



**UNIVERSITY OF IOWA
GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

15th Session – September 6, 2022

GPSG

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Sponsor: Benjamin Linden, Carver College of Medicine Delegate on behalf of President, Amber Crow

GPSG Action: **Passed**/Failed/Tabled

A RESOLUTION

The following Resolution outlines GPSG’s 2022-2023 agenda and priorities.

Section 1: Short Title

This Resolution may be cited as “2022-2023 GPSG Agenda and Priorities.”

Section 2: Discussion

WHEREAS, the 2021-2022 GPSG Member Government Delegates voted to elect each 2022-2023 GPSG Executive Team Member to carry out solutions to target issues students face and to serve as a voice for all student constituents;

WHEREAS, GPSG’s Executive Team has reviewed the Graduate and Professional Student Needs Assessment, connected with various campus and community partners, and internally discussed ways in which GPSG can better serve its constituents;

WHEREAS, the GPSG Executive Team has determined the following non-exhaustive list as the 2022-2023 GPSG Agenda and Priorities;

WHEREAS, GPSG’s Finance team will allocate the student activity fee in a way that is equitable, efficient, and fair by creating and maintaining an annual budget for the student activity fund allocation as well as the contingency fund spend-down plan. GPSG will bolster financial support for the GPAC and Grants funds, streamline the funding process, and implement accountability measures so students can receive answers and feedback on their applications. GPSG will work with the Engage platform to ensure students understand the application process and increase the likelihood of awards. GPSG will continue to fund community-building activities to target the isolation and loneliness students reported in the Graduate and Professional Student Needs Assessment. GPSG will continue to work closely with campus and community projects to help fund programs like Kognito and the Food Pantry to better support our student constituents;

WHEREAS, GPSG’s Communications Director will continue to promote events on social media platforms, connect with campus and community organizations to promote relate events and programs, continue to update the GPSG website and will begin promoting GPSG’s meeting minutes, legislation, and news updates, and continue apprising graduate and professional students of the activities of GPSG;

WHEREAS, GPSG’s Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Director and Committee will ensure all students from marginalized groups are able to readily access community and support systems on campus. GPSG’s DEI team will seek out and attend events, spaces, and campus and community partners who emphasize DEI efforts to be part of the conversation and solutions. GPSG’s DEI team will have meaningful collaboration with affinity groups on campus, as well as with students who may be part of a community that does not currently have an associated group and amplify their voices. GPSG’s DEI team will continue advocacy efforts to encourage the Board of Regents to add “Juneteenth” as a holiday recognized by the University of Iowa’s calendar;

WHEREAS, GPSG’s Governmental Relations (GR) Director and Committee will work to register students as voters and raise awareness about the midterm elections and voting process. GPSG’s GR team will work to help graduate and professional students understand the changes in loan forgiveness as well as re-payment plans for loans and financial literacy efforts. GPSG’s GR team will work with the state and federal governments to encourage financial incentives for students to stay within the state of Iowa and increase scholarship, grants, and loans availability. GPSG’s GR team will work with the state of Iowa to increase state appropriations to the University of Iowa to alleviate the costly burden placed on students, a recent trend that must end. GPSG’s GR team will continue advocacy efforts to encourage the Board of Regents to add “Juneteenth” as a holiday recognized by the University of Iowa’s calendar;

WHEREAS, GPSG’s International Affairs (IA) Director and Committee will work to collaborate more closely with the international student community and increasing access to

services and feedback. GPSG's IA team will work on more issues related to international affairs, such as bridging the gap between international student fees and internal and external financial aid. GPSG's IA team will work to implement a cultural competency and adjustment training into graduate and professional student orientations, employment packages, DEI trainings, and DEI resources. GPSG's IA team will work to increase the awareness and organize events to celebrate international sports and cultural events. GPSG's IA team will work to create short videos to help international graduate and professional students with items such as getting a Social Security Number or securing grants, scholarships, fellowships, etc. GPSG's IA team will create an online anonymous submission form for ideas or critiques.

WHEREAS, GPSG's Interprofessional (IP) Director and Committee will continue creating social and networking events for graduate and professional students such as study sessions, Friday Night Vibes, holiday or seasonal events, graduate and professional student appreciation week, Taste of Iowa City, among others. GPSG's IP team will work to ensure this year's programming is more inclusive to students with families or who do not wish to consume alcohol.

WHEREAS, GPSG's Mental Health Director and Committee will develop, advocate, and promote culturally conscious, readily accessible, and innovative mental health resources for graduate and professional students. GPSG's Mental Health team will work to improve student access to community mental health resources and reduce the average wait time for seeking an appointment. GPSG's Mental Health team will work to develop a robust peer-driven mental health workforce and collaborate more closely with University Counseling Services and other partners targeting student well-being as part of the University of Iowa's Strategic Plan.

WHEREAS, GPSG's Physical Safety Director and Committee will work closely with the Safety and Security Committee, Anti-Violence Coalition, among other campus and community partners to ensure the safety and well-being of students. GPSG's Physical Safety team will work on the "Raise the Bar" project and work to reduce sexual harassment and assault in high-risk environments in the community and continue to market and refine resources for those who are survivors/victims. GPSG's Physical Safety will work closely with the Iowa City Police and the Department of Public Safety to advocate for students to feel safe and implement needed changes. GPSG's Physical Safety team will work on initiatives related to basic needs such as food, housing, and healthcare as pointed out by the Graduate and Professional Student Needs Assessment.

WHEREAS, GPSG's Sustainability Director and Committee will work to support existing projects and partnerships, implement sustainable waste management strategies, and reduce production of waste on campus through investing in recycle and reuse initiatives. GPSG's Sustainability team will work closely with the Office of Sustainability and the Environment, Facilities Management, USG Counterpart, the City of Iowa City Government Sustainability

Coordinator, among other campus and community partners. GPSG's Sustainability team will ensure follow-through on last year's initiatives, work closely on the Green Lab Task Force, and help produce the Sustainability News Network.

WHEREAS, GPSG will work collectively to strengthen the relationship between the Executive Team and the Council of the Delegates by increasing organization and communication, intentionally inviting participation of delegates with more executive matters, working more collaboratively on legislative matters, and hosting more in-person events and meetings to connect more interpersonally. GPSG will work intentionally to reduce last year's turnover rate of Executive Team members and ensure a full Council of Delegates roster.

Section 3: Action

GPSG will work collaboratively, intentionally, and strategically to carry out GPSG's 2022-2023 Agenda and Priorities as listed above.

Section 4: Enactment

THEREFORE, be it enacted by the University of Iowa Graduate and Professional Student Government upon the signature of the President.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF:

Grace Bryant
Cabinet Director

APPROVED:

Amber D. Crow
GPSG President

09/06/2022
Date