

GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT SENATE  
Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2009; 7:00 PM  
Campanile Room, MU

- I. Call to order 7:00 P.M.
  - a. Roll Call – Quorum met
  - b. Statement of Quorum by Speaker
  - c. Approval of the Minutes - Approved
  - d. Amendments to the Agenda - None
- II. Introduction of new bills and resolutions
  - a. Senate Bill F09-03 – Video Interest Group – Videos for grad students
  - b. Senate Bill F09-04 – PAG Reform – For summer
  - c. Senate Order F09-01- Seating GSB senators – need to fill 2 seats
- III. Open Forum
  - a. Michelle Hendricks – Director of Thielen Student Health Center
    - i. H1N1 update
    - ii. Prevention is foundation
    - iii. Self Isolate – Do not attend class or work if you are sick
    - iv. Following recommendations of CDC
    - v. Some pushback from faculty but was resolved with communication
    - vi. Worked with students on an individual basis to help isolate student
    - vii. Rate of illness in Iowa is still sporadic, fortunately
    - viii. Stay closely tuned in to what Iowa Department of Health is doing
    - ix. Vaccine: Get your season flu vaccine – widely available (time and locations) - \$20 for shot; \$25 for mist; less \$10 with insurance
    - x. Anticipating H1N1 vaccine – will develop plan for distribution – according to priority groups which are being set – most students will fall into 2<sup>nd</sup> priority group; time frame: late October to early November – will be free
    - xi. Senator Allen: someone came all the way to Vet school
    - xii. Senator Peiffer: How long can virus live on object: Relatively short period of time that flu can stay on objects, but it can definitely be picked up that way; Clean hands are best defense against flu
- IV. Senate Forum
  - a. Senate Training
    - i. Slides on website
- V. Remarks and Reports
  - a. Report of the President
    - President Gross
      - i. Tuition increase proposed – will be discussed in October meeting
      - ii. 10 day enrollment is posted
      - iii. Grad and undergrad numbers are up
      - iv. MU Chapel issues are coming up – GPSS has no current position
      - v. Review of Exec scholarships and PAG funding

- vi. Executive council will be up soon
- vii. Executive board hours will be posted online
- viii. Senator Handbook was sent out – suggest improvements!
- b. Report of the Vice President and Rules Committee
  - Vice President Peiffer
    - i. Rule committee met and discussed bills
    - ii. Need another committee – Margaret Ellen White Award – award for Major Professors – attention and support
- c. Report of the Treasurer and Finance Committee
  - Treasurer McCarville
    - i. Finance committee received 2 bills this month
      - 1. Special Allocations for Video Group – No bias
      - 2. PAG bill – no bias with comments
        - a. Students not enrolled during the summer are not paying student fees in summer and PAG grants are supported only with fees
        - b. PAGs have been spent down each semester, those not paying in during summer have not contributed
        - c. Students paying student fees during summer are being turned down due to lack of funds
- d. Report of the CIO
  - CIO Kemmet
    - i. UCW committee
    - ii. Website updates
- e. Report of the URLA Chair
  - URLA Chair Allen
    - i. Committees that need to be filled – please sign up
    - ii. Has information on all of them
    - iii. Graduate Council – not separated out by college – 4 total
    - iv. Committee reports
      - 1. Parking policy changes to prepaid stalls – now 25 cents/20 minutes during non-free hours
      - 2. Bicycles – Educating on bike safety; make sure you register your bike
      - 3. Parking regulations and maps for bikes online – DPS
      - 4. Discussed mission statement of Sloss Women’s Center – reopening more students into Sloss house (undergoing renovations)
      - 5. VEISHEA committees – APPLY! Applications online
      - 6. Thesis competition going on – Distinguished Master’s Thesis Award – submit by October 9 – you can win some money
      - 7. If anyone is on committee – please share
- f. Report of the PAG Chair
  - PAG Chair Wells
    - i. We have about \$3000 left for fall – about 15 grants
    - ii. Peer teaching awards – forms available online – encourage people to apply
    - iii. Date online is incorrect

g. Graduate and GSB Senator Report

i. Senator Sarkar

1. Special allocations going on right now – informational session going
2. Office of Sustainability going to attend GSB meeting – Green your Routine
3. Safety walk – October 27

h. Other Committee Reports

i. None

VI. Old Business

a. Senate Bill F09-02 – GPSS-GSB Articles of Cooperation

i. Considered Read

ii. Amendment on F09-02

1. In favor: 50
2. Opposed: 0
3. Abstention: 0

iii. Question as amended

1. In favor: 54
2. Opposed: 0
3. Abstention: 0
4. PASSES AS AMMENDED

VII. New Business

a. Senate Bill F09-03 – Video Interest Group

i. Amendments

1. Senator Smith: What kind of publicity/advertising
  - a. For flyers
2. Senator Roggers: Officially recognized
  - a. No money currently for advertising
3. Questions
  - a. In favor: 48
  - b. Opposition: 3
  - c. Abstention: 0
  - d. Amendment passes

ii. Bill

1. Printing line – print tutorial for meetings
2. Roggers – How will you return equipment?
  - a. Should the group dissolve would be notified through SOB and will be contacted; stickers will be placed
3. Kramer – What computers are you using?
  - a. One terminal license placed on computer that is central to executive; University computer
  - b. Senator Luttrell – Why purchase your own camera?
    - i. Currently check out cameras, but want to ensure one is always available and one they can lend out; camera they are looking at is HD and wide screen

- c. Marsh – Anything to deal with appreciation or expendables?
    - i. No, currently GPSS does not have a system in place to deal with depreciation
  - d. Kramer Learn about other SpeakTeach programs
  - e. Oster – POI – what is current discretionary budget
    - i. Coming out of money rolled over from past fiscal year – rolled over \$30000-\$40000
  - f. Luttrell – What did you get last year?
    - i. Nothing from GPSS last year
    - ii. Been a group 2 yrs
  - g. Question as Amended
    - i. In favor: 41
    - ii. Opposed: 9
    - iii. Abstention: 2
    - iv. PASSES AS AMENDED
- b. Senate Bill F09-04 – PAG Reform
- i. Read bill
  - ii. Essence – will change only one thing (not overall process)
    - 1. PAGs are a service
    - 2. Many students are enrolled in Spring and Fall and pay into fund but are not students in summer and cannot apply
    - 3. Senator Lui: Some conferences only during summer and there are definitely students who would use this
  - iii. Roggers
    - 1. Students pay fees during Fall and Spring – as grad students we need to allow as many graduate students to go as possible to help their careers
    - 2. McCarville – POI – Services (Rec) provided by students fees are usually only available during
    - 3. Tolon – Many services are available to students during summer that do not require enrollment
    - 4. Amendment
      - a. Have not applied during spring
      - b. Allen: Denying opportunity twice
      - c. Wells: Presents itself as a compromise but people don't really have control over when they have conference – Doesn't add enough
      - d. Marsh – Confusing amendment – In response to Sen. Allen
      - e. Lee – Conference schedule not flexible
      - f. Question
        - i. In favor: 5
        - ii. Opposed: 39
        - iii. Abstention: 4
        - iv. Does not pass
    - 5. Teesdale – What is meant by enrollment

- i. If you appear in system under graduate college requirements; Taking any credits
  - 6. Allen – Surprised that supported it – How many people are on 9 month appointments; 1500 fewer grad assistantships in the summer
  - 7. Marsh – Provision to give preference to students enrolled in summer; anyway to look for people in enrolled in fall
    - a. First come first serve basis
    - b. Withdrawn
  - 8. Kramer – If you are on an assistantship you are registered; what if you are paid hourly
  - 9. Gallery – In conference you have to present a paper – work is done during semester and has done their part during semester
  - 10. Allen – Can form ad hoc committee to look specifically at issue
    - a. Smith – move to committee
    - b. Tolon – This could be one thing ad hoc committee addresses
    - c. Vote
      - i. In favor: 31
      - ii. Opposed: 15
      - iii. Abstention: 2
      - iv. Will go to ad hoc committee
      - v. Wells will be chair of committee
  - 11. Brgoch – Vet med students cannot enroll in summer? – Yes
  - 12. Bill tabled
- c. Senate Order F09-01- Seating GSB senators
  - i. Sarkar – Read bill
  - ii. 3 GSB at large positions – need to fill 2 more – we have 3 candidates
  - iii. Malini – EE- Can help support students
  - iv. Lidia Esteve – Ag and Bio systems – Been here 5 years and would like to learn what is going on and contribute
  - v. Monga – CprE – Part of activities to fund student funds – should get good representation on both Senates
  - vi. Lida Esteve– 36
  - vii. Monga – 23
  - viii. Malani – 26
  - ix. Amendment – Place Esteve and Malani into bill – Unanimous
    - 1. Passes
  - x. Bill
    - 1. Passed Unanimous

VIII. Announcements

IX. Adjournment