

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE
Meeting Agenda

July 27, 2009; 7:00 PM
Gold Room, MU

- I. Call to order 7:00 P.M.
 - a. Roll Call
 - b. Statement of Quorum by Speaker
 - c. Approval of the Minutes
 - d. Amendments to the Agenda
- II. Introduction of new bills
 - a. Senate Bill F09-01 – Picnic Funding Bill
- III. Open Forum
Open
- IV. Senate Forum
Open
- V. Remarks and Reports
 - a. Report of the President
President Gross
 - b. Report of the Vice President and Rules Committee
Vice President Peiffer
 - c. Report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee
Treasurer McCarville
 - d. Report of the CIO
CIO Kemmet
 - e. Report of the URLA Chair
URLA Chair Allen
 - f. Report of the PAG Chair
PAG Chair Wells
 - g. Graduate and GSB Senator Report
 - h. Other Committee Reports
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business
 - a. Senate Bill F09-01 – Picnic Funding Bill
- VIII. Announcements
- IX. Adjournment

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE
Meeting Minutes

April 27, 2009; 7:00 PM
Pioneer Room, MU

I. Call to order 7:00 p.m.

- A. Roll Call
- B. Statement of Quorum by Speaker- met
- C. Approval of the Minutes - amended
- D. Amendments to the Agenda

II. Introduction of new bills

- A. Senate Bill S09-10 – Continued Support for the Library - Presented by Senator Tolon
- B. Senate Bill S09-11 – Support for Student Veterans - Schmitz
- C. Senate Bill S09-12 – PAG – Extending Support- Lindsheild
- D. Senate Bill S09-13 – PAG Application Reform- New PAG
- E. Senate Order S09-01 – New Adviser - Schmitz

III. Open forum:

Michelle Hendricks – Director of Student Health

- Michelle will be the New advisor for GPSS
- Background - registered nurse
- Iowa native
- Air Force reservist
- Mother of 3 grown students

IV. Senate forum:

- Senator McCarville –
 - Procedural remark - PAG bill got killed because we didn't extend debate; please extend debate if necessary
 - A number of funding bills up tonight - don't spend down all of our reserves

V. Remarks and Reports:

A. Report of the President

President Schmitz

- VEISHEA co-chairs wanted to thank everyone for VEISHEA
- Daily - Iowa legislator adjourned and ISU budget should soon be known

B. Report of the Vice President and Rules Committee

Vice President Peiffer

- Rec services renovation committee met many times - please view the website and make comments
- Rules committee will meet next this summer

C. Report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee

Treasurer Brown

- REPORTED BY Vice President Peiffer
- The latest accounting shows that we have a balance of \$77,431.21 in our account. This means that we have a current excess of approximately \$50,000. Also, our investment account has been closed (all the campus groups have been closed at this point due to budgetary issues) so those funds will be rolled over

into our account by the next statement.

- Interest will be going into general GPSS account
- Senator Tolon: Why is excess changing?
- President Schmitz: Moving number comes from collection of student fees; high GSP enrollment (up 65-70 students); vending is a moving target

D. Report of the CIO

CIO Ford

- No report

E. Report of the URLA Chair

URLA Chair Smith

F. Report of the PAG Chair

PAG Chair Stoehr

- Give out peer teaching, peer research awards
- Thank you to selection committee
 - Weiguo Cai
 - Lihong Lu McPhail
 - Ankit Agrawal
 - Som Shrestha
 - Chetan Hazaree
 - Sarah Rahn
 - Alissa Stoehr
 - Ryan KellyG.

G. Graduate GSB Senator Report

- Articles of cooperation; projections - \$103,000; 75% allocated to PAGs
- Formation of student debt committee

H. Other Committee Reports

- None

VI. Old Business:

A. Senate Bill S09-05 – Senator Seating Policy

- It has passed the first time; requires 2 passings
- Ayes - 33; Nays - 6; Abstention - 2; DOES NOT PASS

VII. New Business:

A. Senate Bill S09-10 – Continued Support for the Library

- Senator Gross - there may not be a large need for very old journals; if GPSS continues to fund library projects, GSB may be less likely to fund in future
- Senator Horringshaw - Pre-industrial Ag journals would be helpful for constituents
- Senator Lindshield - Have a responsibility to spend GPSS funds
- Senator Teasdale - would help many of his constituents
- Senator Marsh - Helpful to his constituents, he supports the bill; We need to ask this question, "Is this going to help our constituents?" and in this case, yes, it will
- Senator Kepper - How many of these journals can't be met by using inter library loans? ANSWER: We own 1/2 of these in paper form, more than 1/2 aren't available, probably all could be obtained through Inter-library loans; it cost the library \$30 on average to get a journal and \$8 to loan a journal - so ILL are not always cost effective
- Senator Allen - We voted a very similar bill down last month and we gave the library a 1

time donation last year

- Senator Wells - Though similar to last month's bill, It is a new bill and should be considered newly
 - Senator Tolon - The bill is different from last months and because of last month's meeting and comments, this bill has been accordingly changed
 - Reduced amounts compared to last bill
 - Price will go up in fall
 - Senator Gross
 - GSB will may not support the library if they think we will keep supporting the library
 - Senator Ariza
 - How much is this borrowed now?
 - ANSWER - they do not have that type of data; borrow more in social sciences than sciences; library has moved from ownership model to access/ownership model
 - Senator Tesdale
 - Articles in this package are different since they are foundational and addresses a different
 - Debate Extend by 5 minutes
 - Ayes - 20; Opposed 18; Abstain 1 - DEBATE EXTENDED
 - Senator Marsh
 - Shouldn't vote down just becausee the Senate voted down last time - vote on issue by issue basis
 - President Schmitz
 - GSB is not going to support lib if we keep supporting them
 - Money for additional things next years will come out of reserve chair
 - Senator Roggers
 - Hard sciences need to go back as well!
 - These are vitally important
 - VOTE
 - Ayes - 26; Opposed - 14; Abstain - 1: PASSES AS WRITTEN
- B. Senate Bill S09-11 – Support for Student Veterans
- President Schmitz
 - Helps reorient students who come back after serving
 - Asking for \$5,000 to give a feel of officer's lounge
 - Bring veteran's story to campus
 - Should show our support for them
 - Senator Gross
 - Amendment
 - ?
 - How is this different than LGBTT
 - Senator Stoehr
 - Annonymous donor took care of bill
 - Senator Wells
 - At its heart, this feels like a GSB issue

- President Schmitz
 - Most likely approaching GSB as well for funding
- Senator Wells
 - Is there any sense of numbers of graduates who are veterans
- President Schmitz
 - Not sure- more undergrad; little under 20%
- Senator Marsh
 - With respect LGBTSS; against both of these bills; some people can't find a use for library books, but now we are looking at buying furniture
- Senator McCarville
 - Asking for student fees to support renovations to student union
 - We would not be here if it weren't for people serving in the military
 - Student fees for the student union
- Senator Horigshaw
 - Memorial Union - we already have a memorial to student veterans
- Senator Gross
 - GSB has spent \$50,000 on furniture - student fee money does go to support money on the union
- Senator Kemmet
 - Why so high for furniture?
- President Schmitz
 - 4 - sofas; 8 - individual chairs
 - All students can access
 - This is for students who come back to tell their stories
- Senator Wells
 - Amendment
- Senator Kappes
 - Honoring people who have served us
- Senator Tolon
 - What happens if can't find total funding
- President Schmitz
 - It will be returned
- Senator Marsh
 - It's not really grad students who seem to be using MU
- President Schmitz
 - No specific data on who uses MU; totally head count - 2 million people pass through building (repetitive number - people are counted twice)
- Senator Gross
 - MU serves equally everyone
- VOTE
 - Ayes - 19; Opposed - 15; Abstain - 6
 - PASSES AS AMENDED

C. Senate Bill S09-12 – PAG – Extending Support

- Amended
- Senator Lindshield

- Changed from last time
 - Any portion not used be returned to GPSS
- Senator Kappes
 - Has anyone been able to go with PAG grant who could not have gone without
- Senator Lindsheild
 - Yes
- Senator Teasdale
 - Matches funds
- Senator Wells
 - Math dept pays for almost everything
 - Shouldn't just ask if this makes people "able" to go; but if we are helping people get there
- Senator Marsh
 - As grad students, we can scrap up the money to go
 - He knows a lot of people do rely on this money
- Senator McCarville
 - Amendment
 - Implementation
- Senator Wells
 - This money will be available for students going to conferences in May and June
 - People are able to reapply
 - Applications looked at anew by graduate college
 - On July 1, money from next budget will kick in
- Senator McCarville
 - This will only be effective for May 11 - June 30
 - Does not serve people in his department
- Senator
 - Even if the duration is small- money may not benefit those who were denied already
- Senator Allen
 - Only effective short period - we have to think of how many people this will benefit
 - Think of logistics
 - Last year we increased amount of PAGs and more people applied - that was the point
 - We are putting more money in next year
 - Precedents - we have to think about what we're setting here - are we going to do the same thing next year?
 - Mindset of doing things w/ our money that isn't library and pags
- Senator Marsh
 - If it's not going to help anyone, we're not out any money
 - What changed from last time from previously denied students
- Senator Gross

- People can reapply
- President Schmitz
 - The bill that was referenced was not correctly referenced
 - If you've been denied you can reapply; if you have received funds, you can't apply again; you can't be reimbursed retroactively
- Senator Kemmet
- Senator Wells
 - Administrative cost- require some work of graduate college, but we are willing to do it
 - Responsible use of funds
- Senator Mitchell
 - There are still people in his dept in need of this
- Senator McCarville
 - If we pass this we are setting a precedent
- Senator Lindshield
 - This is fairly easy to implement via email
 - This is a surplus - we have the opportunity to help fellow graduate students -- it is a gift; not intended to criticize how PAG is structured
- Senator Ariza
 - Is there any thought to a need-based basis?
- Senator Wells
 - First come first serve; admin costs
 - Grad college doesn't have facilities to ascertain need information
- VOTE
 - Ayes - 25; Opposed - 10; Abstained - 5
 - Passes as amended

D. Senate Bill S09-13 – PAG Application Reform

- Senator Wells
 - Streamlining application process
 - Flat rates: \$200 presenter; \$120 for non-presenter
 - Only get reimbursed for money you actually spend
- President Schmitz
 - Point of information - not many people were using less than 200
 - Allocation for next year from Grad college will be \$75 and non-presenters will not be funded
 - Current average amount being given is \$180
- Senator Tolon
 - His constituents go to regional conference
 - Adds a useful degree to have differential per day amount
- Senator Wells
 - Flying cost the same no matter how much you are gone; admin cost
- Senator Schechinger
 - If a conference is closer to end of year they will go to home as part of conference - 1 mo may not be enough
- Senator McCarville

- Can we just make an exception for this?
- Senator Stoehr
 - Could mail receipts
 - Can help make arrangements
- Senator Tolon
 - Appreciate having a flat rate would streamline process and that is not bad
 - Previously presenters 120/ non presenters 80
- Senator Stoehr
 - Need to be thoughtful as to how much we give - this seems like a good amount
- VOTE
 - Ayes - 33; Opposed - 1; Abstain - 2
 - PASSES AS WRITTEN

E. Senate Order S09-01 – New Adviser

- Welcome new advisor!
- Amended
- VOTE
 - All in favor

VIII. Announcements

- Senator Stoehr - Thank Senator Wells for taking over tonight
- Senator Schechinger - Any advice for swine flu
 - Yes - check CDC website!
- President Schmitz - Thank you for this whole academic year
- Senator Allen - Owe out going exec a round of applause

IX. Adjournment

Iowa State University

Graduate & Professional Student Senate

SENATE BILL S09-01 SENATE MEETING July 27, 2009

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5 TITLE: Allocating Reserve Money for the Annual Welcome Back Picnic

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7 WHEREAS: The Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS) allocates funds for a social
8 event each year and traditionally this social event is the welcome back picnic for
9 any interested graduate and professional students, and

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11 WHEREAS: This picnic is a foundation for continuing, returning, and new graduate and
12 professional students to meet each other and learn about GPSS, and

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14 WHEREAS: In recent years it has been difficult to meet the allocated budget with the increase
15 cost of food, and

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17 WHEREAS: The projected cost of the 2009 welcome back picnic supersedes the amount that
18 was allocated in the previous year, be it therefore

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20 ENACTED: That \$ XXX.XX be allocated from reserve funds to be spent for the annual GPSS
21 Welcome Back Picnic.

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42 Aaron D. Gross, President

Greg Peiffer, Chair of the Senate