

THE ARTICLES OF COOPERATION

Between the Iowa State University

Government of the Student Body (GSB) and the Graduate and Professional Student Senate (GPSS)

Preamble

GSB and GPSS have a special and unique relationship, supported by decades of history, which is different than the relationship between GSB and any other organization. This document has a primary status in the enumeration of the rights and responsibilities of the two governmental bodies, as well as codifying independent legitimate authority.

GSB is the only student government organization on campus which represents all students: undergraduate, non-traditional, graduate, and professional. Accordingly, GSB allocates student fees in a manner to benefit the student body as a whole, by funding such entities as the Daily, the Committee on Lectures, and Student Legal Services. GSB is also able to speak to the university administration and outside groups on behalf of the entire student body.

GPSS is the independent government body which handles matters of concern to graduate and professional students that fall outside of the scope of the GSB by-laws. Specifically, GPSS confronts issues of professional and academic advancement common to graduate and professional students, such as the funding of research and travel grants. In addition, GPSS funds graduate and professional student groups which would not be eligible for funding through the GSB student fees allocation process.

Beyond its funding responsibilities, GPSS is charged with the representation of graduate and professional student interests in policy-making decisions, both on and off campus. This representation requires that GSB and GPSS consult one another in the deliberation of issues that may affect the two constituencies differently. It is the responsibility of both institutions to establish and maintain communication with one another on such issues.

As a result of the organization and responsibilities of GPSS, its role is different than both GSB and a constituency council. Its special status within the overall structure of ISU student governance is one that complements, and is independent of, the governance structures of GSB and enhances the overall representation of student interests at ISU. In the interest of both the GSB and the GPSS, the following Articles of Cooperation shall serve as an outline of procedures for communication, funding, and representation.

I Inter-Government Communication

A Executive Officers

- 1 The GSB President shall appoint a Cabinet member to sit as a nonvoting member of the GPSS Executive Council, and the President of GPSS shall appoint an Executive Council member to sit as a nonvoting member of the GSB Cabinet. The designees shall exchange pertinent information regarding actions of shared interest at these meetings.
- 2 The executives of GSB and the executives of GPSS, including, but not limited to, the President and Vice-president of each body, shall meet prior to the first meeting of the fall and spring semesters to review the goals of each body for that semester, and to discuss other items of mutual interest.
- 3 At the first meeting of the spring and fall semester, the GSB and the GPSS Executive Officers shall address each other's legislative body concerning the activities, accomplishments and pertinent legislation of the past and upcoming academic years.

B Minutes, Bills, and Resolutions

- 1 The Secretary of each body shall make available a copy of the approved minutes, bills, resolutions, and other pertinent correspondence to the Secretary of the other body within one week of each meeting upon request.

II Funding

A Student Activity Fees

- 1 The GSB shall receive 60% and the GPSS shall receive 40% of the Student Activity Fees paid by graduate and professional students.

B Sponsored Events

- 1 Jointly funded events shall be sponsored whenever appropriate. All appropriate publicity shall equally display the GSB and the GPSS logos, and the words "funded by GSB and GPSS" shall appear on all appropriate publicity material.

III Representation

- A The Presidents of GSB and GPSS shall each appoint a voting representative to serve on each other's Finance Committee.
- B In committees overseeing issues of importance to both GSB and GPSS, representatives of both bodies should be present.

IV Supremacy

- A The Articles of Cooperation shall supersede the bylaws of GSB and GPSS.

V Amendments

- A Amendments to the Articles of Cooperation shall take effect after 2/3 of seated senators in each legislative body approve the amendments, which must be presented in written bills, the body text of which is the same in both bills.

VI Ratification

- A Ratification of the Articles of Cooperation shall require a 2/3 vote of seated senators of each legislative body and shall take effect immediately upon passage.