**Date:** [02-25-2025]  
**Location:** Iowa Memorial Union, Room [337 MGC Room, IMU]  
**Meeting Called to Order:** [7:00 PM]

**Attendance:**

**David**

**Kyleakin Helm-Kwasny**

**Allison Darling**

**Sabrina Renner**

**Ian Patterson**

**Ganrong Fu**

**Mavis Gyesi**

**Abby Crabtree**

**James R Miller**

**Emily Killian**

**Austin Olberding**

**Nathan Chen**

**Nanle Gusen**

**Emma Trachta**

**Katy Volz**

**Kshitija Kale**

**John Stevenson**

**Josie Welker**

**Airiana Mohr**

**Khyathi gadag**

**Stephanie Pedersen**

**Travis Fischer**

**MT Gehrmann**

**Adam Kahn**

**Bethany**

**Nihitha Valluru**

**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**

**Reports of Officers and Standing Committees**

* **President (Khyathi Gadag):**
* **Vice President (Abigail Crabtree):**  
  transfer of services
* **Finance Director (Patrick Johnson):**

GPSG proposed a fee increase

21% increase in the fee, 2 dollars for each student

* **GPAC Director (Nathan Chen):**
* **Cabinet Director (Airiana Mohr):**  
  running for new GPSG positions

Next week alumni visiting campus (GPSG)

* **GPAC Director -** Nathan Chen
  + GPAC met for FY2025 Cycle 3 funding request reviews
  + Remaining GPAC funding has been recommended for allocation (legislation to vote on passing it today)
  + GPAC has proposed revisions to the GPAC Funding Tenets (legislation to vote on passing it today)
  + Revisions, if passed, will go into effect for FY2026 Cycle 1, which will open in mid-March and close in mid-April
* **Grants Director -** Nanle Gusen
* Committee & Sub-Committees created and functional:
* *Events & Development Sub-Committee*
  + Successful Grants workshop held on February 14, 2025 and appreciation
  + Covered overview of the Grants application process
  + Guest presentation on the Institutional Review Board Application process. Featured Kelly O’Berry, Assistant Director for Education and Outreach
  + Had a panel discussion session with questions and answers
  + Had Lunch and Debrief at the Hillcrest Dinning Hall.
  + *Technology & Innovation Sub-Committee*
* Individual Grants Website and Rubric Update
* *Outreach & Communications Sub-Committee*
* Possible impact of mass email, grants workshop, Surge in applications from this cycle.
* *Impact Assessment Sub-Committee*
* Recognition of Grant awardees Spotlighting successful awardees on social media handle.
* Voting of results after two weeks.
* Cycle 5 opened from February 24 and ends March 24, 2025.
* **Communications Director -** Ganrong "James" Fu

Social media posts on run for new office

Mass email on the recruits sent, waiting for people to upload their applications

Student health survey

* **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Director** - Lara Zeng
* **Governmental Relations Director -** James Miller

My committee is working on the following:

1. Researching talking points based upon our legislative priorities to prepare attack sheets for Hawkeye Caucus
2. Compiling information regarding programs offered by other universities for connecting students needing subletting options to draft a proposal to expand the services offered by off-campus housing and ease the burden of both finding short-term housing and finding subletters for students needing to leave for a semester.

* **International Affairs Director -** Krishna Venkatapur
* **Interprofessional Director -** Brigitte Ledferd
  + GPSG ball will take place on April 19, 2025, from 6 pm to 9 pm. The event will take place in the IMU, with the specific location pending. We are currently in-process on food, music, decorations, etc., We are looking forward to gathering the Graduate Student Shared Governance community! More details to come, including an RSVP!
* **Mental Health Director -** Bethany Walczak
  + Got data regarding usage and effectiveness of the integrated therapy program
  + Presented data to committee, we agreed we should send out a short interest survey to all grad students to see if people would be interested in possibly having an integrated therapist in their college
* **Physical Health and Safety Director -** Austin Olberding
  + Winter Clothing Drive final numbers
    - 202 students provided with winter clothing
    - 81% graduate students, 77% international students
  + Campus Safety Advisory Board Meeting on Friday
    - Discussing Safety Walk
  + Future initiatives:
    - Reached out to Rec Services about doing CPR/AED training
    - Reached out to WRAC about doing bystander intervention training
* **Sustainability Director -** Josie Welker
  + We have set a date and location for our mini lecture series titled “Our Water, Our Community”. It will be held April 24th from 2:00-4:00 pm in 2520D UCC. Dr. Chris Jones, Dr. Dave Cwiertny, Dr. Larry Weber, and Dr. Eric Gidal will all give a 15-20 minute mini lecture about a water quality topic of their choice, and then will all convene for discussion afterwards.
  + We have a documentary showing and discussion in collaboration with SaveSoil scheduled for March 29th in the Iowa theater. The event will take place from 2-3 pm. The documentary is called “Common Ground” and light refreshments will be provided.

**Reports of Delegates**

* **Association of Graduate Nursing Students (AGNS):**
* **Carver College of Medicine Student Government (CCOMSG):**  
  n/a
* **College of Pharmacy Student Leadership Council (COPSLC):**
* **College of Public Health Graduate Student Association (CPHGSA):**  
  formal day April 12th
* **Graduate Student Senate (GSS):**
* **Iowa American Student Dental Association (IASDA):**  
  planning the event, on May 3rd, going to Kanas City (national level)

Updates on logos?

* **Iowa Student Bar Association (ISBA):**

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

* **Legislation Title: Joint Resolution J.R. #1**
  + Passed
* **Legislation Title: DB7**
  + Passed
* **Legislation Title: DB8**
  + Passed
* **Legislation Title: DB9**