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

**General Assembly Meeting Minutes**  
**Date:** [12-3-2024]  
**Location:** UCC 2520-D  
**Meeting Called to Order:** [7:00 PM]

**Attendance:**

Travis Fischer

Allison Darling

Bethany Walczak

Ganrong Fu

Emily Killian

Ian Patterson

John Stevenson

Nanle Gusen

Josie Welker

Stephanie Pedersen

David Mares

Austin

Sabrina Renner

James R Miller

Nathan Chen

Khyathi gadag

Kyleakin Helm-Kwasny

Innes Hicsasmaz

Airiana

Adam Kahn

Adam Kahn

Emma Trachta

Sam allen

**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**

**Office of Sustainability and the Environment Presentation**

OSE interns

Academic offices, colleges

2022-2027 university of Iowa strategic plan

UI sustainability goals

User-friendly campus

User-friendly building

Winter road treatment

Pro-human substantiality, the necessity of using things such as plastics

**Reports of Officers and Standing Committees**

* **President (Khyathi Gadag):**  
  meeting the president and provost

Insta post

* **Vice President (Abigail Crabtree):**  
  safety walks

Major events time document for the university, avoiding overlaps in time

* **Finance Director (Patrick Johnson):**

Winter drives program

* **Cabinet Director:**

Ball planning Wednesday

Grants vs GAPC

* **GPAC Director (Nathan Chen):**
* **GPAC Director -** Nathan Chen
  + No updates
  + Will plan to send a mass email for GPAC Cycle 2 Funding opening in January (may coordinate with Grants to ensure students are aware of the difference)
* **Grants Director -** Nanle Gusen
  + Committee Agreed to have workshop and retreat next spring
  + Sub-committees set up for planning
  + Workshop (Hybrid) - Early Spring (1st 2 weeks of February)
  + Tentative deadline for Cycle 3 review set for January 10, 2025.
* **Communications Director -** Ganrong "James" Fu
* Website meeting updates
* **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Director** - Lara Zeng
  + Picking a date for kickoff event for spring mentorships program
  + Collabs with Sustainability – Meeting 12/4
* **Governmental Relations Director -** James Miller
  + Attended seminar/roundtable with OBM staff to discuss federal budgetary processes during the presidential transition (and implications that may have for the Dep’t of Ed and student loan funding/availability)
  + Tomorrow, we’ll be meeting to begin planning conversations for this year's Hawkeye Caucus
* **International Affairs Director -** Krishna Venkatapur
* **Interprofessional Director -** Brigitte Ledferd
* **Mental Health Director -** Bethany Walczak
  + No updates
  + Am working on developing an interest survey to send to students regarding their interest in an embedded counselor
  + Will send out/analyze in Spring semester
  + Information will be presented to Board of Regents and State legislators to advocate for the expansion of the program
* **Physical Health and Safety Director -** Austin Olberding
  + Winter Clothing Drive (GPSG/Clothing Closet)
  + More supplies are expected to be delivered
  + Supplies are now being distributed first come first serve in Dean of Students Office
  + Vaccine Initiative (USG/GPSG)
  + Received list of vaccines available from Student Wellness
  + Will be sharing information via social media from USG
  + Safe Skin Initiative (USG/GPSG/DIG)
  + Sunblock Dispensers – need location ideas
  + STD Testing (USG/GPSG)
  + Received list of tests available and prices from Student Wellness
  + More information to come
  + Safety Concerns
  + Meeting with Campus Safety to discuss lighting concerns on campus (Law School being one of them)
  + Potentially doing a safety walk (Campus Safety, maybe USG)
* **Sustainability Director -** Josie Welker
  + Working on setting a date for the donation day, once the date is set I will be reaching out to donation organizations to get everything set up.
  + Setting up a river clean up day for the spring.
  + Setting up a local water issues and solutions lecture series for the spring as well.

**Reports of Delegates**

* **Association of Graduate Nursing Students (AGNS):**  
  n/a
* **Carver College of Medicine Student Government (CCOMSG):**  
  n/a
* **College of Pharmacy Student Leadership Council (COPSLC):**  
  n/a
* **College of Public Health Graduate Student Association (CPHGSA):**  
  final study session on Thursday
* **Graduate Student Senate (GSS):**  
  conference theme, curiosity-driven, and discover

Grad college academic misconduct

Night and weekend pass

* **Iowa American Student Dental Association (IASDA):**  
  n/a
* **Iowa Student Bar Association (ISBA):**  
  n/a

**Old Business:**

**n/a**

**New Business:**

* **Legislation Title: support of graduate Student senate letter to University of Iowa Police Department concerns**
  + passed