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Taken by Trevor Poundstone

**Student Government**

Wednesday, March 30th, 2022

Campanile Room, Memorial Union, Iowa State University

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT SENATE ATTENDANCE:**

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Represents</b>	<b>Roll</b>
Fillipi	Victoria	UROC	A
Weathers	Dawson	UROC	P
Clayburn	Kit	UROC	P
Paulson	Sonja	UROC	P
Ruehle	Max	UROC	A
Waagmeester	Jay	UROC	P
Staudt	Olivia	UROC	A
Jamie	Hoss	UROC	P
Meredith	Mays	UROC	P
Lent	Ann	CPC	P
McCreedy	Cody	IFC	A
Simmons	Molly	Freddy Court	A
Brueck	Andrew	Freddy Court	P
Seth	Jennifer	SUV	P
Ahlrichs	Jaden	IRHA	P
Mahoney	Eddie	IRHA	P
Larson	Rebecca	IRHA	P
Patel	Khushi	IRHA	P
Goff	Bailey	Vet-Med	P
Addagarla	Sanjana	Business	P
Blythe	Sam	Business	A
Zuber	Joe	Engineering	A
Advait	M.	Engineering	P
Schnepf	Rachel	Engineering	P
Jose	Garcia	Engineering	A
Max	Kueller	Engineering	P
DeVore	Devin	CALS	A
Brecht	Hope	CALS	P
Thornton	Emi	Design	A
Finaldi	Alexandra	LAS	P
Madeline	Becker	LAS	P
Slade	Madeline	LAS	P
Carter	John	GPSS	A
Skaggs	Britney	GPSS	P
Sewe	Stacy	Human Sciences	P
Strickland	Ryan	Human Sciences	A

**AMES MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ATTENDANCE:**

Last Name	First Name	Represents	Attendance
Betcher	Gloria	1st Ward	P
Gartin	Tim	2nd Ward	P
Rollins	Anita	3rd Ward	A
Junck	Rachel	4th Ward	P
Beatty-Hansen	Bronwyn	At-Large	P
Corrieri	Amber	At-Large	P
Haila	John	Ames	P

Key: P = Present A = Absent

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**5:02:00 PM- CALL TO ORDER**

**5:02:05 PM- OPENING ADDRESS FROM PRESIDENT-ELECT LUDWIG**

**5:02:10 PM- LUDWIG:** I want to thank the Mayor, City Council, and staff for all being here tonight. We always look forward to these meetings and the conversations we are able to have, and our lucky for our relationship with the city.

**5:04:05 PM- OPENING ADDRESS FROM MAYOR HAILA**

**5:04:10 PM- HAILA:** I want to thank the Student Government for wanting to meet twice a year. Current group has done a great job, and I am excited for the next group. Ludwig and I met and talked about getting together and the coming year. We have talked about student involvement, we have 5 students on boards and commissions, which is 4 more than previously. We will keep putting more students and getting them involved. Looking forward to conversation tonight. We welcome input and feedback.

**5:05:45 PM- STUDENT GOVERNMENT ROLL CALL**

**5:06:40 PM- CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL**

**5:06:58 PM- ADOPTING AGENDA**

**5:07:05 PM- ADVAIT:** I moved the amendments on screen. Seconded by Senator Mahoney. No objection. **ADDED.** I move to adopt tonight's agenda. Seconded by Senator Seth. No objection. **APPROVED.**

**5:07:15 PM- DISCUSSION**

**5:07:20 PM- 801 DAY UPDATE**

**5:07:30 PM- HAILA:** Sense then, I have been involved with a half dozen or more meetings, some with Dr. Winterstien and others in administration, talking about what are some options we must address the concerns all of us have towards this behavior off campus. Part of that included an hour session with the University of Michigan, who is having a similar issue. I can't say what the outcome will be, but I can assure you we are all very concerned about what we can do. Everything we deal with is complex and there is not a simple solution. If you have any ideas on

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how to help this, we are taking feedback. WE are considering a multi prong approach. We are not saying we don't want people to come and not have an enjoyable time, we just don't want to have something descend into an unpleasant situation. Any suggestions, input?

**5:09:50 PM- MAHONEY:** We talked about this with Chief Newton on Monday. One school was UW Madison, talking with them would be good. They deal with similar events.

**5:10:30 PM- CLAYBURN:** I am on the student affairs board, and we talked about this on Monday. One concern we had was the safety of the students in having water and food for them. One thing we talked about was supplying food and water during the day. I think this is a step in the right direction. It gets hot that time of year.

**5:11:20 PM- HAILA:** Newton, want to add anything? You are talking to UW Madison, and another you mentioned, to check in with?

**5:11:50 PM- NEWTON:** We are talking to Perdue as well. We have talked to half a dozen schools.

**5:12:10 PM- HAILA:** Some are more concentrated, and some are more spread out, so geography plays a part in it as well. It's a complex issue, and we want to avoid escalation of a situation.

**5:12:45 PM- SCHNEPF:** Reminding freshmen of the laws and what happens if they call the police. Making sure they know all the laws and information.

**5:13:30 PM- ADVAIT:** What is the city's primary thrust? Is it more behavioral push, more a focus on people who are traveling in, a medical concern?

**5:13:52 PM- HAILA:** It's a quality of life for the neighborhood. When I first came, we had at least two people come to Council and talk to us for about 801 days. They told us a lot of concerning issues. It's a safety issue for all those participating. We don't want it to devolve into a violent situation. Normally by 4pm it goes away, but this year it went into the morning. Personal safety, property safety and damage and trying to avoid it from becoming an uncontrollable situation. We don't want to say it's just students, because we found 50% participating are from out of town. We are trying to blackball anything, but its multiple fronts. Residents in town have expressed concern.

**5:16:30 PM- SETH:** I wanted to piggyback, to my knowledge, I think it's before classes start, I am wondering if you are interested in talking to freshmen and educating, if that is something we could incorporate into DIS. I don't really have a good answer to solve the problem, but maybe sending out info about the laws could be helpful in presenting some of what has happened.

**5:18:10 PM- LENT:** I think prioritizing the safety of those participating in the event is the most important. Taking the measures to make sure things don't escalate is beneficial no matter who.

**5:18:40 PM- STRICKLAND:** These meetings are great because we can do different things that we can do. What is something you can't do, that we could do?

**5:19:15 PM- HAILA:** Drown out the parties and try to establish expectations and standards or events for the day. Barstool sports, a phenomenon across the country, people are excited to be back together again and do things again. Peer support and expectations is one thing you could consider. If you see something, say something, or do something to try and counter it.

**5:20:50 PM- MAHONEY:** I move to add Senator Mahaksar and Paulson. Seconded. No objection. *ADDED.*

**5:21:05 PM- LENT:** There is support in calling it Saturday before classes, I do represent CPC, with 50% of the people being arrested not coming from town, it doesn't come from a fair connotation towards the Greek community.

**5:21:50 PM- BETCHER:** One thing that makes responding hard. We are outside the credibility of range for students. Peer outreach is important. Peer to peer works better in many communities. If I had the opportunity to rethink how stu gov could be involved, I would be trying to create those norms well before that day. At St. Cloud State in MN, they did a good job of resolving this, but creating a group feeling. If the student government sets expectations and promotes them, you may reach some students. That doesn't address people from out of town. Anyone who can be reached and asked now to invite their friends from out of town could help as well. Waiting till the day won't work, do it, but I think setting those expectations, having a campaign, and having them buy into social norms. I live in the south campus neighborhood. I have had neighbors whose kids are scared. All of us should be able to live here and have a positive experience. Thank you for asking.

#### **5:24:28 PM- CLIMATE ACTION PLAN UPDATE**

**5:24:40 PM- JUNCK:** I can provide where we are at. We set our goals last fall. We set 83% reduction by 2030, and net-zero by 2050. These are big targets, and it will take everyone to help get this done. WE have an upcoming workshop next Tuesday at 6pm. This will outline the type of actions we will take. We always welcome comments and participation in the plan. There are some 6 big moves on our website. These are some areas we will need to investigate to hit those targets. It covers a lot of areas. There are ways stu gov can help and help as a community and spreading the work about the CAP and get good participation.

**5:26:35 PM- BEATTY-HANSEN:** I would add, there is a lot that goes into Climate. We have many things going on at once. We have studies that will relate to our greenhouse gasses. WE are doing a waste energy audit that helps us maximize that. We are doing a bike ped master plan, which will help us to improve those systems and get alternative forms of transportation. Those are two plans we are also undertaking. Working in conjunction.

**5:27:50 PM- CORRIERI:** I cannot emphasize enough how important community feedback is. I think for the average person, it is a really hard concept to grasp. Some things we are talking about, and the shared magnitude, is a big concept to think about. There are a lot of people who don't know what we are doing or what this means, so I would encourage everyone to look at our website, engage with it, and encourage others to do the same. It won't work unless community buys in

**5:29:15 PM- BETCHER:** I know a lot of you are concerned about social justice issues and low-income residents, and we have been trying to balance the need to make cuts with the impacts that in some cases may be intended consequences, we have been trying to anticipate where there would be pressures. Some things we want to do are radical and require investments which is hard

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when we have a budget. We are aware of this and so are our consultants. We need everyone's help for this.

**5:30:28 PM- HAILA:** If we must invest lots of money, that means someone has to pay for it. We can't print money, so if we must raise property taxes, rent will probably go up. The point is, there are no scare tactics, somehow, someday, this must be paid for. We do have a 27-person supplemental input committee. They are getting feedback to staff, and staff brings it to the Council. Next Tuesday night, we have a workshop, and it will be taped and, on the website, it's where they will have the explanation on the things we have to get done that Council has set. Question or comments?

**5:32:20 PM- MAHONEY:** One thing we can do is spread the word, what other avenues do you see from support from student government?

**5:32:50 PM- HAILA:** I know Iowa State is doing a sustainability study, and I will get to hear about that tomorrow. We can't control the university. Primarily, there are comments you can give, I am sure there are other things as well.

**5:33:58 PM- JUNCK:** Supporting supplemental input committee would be great. They touch a lot of different people in the community.

#### **5:34:45 PM- MENTAL HEALTH**

**5:34:50 PM- GARTIN:** Thank you and it's great to be here. I appreciate the diverse topics. One more serious issue is the issue of mental health. WE are in crisis mode. 1 and 5 people have some kind of issue with mental health. How many people with mental health issues do you know? I want to share two things we are doing. We recognize law enforcement has to take into account the mental health of our community. We have a mental health advocate. This has changed how we police. We are asking the question is there are mental health aspects we need to address first. It is a major shift in policing. The city has taken on mental health first aid training. How can we help people who are in need and in crisis? In my family we have adopted a young man, who has significant mental health problems. I really appreciate the fact we have had these training sessions, there may be some opportunity for it to happen here. Besides these, I can't emphasize enough, we need to create a meaningful community. The number of suicides are astounding. One thing we are learning, these are kids who have a lack of community. WE need to continue to do things that facilitate and build community. I am so proud of how ISU students give back, but another way is mentoring in our schools. As we speak right now, we have people who want mentors, but we don't have anyone. That would be a great way to give back. We are taking it very seriously.

**5:38:55 PM- BETCHER:** You have a grad student representation? Have you sent the resources out?

**5:39:55 PM- GOFF:** WE can share that and would be happy to.

**5:40:03 PM- BETCHER:** If you can share more that would be awesome

**5:41:05 PM- CORRIERI:** I think if you are looking for action items there are several. We have a chronically underfunded program in this state. Underpaid staff as well. Contacting the

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legislature to advocate for increased funding is one simple thing that everyone can do. If you know someone who wants to volunteer, the city has ways to get in contact as well as me. Where I work we employ a lot of ISU students. We are always looking for people to provide those direct care services.

**5:42:40 PM- SCHNEPF:** I know the older generation can find it harder to accept mental health. I am curious what you are doing to spread that? If parents don't believe in that, how do you get past that?

**5:43:30 PM- HAILA:** There is a stigma or denial by individuals. We don't talk about mental health. That was the purpose last May of having a mental health forum. From that came first aide training and suicide prevention. In the last month I was scheduled to meet with Julie Saxton and what we will do next. Last year in story county 15 teenagers committed suicide. We have a crisis. Talking to mental health advocates, people are in denial. The challenge is to get the people who really need to hear there to hear the message. Our first one had 110 people and each person had a story. In a local high school, a student took their life, several classmates decided enough is enough and they created the group. They reach out to everyone in their class. They are making touches all the time. They sponsored a group activity, and we told the administrators we don't want you to plan it, and please stay back. They had over 100 students from all four grades come, and it was a small school. Their takeaway is how they are doing, or people you don't know. For those who may watch the presentation by the gentlemen who tried to commit suicide off of the golden gate bridge, he said if one person asked how he was, he wouldn't have tried. It's being aware of people around you and your classes. If we start doing this and get rid of this dismissiveness, we can do this. But if it doesn't go away, there will still be issues. You pinpointed a real issue, and if you have ideas, please let us know, Council is very supportive. I think it's one of the most important things we need to deal with the community. It is a big issue.

**5:48:45 PM- KUELLER:** I was wondering, I know you talked about Julie, what are some of the new practices and how she is playing the role?

**5:49:15 PM- HAILA:** When a call goes in, they do a quick triage before someone goes out, they send her with the officer, and she will take over. If it is a mental health call, they make that call. She is only one person. Last year we had 2200 mental health calls. Officers have some training, but we could use more people with those skill sets to go out there. We also have a crisis intervention team. It takes about 45 minutes to mobilize that. They have to meet and go together to the address. Sometimes you don't have that time.

**5:51:05 PM- NEWTON:** You're spot on. We had two at ISU police. This year we added a second person, due to the number of calls. They go out instead of a police officer in these situations, like the city. The uniform alone can escalate the situation, and even with Kinzie and Rachel, we are still concerned about safety so we send an officer, but they can take over plenty well. They also do follow up and do reach outs. These three partner all the time. This is a collaborative relationship with ISU and Ames

**5:52:50 PM- HAILA:** It is a partnership, and we value that relationship. One of their officers helped teach ours. There are people who call frequently. Once a call comes in, we may know

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where the call needs to go. They are so compassionate, and really express concern and help defuse the situation.

**5:53:45 PM- CARTER:** Thanks for all the support on this. I think one thing worth remembering is, it's easy to walk backwards into the trap that we can meet people's needs. I think there are a lot of issues that can be solved and make people live better.

**5:55:15 PM- MAHONEY:** I worked on bringing a pilot program for mental health training for students. I think it's a really effective program. I know there is a new version coming out this summer. The other thing I know is that president elect Ludwig is getting support in the CyPack program. It will allow us to be able to reach out to other states and leverage their resources. I would like to see some push there. I think having more resources available would go a long way. If you can get some resources from outside the state that would go a long way.

**5:57:20 PM- HAILA:** After some discussions with some people on Ames School Board, and if we can get the stigma gone, it would be great to get a push from multiple groups in Ames. We are so under-resourced. Mary Greeley is trying to get more help from that standpoint. As Amber was saying, we are viewed as a rural state, so the rate to professionals is much better. We need to be creative.

**5:58:45 PM- STRICKLAND:** I work there. At the height of the pandemic, I was getting texts once a day, our BBU was completely full. There were all sorts of people there for mental health issues that needed to be elsewhere. I am thankful that this discussion is being made. As someone who has seen it firsthand, it is important.

#### **5:59:40 PM- STUDENT ENGAGEMENT**

**5:59:49 PM- HAILA:** Terms start April 1st with 5 people on boards and commissions.

**6:00:10 PM- JUNCK:** RPAC applications are due April 8th. This is a new board that is established to give a resident perspective and help the chief with many different issues. I think this is an important committee to have diverse people on and students as well. Please share it.

**6:01:10 PM- WEATHERS:** Local affairs. Trying to get students on boards and commissions. I think this is a particular issue that comes up. Although I am leaving, in the coming years, there will be more commitment to being involved. The future is bright from that perspective.

**6:02:10 PM- LUDWIG:** I wanted to echo, being involved in City Commissions can be an amazing time. They enjoy having a student perspective and feedback. Go to the commission website and see if any positions are open. I think it's important for us to be out there and involved with the city. It is helpful to give it directly to departments. Join local affairs.

#### **6:03:35 PM- CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**6:03:45 PM- BEATTY-HANSEN:** Thanks for having us. Good topics and discussion. Please reach out to us.

**6:04:20 PM- LUDWIG:** Wanted to thank the Council and Mayor Haila for coming tonight. As we move forward, there will be a lot of collaboration between us.

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**6:04:55 PM- HAILA:** Thank you for meeting with us. You are valued residents. These are good conversations. Hard ones, but we don't get much done if we don't. I would love to learn more about the local affairs committee. The applications for boards and commissions open in the beginning of the year and are appointed by February and are seated by April 1st.

**6:05:45 PM- POUNDSTONE:** Thank you all for coming and having a great conversation tonight.

**6:06:03 PM- MAHONEY:** I motion for the Student Government to adjourn. Seconded by Senator Advait. **ADJOURNED.**

**6:06:10 PM- BETCHER:** I motion for City Council to adjourn. Seconded by City Councilor Junk. **ADJOURNED.**

**6:06:14 PM- ADJOURNMENT**

**/s/Trevor Poundstone, *ex officio* Member to Ames City Council**