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**Graduate and Professional  
Student Government**

University of Iowa Graduate and Professional Student Government  
**Legislative Meeting**  
18<sup>th</sup> Session  
February 24, 2026

1. Call to Order
2. Quorum & Roll Call
  - a. [2025-2026 Attendance.xlsx](#)
3. Presentations
  - a. Office of the Ombudsperson, Corey Pass & Heather Erwin
    - i. The 4 Code of Ethics & Standards
      1. Confidentiality:
        - a. If there is a risk of physical harm to self or others.
        - b. Consent
      2. Impartiality:
        - a. We don't take sides but rather advocate for a fair practice/process.
      3. Informal:
        - a. Not a department of record, do not keep reports
        - b. Can't do formal investigations
        - c. Aggregate data only
        - d. Can't be part of a formal process (criminal, civil, administrative)
      4. Independent:
        - a. Independent from any part of University Departments
        - b. Work under the President, but don't work for the President.
    - ii. What an Ombudsperson does
      1. Listens and understands issues while remaining neutral with respect to the facts.
      2. Help individuals develop and evaluate options.
      3. Guides or coach individuals to deal directly with other parties.
      4. Refers individuals to appropriate resolution channels.
      5. Assists in surfacing issues to formal resolution channels.
      6. Facilitates informal resolution processes. (ex. Mediation, Co-resolution, Group facilitation)

7. Identifies new issues and opportunities for systemic change for the organization.
  8. <https://www.ombudsassociation.org/what-is-an-ombuds->
- iii. What an Ombudsperson does not do
    1. Participate in formal investigations or processes.
    2. Produce any findings or make binding decisions.
    3. Institute corrective measures.
    4. Serve in any other organizational role that would compromise the neutrality of the ombuds role.
    5. Receive notice or act as an office of notice for the organization.
    6. Create policies
    7. Create or maintain records.
    8. Form any type of formal relationship (i.e. attorney-client)
  - iv. Examples of problems we work with
    1. You are in conflict with someone that you need help communicating with. (peer, supervisor, professor, etc)
    2. You are unsure which policies, procedures or regulations apply in your situation.
    3. You feel a policy, procedure, or regulation has been applied unfairly to you.
    4. You have a complaint about an office or service at the University of Iowa.
    5. You want to discuss a sensitive issue in a confidential safe place.
    6. You are unsure where to go or what options are open to you.
  - v. How to contact us
    1. OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSPERSON
    2. University of Iowa
    3. Jefferson Building #308
    4. 129 E. Washington Street
    5. Iowa City, IA 52242
    6. 319-335-3608
    7. [ombudsperson@uiowa.edu](mailto:ombudsperson@uiowa.edu)
4. Old Business
  5. New Business
    - a. [D.B.11 Grants Cycles 4-6 FY26 Supplement](#)
      - i. Passed on 2/24/26
    - b. [D.B.12 FY26 Grants Cycle 4 Approval Bill](#)
      - i. [FY26 Grants Cycle 4 Results](#)
      - ii. Passed on 2/24/26
    - c. [D.B.13 FY26 GPAC Funding Cycle 3 Approval Bill](#)
      - i. [FY26 GPAC Funding Cycle 3 Recommendations](#)

- ii. Passed on 2/24/26
  - d. D.B.14 FY27 GPAC Funding Tenets Amendments Approval Bill
    - i. FY27 GPAC Funding Tenets
    - ii. Passed on 2/24/26
  - e. D.B.15 Graduate and Professional Student Group Fitness Funding
    - i. Passed on 2/24/26
  - f. D.B.16 Allocation for Printing *The Edition*
    - i. Passed 2/24/26
- 6. Member Government Announcements
  - a. Association of Graduate Nursing Students (AGNS)
    - i. Nightingale Gala; April 11th
    - ii. MSN-EIP Graduation/Pinning
    - iii. GPSG meeting March 4th
  - b. Carver College of Medicine Student Government (CCOMSG)
    - i. Match Week festivities currently being organized
    - ii. Crista Gala ("med school prom") preparation in final stages
    - iii. Lots of wellness and student counseling events happening this semester (too many to list)
  - c. College of Pharmacy Student Leadership Council (COPSLC)
    - i. Pharmacy day on the hill 2/25/26
    - ii. Spring Pharmers' Market is open
  - d. College of Public Health Graduate Student Association (CPHGSA)
    - i. Interdepartmental Lunch, 2/25
    - ii. Spring Formal, 4/11
  - e. Graduate Student Senate (GSS)
    - i. Jakobsen Conference (Pioneering Possibilities) Final Planning Stages:
    - ii. 28 Mar 2026 1200-1830
    - iii. Still accepting abstracts:
      - 1. [https://uiowa.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6gn1RQphMA7UT4i](https://uiowa.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6gn1RQphMA7UT4i)
    - iv. Successful TA appreciation event last Tuesday! We <3 our GTAs
  - f. Iowa American Student Dental Association (IASDA)
    - i. State lobby day was Jan 27th
    - ii. National ASDA Session was Feb 6-8
    - iii. Frolics date is set for April 18th- we found a DJ!
  - g. Iowa Student Bar Association (ISBA)
    - i. Pickleball tournament was a success
    - ii. Today was Iowa Court of Appeals Day
    - iii. Planning Barrister's Ball (March 28)
  - h. Editorial Committee
    - i. On schedule with production, wrapping up reviews and beginning layout & design.

- ii. Six of the twelve campus colleges and sixteen different programs/departments are represented in accepted submissions, totaling ~20 pieces.
  - 1. Featuring research highlights, teaching reflections, an interview with a recently appointed faculty member (and former graduate student), art compositions, and poetry.
- iii. Confirmed distribution with five campus libraries.
  - 1. We need more distribution volunteers—please email myself or Airiana if you're interested!

## 7. Director Announcements

- a. Communications Director
  - i. GPSG Ball Save the Date mass email, post, and website have been published
    - 1. <https://gpsg.uiowa.edu/gpsg-ball-2026>
  - ii. GPSG 26-27 Election mass email announcement is out, we have election webpage now!!!
    - 1. <https://gpsg.uiowa.edu/get-involved/gpsg-2026-2027-elections>
- b. DEI Director
- c. Government Relations Director
- d. GPAC Director
  - i. FY26 Funding Cycle 3 completed
    - 1. GPAC met last Tuesday
    - 2. Funding recommendations
    - 3. Funding Tenet revisions
  - ii. ~\$18,000 funding remaining
    - 1. Can be stretched to \$20,000-\$25,000
    - 2. GPAC decision: \$200 extra allowed to be requested for food for every student org starting March 2 (when funding for Funding Cycle 3 takes effect)
    - 3. Rapid funding requests OPEN, FY26 GPAC Funding Tenet rules apply
  - iii. FY27 Funding Cycle 1 opens March 9 at 12 AM
    - 1. Closes April 10 at 11:59 PM
    - 2. Voted on at the April 21 meeting
- e. Grants Director
  - i. Cycle 4 has ended
  - ii. Cycle 5 opened through March 6
  - iii. We plan to have grant writing workshop this spring
- f. International Affairs Director
  - i. International Alumni Panel Conversation- Thursday, March 12, 2026 - Time: 5:30 – 7 p.m.

- ii. Celebrating International Student Success- Wednesday, May 8, 2024, 3-5 p.m.
    - iii. Explore Ways to Support Int'l. Students w/ISSS Fees- Thu 2/26/2026
  - g. Interprofessional Director
    - i. GPSG Ball Planning
      - 1. Slight adjustments to time and food
      - 2. DJ and Photobooth secured
      - 3. Ticketing throughout March
    - ii. Next Committee Meeting: March 24th 6-7p via Zoom
  - h. Mental Health Director
  - i. Physical Health and Safety Director
  - j. Sustainability Director
    - i. Campus roots is live! Nominations due by April 1!
      - 1. <https://sustainability.uiowa.edu/campus-roots>
    - ii. Our lecture panel series will be April 20th from 11:30-1:00pm in the IMU Iowa theater
      - 1. Box lunches provided for those who RSVP – limited supply
      - 2. Working to make this a lawyers and leaders event
    - iii. Working with USG on E-Waste event and Environmental Coalition on a trash crawl
      - 1. If your organization is interested in participating in the trash crawl, please fill out our interest form. Feel free to take your time & gauge interest among your members!
    - iv. Starting a campaign to discourage students from using confetti for pictures in front of old cap
  - k. Finance Director
    - i. Birdie Alarms
    - ii. College Partnerships
  - l. Cabinet Director
    - i. Resigned from position. Will not be filled with elections occurring next meeting.
    - ii. Abby, Airiana, & Patrick will fulfill the duties of this position for the remainder of the administration.
  - m. Vice President
    - i. Spring Panel Series
      - 1. 2/24 Eminent Domain
      - 2. 3/24 AI Across the Disciplines
      - 3. 4/20 Sustainability
    - ii. Dry Cleaning Service
  - n. President
    - i. Board of Regents Breakfast

1. Thursday AM
  - ii. College Visits
  - iii. Budget Review Board
  - iv. UISG Day on the hill
    1. TOMORROW!!
  - v. Elections (reach out to us!)
8. Adjourn