2019-2020 Year in Review
Student Government by the Numbers

- 7 Supreme Court Justices
- 9 Election Commission Members
- 22 Executive Cabinet Members
- 32 Senators
- 33 At-Large Members
- 171 bills passed
- $2,254,348.94 of total Student Government funding
Chief Officers

**Austin Graber:** President

**Vishesh Bhatia:** Vice President

**Chase Kusel:** Chief of Staff

**Madison Mueller:** Finance Director

**Kelsey Culbertson:** Speaker of the Senate (CALS SENATOR)

**Jacob Schrader:** Vice Speaker of the Senate (UROC SENATOR)

**Noah Heasley:** Supreme Court Chief Justice*

*Entire Supreme Court installed last meeting of final session
Executive Cabinet

Lucy Dougherty  
Treasurer

Rachel Origer  
Sr. Director Student Services

Sarah Moody  
Sr. Director of Academic Affairs

Johnny Murphy  
Sr. Director of Communications

Nick Johnson  
Sr. Director of Governmental Affairs

Lauryn Perk  
Director Of Student Org Relations

Elena Hoffman  
Director of Diversity and Inclusion

Raia Arbisi  
Director of Health and Wellness

Emily Rizvic  
Election Commissioner

Shubham Sharma  
Director of Information Technology

Marte Broadnax  
Director of Residency

Carrie Swartz  
Director of Outreach

Izzy Rojas  
Co-Director of Legislative Ambassadors

Cassie Bond  
Co-Director of Legislative Ambassadors

Jenna McCarthy  
Graphic Designer

Devyn Leeson  
Ex-Officio Ames City Council Liaison

Izzy Wilde  
Director of Sustainability

Abigail Fowler  
First Year Council Liaison
Student Government Senate

Kate Alucard
Veterinary Medicine
Jack Bender
Ivy College of Business
Taylor Blair
Design
Jacob Conn
Engineering
Ellie Crabb
Human Sciences
Sydney Dondlinger
UROC
Morgan Fritz
Collegiate Panhellenic Council
Lydia Greene
Liberal Arts and Sciences
Joshua Hanyang
Ivy College of Business
Alex Klein
IRHA
Nicholas Kline
Frederiksen Court
Travis Lipford
SUV
Zachary Mass
Interfraternity Council
Mckenzie Meradith
Liberal Arts and Sciences
Advait M.
Engineering
Morgan Mitchell
UROC
Dustin Reis
UROC
Hans Riensche
Agriculture and Life Sciences
Kaitlyn Roling
UROC, Student Initiatives Chair
Madesh Samanu
IRHA
Jacob Ludwig
Liberal Arts and Sciences
Tony Tonet
Engineering, Civic Engagement Chair
Mason Zastrow
IRHA
Patrick Origer
IRHA
Mariana Gonzalez
IRHA
Carie Ann Johnson
GPSS
Ian Searles
Frederiksen Court
Sandeep Stanley
Engineering
Hayat Sumael
UROC
Matthew Klaes
UROC
Supreme Court

Noah Heasley: Chief Justice
Nick Holaday: Associate Justice
Aubrey Matthews: Associate Justice
Olivia Christensen: Associate Justice
Alex Cecil: Associate Justice
Marcos Ferreyra: Associate Justice
Andrew Breuck: Associate Justice
Finance Committee meets during Senate meeting, Picture Courtesy of Kara Dehn Iowa State Daily
Finance

- Student Organization Funding: $1,356,604.26
- Sports Club Funding: $173,651.81
- Reoccurring and Obligatory Funding: $724,092.87
- Total Student Government Funding: $2,254,348.94
- Revised Student Government Asset priorities
- Passed debt contracts for clubs in financial crisis
- Revised Finance Priorities and Criteria for the Fiscal year 2021
- Created a new contract with the Student Union Board
- Established a new 5 year contract with the Iowa State Daily
Student Wellness

Vice President Bhatia, Dr. Chris Hanes, and President Graber

Director of Health and Wellness Arbisi at Lifestyle Expo
Student Wellness Initiatives

- Funded Get Yourself Tested STD program through Student Health
- Started a partnership with Student Health and Wellness to explore plans on expanding menstrual products to more restrooms on campus
- Created Student Wellness videos of campus facilities and resources
- Created a contract for a Mental Health App that will be revealed Fall 2020
- Assisted in Lifestyle Expo promoting all areas of student wellness; in partnership with Recreation Services
- Held a “Fireside Chat” with the Director of Student Counseling Services Dr. Chris Hanes to highlight mental health resources on campus
- Changed the term “Dead Week” to “Prep Week” with GPSS and Faculty Senate
- Outlined and recommended improvements to the campus tobacco/nicotine policies to better protect student health
Campus Safety

ISUPD Officer Greiter meets with President Graber and Vice President Bhatia during a “Fireside Chat” interview
Campus Safety Initiatives

- Hosted speakers on the topic of human trafficking prevention
- Planned a campus safety walk highlighting areas of concern with ISUPD and Facilities, Planning, and Management
- Put on Walk Drive Bike Smart program with ISU and Ames PD
- Built and handed out winter weather bags for students
- Held a “Fireside Chat” with ISUPD Officer Anthony Greiter to discuss campus safety resources on campus
- Passed resolutions calling for structural improvements to bias incident response procedure
Diversity, Inclusion, and Empowerment

Students and administration gather during Jack Trice Event*

Members of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee

*Photo Courtesy of Christopher Gannon Iowa State University
Diversity, Inclusion, and Empowerment

• Planned a Heroes Week highlighting historically marginalized identities who have helped build the foundation at Iowa State and Iowa in an effort to empower current Iowa State students
• Held a Jack Trice Statue commemoration reception with the Office of the President following the arrival of the Jack Trice statue to central campus
• Worked with Admissions to get the Jack Trice Statue on the tour script to inform new students and visitors about Jack Trice’s legacy
• Passed resolutions calling for administrative accountability in areas of diversity and inclusion
• Collaborated with respective administration following resolution to ensure student concerns were addressed
Diversity, Inclusion, and Empowerment Cont.

• Worked with Associate Provost and Faculty Senate Committee to begin discussions on reevaluating the U.S. Diversity Requirement to ensure the outcomes meet current student needs
• Funded the 2nd Annual Women in STEM event in order to continue the successful event that highlights and empowers Iowa State women in STEM
• Funded five new Women in STEM banners to be displayed in the library, highlighting women’s outstanding work in their fields
• Passed a resolution that outlines a permanent land acknowledgment display in Parks Library
Sustainability

Committee Members at Sustainapalooza

National Campus Sustainability Day

Engineers for a Sustainable World Composting
Sustainability Initiatives

- Created a pilot project establishing expansion of solar lighting
- Participated in National Campus Sustainability Day with FP&M
- Funded an extension of the Frederiksen Court composting project
- Implemented a campus recycling and sustainability forum with the Office of Sustainability
- Put on an America Recycles Day discussing and informing students about recycling
- Passed a Declaration of Climate Emergency resolution
- Planned an event called SciNite highlighting educational sustainability projects
Sustainability Initiatives Continued

• Researched and started recycling at Parks Library
• Created a committee Instagram to promote the Green Initiatives Fund
• Worked with Greeks Go Green and the Alumni Association to obtain recycling receptacles in Greek housing
• Encouraged recycling medical disinfectant bottles at Vet Med
• Assisted in planning an all-university carbon removal forum
• Promoted and advocated for the reduction of plastic and increasing composting at ISU Dining
• Held “Fireside Chat” including the Sustainability Office and Director of Sustainability Merry Rankin
Civic Engagement

Civic Engagement chair Tony Tonet taking notes during Senate*

Civic Engagement Committee members at Mock Caucus*

*Photos Courtesy of Mallory Tope and Caitlin Yamada Iowa State Daily
Civic Engagement Initiatives

- Put on Mock Caucus event teaching students how to Caucus
- Funded the 19th Amendment Centennial Commemoration Kickoff
- Promoted City Council elections and town halls
- Coordinated with the League of Women Voters to co-host a Legislative Wake-Up in the Memorial Union
- Implemented the placement of voter registration forms at all mailrooms and hall desks
- In works with Department of Residence to put voter registration forms in move-in packets for apartment communities
- Worked with the Andrew Goodman Foundation to develop student voting stickers
Governmental Affairs and City of Ames

Legislative Ambassadors at the Capitol in Des Moines

Mayor Haila and Vice President Bhatia at joint City Council meeting*

Student Government members at Big 12 on the Hill in Washington DC

Ex-Officio Leeson and Senator Hanyang at joint meeting*

*Photos Courtesy of Caitlin Yamada Iowa State Daily
Governmental Affairs and City of Ames

- Legislative Ambassadors lobbied alongside regent universities to lobby for *medical amnesty, mental health, and affordability
  - (*Passed Iowa House, but session adjourned due to COVID-19)
- Met with federal legislators alongside peer Big 12 schools on mental health and affordability in Washington DC (Big 12 on the Hill)
- Established “I Love Ames” initiative in collaboration with the Ames Farmers’ Market
- Put on a residency fair for students to meet with over 30 residence owners and landlords in the Ames community
- Held joint city council and senate meetings with the Ames City Council
Accessibility, Affordability, and Food Security

StuGov and GPSS members in Cedar Falls to discuss issues at Board of Regents meeting
Accessibility, Affordability, and Food Security

- Continued to discuss college affordability with the Board of Regents
- Revised Multicultural Liaison Contract for professional attire pop-up shops
- Put on a Campus Accessibility Review walk-through of campus buildings
- Collaborated on a Donate a Swipe Program with ISU Dining
- Endorsed the University Library’s principles for advancing openness through journal negotiations
- Passed a resolution encouraging use of Open Educational Resources
- Passed a funding bill to provide awards for the current faculty who use Open Educational Resources for their classes
- Implemented Open Educational Resources information into admissions information for new and prospective students
- Sent out a mass email to all students about Open Educational Resources
Outreach and Campus Involvement

Homecoming Parade Float

Student Government members at Homecoming Parade

“Daggers for Democracy” Homecoming Tournament Team

New Residence Hall Decorating event with IRHA and SALC
Outreach and Campus Involvement

• Created a new Residence Hall Homecoming event with IRHA and SALC where residents decorated their halls to the Homecoming theme and alumni were invited back to visit their past residence halls.
• Created video updates of campus resources called “Fireside Chats” highlighting ISUPD, Office of Sustainability, Office of Equal Opportunity, and Student Counseling Services.
• Created a “Welcome Home Cyclones” video involving student leaders including student-athletes, presidents of greek councils, and other student organization leaders.
• Created post-senate video updates for Student Government social media.
Outreach and Campus Involvement Cont.

- Hosted executive and senatorial candidate open houses for elections
- Promoted Student Government elections by handing out snacks and flyers with QR codes to the voting link and instructions for how to vote
- Implemented Valentines Day event for students to write Valentine cards for what they love about Iowa State University
- Set up Student Government booths at ClubFest, Women in STEM kickoff, and Destination Iowa State to meet students and encourage membership
- Created a mentorship program with First-Year Council
- Participated in Gold Tournaments for Homecoming and won first place for Painting Victory Lane and All-Around tournament team
Internal Reforms

Student Government during regular Senate meeting in the Campanile Room
Internal Reforms

• Moved Senate livestream to Youtube to increase viewership
• Completely revamped and restructured the Student Government website allowing for a more user-friendly and informative website
• Started an internal leadership development program
• Implemented monthly meetings for collegiate senators and their respective deans to increase partnerships with colleges
• Created Director of Student Organization Relations position to increase collaboration with the 900+ Student Organizations in everyday processes such as trademark, funding, and event authorization
Internal Reforms Continued

- Revised and created Election Code for the 2020 Election Cycle
- Conducted a comprehensive Constitutional Referendum establishing guidelines and procedures for the Supreme Court to follow
- Established a functioning court for the first time since 2016
- Created the Student Advocates program with the Dean of Students Office
- Revised outdated Student Government Bylaws
- Eliminated historically unused Student Government financial accounts
Thanks to everyone for a great year of service!

BoR meeting at U of I with “To Serve” plate

Student Government members at fall retreat

Members of Student Government Senate