

StuGov appoints four new senators, approves funding requests

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Student Government appointed four new senators and approved several club funding requests during Wednesday night's Senate meeting.

Srishti Nandal, a sophomore in data science, was sworn in as a United Residents Off-Campus (UROC) Senator. The UROC is a representative council that represents students who live off-campus.

Labeeha Rehamann, a senior in interdisciplinary studies, was sworn in as a Liberal Arts and Sciences Senator.

Mkpe Kekung, a PhD candidate in mechanical engineering, was sworn in as a Graduate Student Senator.

Luke Cronin, a sophomore in accounting, was sworn in as an Interfraternity Council (IFC) Senator. The IFC supports fraternal chapters at Iowa State and aims to enhance the benefits of fraternal membership.

"I hope to be the next liaison for Student Government and the Interfraternity Council because I think it's important that members of the Interfraternity Council know what's going on, and I think it's important that they have a voice as well," Cronin said.

Student Government approved \$4,462.50 in funding for The Navigators, a Christian fellowship organization, as the organization did not receive any funding during the Annual Allocations process at the beginning of the semester.

The Iowa State Tennis Club was approved for \$1,350 in funding to utilize the Ames High School tennis courts as Iowa State shut down the tennis courts at the Forker Building.

Student Government also approved \$1,283.79 in funding for the Men's Rugby Team. The team will use the funds for registration and insurance costs for USA Rugby.

Other business

Sen. Asray Gopa, a junior in computer science, was seated on the Legislative Ambassadors Committee.

The following students were also seated as at-large members on the Legislative Ambassadors Committee:



Taniyah Britt

The Student Government Executive Branch congratulating new senator appointments during Student Government on Oct. 9, 2024.

Jennifer Holliday, a senior in agricultural studies
Savanna Gratny, a sophomore in agricultural and rural policy studies
Emily Meyer, a junior in agricultural and rural policy studies
Emily Bray, a junior in agricultural and rural policy studies
Brinae Rice, a freshman in agricultural and rural policy studies
Evanger Wiley, a freshman in agricultural and rural policy studies
Brooke Piekema, a freshman in agricultural and rural policy studies
Harley Baumler, a junior in agricultural and rural policy studies
Asray Gopa, a junior in computer science

The committee works with students to bring causes to the state and federal levels.

"Over the past couple of years, I have had really great experiences advocating both in Washington D.C. with the Board of Regents and at our state capitol in Des Moines," Holliday said. "Additionally, I've had two really big public policy positions for internships. This past summer, I spent in Kosovo, where I was dealing with international laws and declarations, so I was doing a lot with public policy over there, and then the summer before, I was working in public policy in Rome related to the future of genome editing and livestock."

Sen. Claire Hartley, a freshman in political science, was seated on the Rules Committee. The committee keeps Student Government's rules and regulations in order.

The following students were seated as at-larges on the Health and Wellness Committee:

Anna Spahn, a senior in healthcare management
Grace Pavnica, a sophomore in biology

Morgan Krein, a junior in marketing, was seated as an at-large on the Public Relations Committee. The committee oversees the marketing and branding of Student Government.

The next Senate meeting will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday in the Memorial Union Campanile Room.