



Delegate Meeting Agenda

Date January 17, 2014 (1st Spring Delegate Meeting)

Location Ohio Union, Senate Chambers

Ohio Union Rm 2088A | 1739 N. High Street | Columbus, OH 43210 | (614) 292-4380 | cgs@studentlife.osu.edu

1. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

1.1. To effectively advocate and program to ensure that The Ohio State University graduate student experience is the best it can be.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1. Minutes from December 13th meeting

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6. OFFICER REPORTS (PLEASE SEE ATTACHED WRITTEN REPORT)

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6.2. Vice President Crowsley.1

6.3. Secretary Lang.279

6.4. Treasurer Cichon.8

6.5. Chief of Staff Wiggins.106

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1. Act 1314-Sp-10: An Act Concerning the Duties and Responsibilities of the Secretary in the Constitution of the Council of Graduate Students (see attached)

8. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS (PLEASE SEE ATTACHED WRITTEN REPORT)

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Written Reports, Part of CGS Agenda for 1/17/2014 CGS Delegate Meeting

Current as of 1/12/14 at 8:30 pm

Officer Committee Written Reports

President/ Josh Coy.82

- Have met with David and the Gov't Relations Committee and we have begun some housekeeping on the Constitution. We have one Act for a first viewing for you today with more to come later.
- Continue to plan and work on a new Senate rule to cover fee oversight.
- A new search committee is being formed to choose the next Graduate Student Trustee. Our three representatives will be myself, Allie Sturm, and Colin Odden. The committee is made up of 3 members of CGS, IPC, and USG, with the presidents selecting the representation of their respective organizations, a faculty member, and staff member. Stacie and Ben (current student trustees) will sit on the committee as "guides" and non-voting members.
- They (the trustees) are currently working on the application, which should go live around the 15th with a due date of mid-February. The committee will go through a process to whittle it down to finalists which are then reviewed by the Board of Trustees Governance Committee and sent to the governor's office. Finally, the governor's staff will interview the finalists in April and likely finalize the selection in May.
- Looking into possible fundraising activities, with the new restaurant at the Gateway movies and the Newport possible venues
- Would like to continue to work on further programing for Buckeye Village
- Thesis work will begin for me this semester, so if I am at all a little slow on email replies, please understand that I will get back to all asap, but will be blocking some time aside solely to focus on finishing up the thesis.

Vice President/ Jamie Crowsley.1

- Hayes Forum
 - **Judges:** As of 01/08/2013 we have received 116 judge applications. I have been working with Assistant Dean Wallace at the graduate school to recruit judges as well as with GSCs in departments. The CGS is grateful to Dean Wallace and Dean Osmer for their active recruitment of faculty to be judges.
 - **Judging:** Judging commenced on 11-27-2013 and finished 12/31/2013. A few judges were late and I have been repeatedly following up to ensure applicants are notified of the results by the planned date of 01/15/2014.
 - **Results notification:** Applicants are being emailed with the results so that they will know that they are presenting well in advance.
 - **Marketing:** Alfred Yates & I have met with Rachel Connors about marketing items several times in November & December. Orders have been placed for items.

- **Catering:** Alfred Yates and I have met with Katie Krajny about catering. The menu has been set with the catering 101 Union menu as opposed to the catering 1870 menu in an effort to minimize costs. Actual numbers will be set in February 2014.
 - **Rooms & Technology:** There was a meeting with Katie Krajny about room reservations and technology. Reservations have been confirmed and technology arrangements have been made. 5 laptops from the resource room have been made in an attempt to minimize costs.
 - **Budget:** The budget has been re-configured to make it more consistent with Union facilities. The total budget has not changed, but categories and amounts that we have the ability to change have been done. This will make planning easier going forward.
 - **Hayes Entrepreneurship Panel:** I have emailed exec to ask for speaker suggestions for our “entrepreneurship panel”. I met with Dean Wallace on 12/16/2013 to ask for her input. So far we have 1 person and need 2 more. Dean Wallace has said that she will be active in recruiting people as the grad school has several community contacts. **If anybody has suggestions as to local people who could participate in the panel please email me contact details for them.**
 - **Hayes Forum Committee:** I am scheduling a meeting with the committee to go through a run-through of the day and to determine roles etc. **We still need more volunteers for help on the day. Anyone interested please email me.**
- Organization & Elections Committee
 - **Apportionment report:** This is now on the website management system. IT support has given me access to it. An O & E meeting will be scheduled to determine an apportionment system for delegate seats for the 2014-2015 academic year.
 - **Mapping:** Graduate student mapping is being updated and hopefully will be done in time for the spring election. This will ensure fewer complications with future elections.
 - **New election system:** The new election system is still being developed by IT support and hopefully will be rolled-out in time for spring 2014 elections.
- External committees
 - All external committee seats have been filled. The most recent appointments are:
 1. Carla Jagger to the Career Connections Committee.
 2. David Rochman to the Outreach & Engagement Awards Committee.
 3. Matt Brems to Committee on Academic Misconduct.
- Member Records
 - Up to date.
- Student Government Liaising
 - No updates.

- Council on Student Affairs
 - 01/06/2014 meeting cancelled due to bad weather. Next meeting scheduled for 01/13/2013.
 - No updates.

Secretary/ Sarah Lang.279

- Please keep sending news and events for calendar/blog
- Have emailed schedule for executive committee members to plan the submission of their written reports.
- Some feedback from Women's Place on Adoptive Parental Leave issue, now have contacts with Office of Human Resources, the President's Office and working on Staff Advisory Council. Will be following up.

Standing Committee Written Reports

Grants Administration/ Elizabeth Sandoval.32

- The Career Development Grant is going online! We will have a new online application which will streamline and make more efficient both the application process and the storage of data.
 - The website was created by the past CDG Chair, Erica Hartwell, and right now we are in the testing phase.
 - You will hear about changes to the rubric/ judging criteria and the application process before the next and last deadline (in April) so you can give your constituents the details.
 - This month, I will test out the different parts (applying, judging, assessing) to make sure it works.
 - I am asking experienced judges' help, but will appreciate the eyes and critiques of any volunteers.
- Global Gateway Grant: scheduling meeting with Global Gateway University associates, will have updates shortly.

Diversity & Inclusion/ Krista Bryson.53

- Hollow (<http://hollowdocumentary.com>) Screening is next Thursday, January 16, 3:30-5:30 pm in the Barbie Tootle Room in the Ohio Union.

Governmental Relations/ David Rochman.2

- Several drafts of Constitution and By-laws amendments are ready for approval. The Governmental Affairs Committee hopes to have the majority of its work on Constitution and By-laws optimization before the Delegates for a vote in time for the spring CGS elections

- If any delegates are interested in working with the committee on governing document improvement contact rochman.2

Graduate Health and Wellness Committee, Niranjani Deshpande.39

- REACH suicide prevention training is being organized for the CGS delegate body. Anyone can help prevent suicide by learning the risks, warning signs and how to intervene. The training lasts approximately 60 to 90 minutes, following which participants receive certificates verifying their completion of the program.

Tentatively scheduled for

- January 24th

Final date to be announced on 1/17/13 at the delegate meeting.

- A family-friendly spring planting/gardening event is being planned for March (after spring break) in Buckeye Village. I am currently looking for 1-2 volunteers to help me organize this event. (More the merrier, obviously!) Need someone with some experience in tending to plants/garden, and who is willing to show a short demonstration to the children/parents. More ideas welcome.

Communications Committee, Mao Vang.18

- \$200 is available to delegates through the Delegate Outreach Fund for the purposes of promoting CGS during a department-centric event. You are encouraged to apply for these funds by downloading the application on the CGS website (<http://cgs.osu.edu/committees/internal-committees?id=139>), filling it out, and sending it to both Mao Vang.18@osu.edu and Morgan Cichon.8@buckeyemail.osu.edu. Please also email Mao if you have any additional questions.
- Graduate events are promoted through the CGS Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/CouncilOfGraduateStudents>) and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/cgsosu>) pages. Please email any events to Mao Vang.18@osu.edu if you would like them broadcast on Facebook and Twitter.

Senate Advisory/ Andrew Pucker.1

- The next University Senate meeting will be held on February 6th at 3:30 PM in 130 Drinko Hall.



Delegate Meeting Minutes

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1. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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2. DELEGATE ISSUES AND CONCERNS

2.1. Coy.82 asked if there were any objections to moving Delegate Issues and Concerns first to agenda. No Objections. Coy.82 began with apologizing for the actions of the past few weeks and noted we (the officers) attempted to handle a few things internally and that outcomes did not go as planned, intended, or as we wanted; acknowledged the mistakes made by the officer team (all of us). Coy.82 highlighted the time the officers have subsequently spent with Student Life to learn how to work together positively, and we are looking for ways to prevent issues going forward by updating governing documents. Crowsley.1 added her voice to the apology, noting that we want to rebuild and work together as a team; our passions sometimes can rule our heads that was the case here, with a less-than-optimal outcome. Crowsley.1 highlighted that we want to continue the rest of our terms and continue to advocate for graduate students. Lang.279 also added to the apology, emphasizing again the meetings with Student Life staff and the continual team building that will happen in the upcoming term. Cichion.8 also noted her apology and Wiggins.160 also apologized, highlighting again the difference between intention and impact. Wiggins.160 also noted he would need to leave the meeting early, but noted he would answer any questions about the matter as needed before leaving.

2.2. Coy.82 asked if we could answer any questions before moving forward with the rest of the agenda. Delegate question – What are we apologizing for? Coy.82 noted he was concerned about actions of the Vice President and that he tried to handle the issues internally. Our advisors were aware of these concerns from early on, and they were informed of and consulted with in the course of action, however the way the other officers went about addressing these issues was not the right or best way to handle the situation. Coy.82 said he believed however we are all at a better place now because of the issues. Going forward we all recognize how important it is to bring issues to executive committee, to delegate body, and we will be looking into governing documents to see how to correct this in the future. Joshi.115 - is there something in the constitution that addresses how to handle these kinds of grievances? Coy.82 – not really, Student Life oversees GA positions of President and Vice President. Small.122 – Asked should there be amendments made or changes to our constitution? Wiggins.160 – noted that our documents do not currently address procedures for addressing grievances with an officer. Chaleff.1 – highlighted

Section 5.7 of the constitution; there is a method of moving an executive officer (impeachment). Chaleff.1 noted that the main issue that many delegates had with what happened is that this process was not followed, there is an impeachment clause that could be utilized. Wiggins.160 – noted that there needs to be amendments to address grievance issues. Chaleff.1 – grievances perhaps, but the removal of an officer should be done public, not internally, and perhaps this was not the intention of the other officers, understands the intent versus impact message shared, however the letter given to the Vice President, when read by a “third party” gives that impression. The main concern of delegates is the potential circumvention of the constitution. Chaleff.1 said he wanted to make sure that point is clarified that this is the issue folks have. Delegate question – are we looking at changes to the constitution going forward – Coy.82, Wiggins.160, and Rochman.2 plan to bring forward some proposed changes in January, for you to vote in February. These changes and some team building should help us and other administrations moving forward. Coy.82 also noted this summer had so much work to do to bring the council on board from previous administration, 40+ hours a week by both Coy and Crowsley with not enough time working in a team. Cichon.8 – noted there was not much training coming on board, she believes implementing some sort of training carried through the years with help ease these transitions.

- 2.3. Chaleff.1 also brought up other sections to consider amending during the “clean up” of the constitution, e.g., Section 4.3 – Vietnam Era, should we just reference veteran status in general? Coy.82 said yes, we will look at that.
- 2.4. Fidai.1 – How is the Hayes forum being handled? Coy.82 said this is going well, Crowsley.1 is still doing a great job handling as she will address in officer report.
- 2.5. Small.122 and Wiggins.160 have a small discussion of Roberts Rules of Order. Should we have followed Roberts Rule of Order? Noted we are not truly following it during this meeting. Are we looking to actually implement the Roberts Rules? Coy.82 – disadvantage with election cycle to help train (with most elected in spring, but many gone over summer, to adequately train new delegates about procedures)? Still looking for parliamentarian to help us with this Roberts Rules in meetings, etc. Chaleff.1 – noted most of the time, we are congenial, pretty relaxed and perhaps the rules may seem unnecessary, however, Roberts Rules do depersonalized and help in issues that are highly personally, more contentious. Then it’s hard when you “switch” from one way of operating to another. Coy.82 noted perhaps D’Andra Mull from Student Life could give us a brief tutorial on Roberts Rules. NAGPS did a presentation on Roberts Rules. Delegates and officers comment that it sounds like we were perhaps all unclear what the right rules/processes were. Weber.460 said we need to make sure new delegates know the rules and process, make sure everyone knows the processes, and make it our culture to help prevent. Delegate asks about if there is a way to document this in our “Institutional memory”, i.e., here are the ways “we fucked up” and here is what we learned. Cichon.8 – we are doing that, but the problem is that new, different issues arose.
- 2.6. Joshi.115 – regarding issues, is there a way to get the executive committee minutes?

Wiggins.160 – actually what you get in the delegate packet, the agenda and the officer and executive committee reports that is what we discuss. One delegate noted “I think the key is we don’t know what actually happened in the meeting where this blew out of?” Coy.82 talked about going into executive session to discuss concerns, highlighting that executive session is off-record, permitted in Roberts Rules and used my many boards, etc. Crowsley.1 said that this comes down to communication and understanding each other; we are all different and have different ways of doing things. She noted to avoid misunderstandings and miscommunication going forward she things that future administrations need more team building; it should be our modus operandi; perhaps we can put such team building commitments in the bylaws. Future administrations will thus adopt these to understand each other better and lessen the possibility of problems going forward.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. Minutes from October 18th meeting – seeing no objections, those are approved.

4. OFFICER REPORTS (PLEASE SEE ATTACHED WRITTEN REPORT)

4.1. President

Coy.82

4.1.1. Coy.82 noted his motorcycle accident, he has been a little “laid up.” He then highlighted some items from his written report. Highball Halloween was a success, survey out to gather feedback from Short North Commission. Noted he will discuss House Bill 111 in more detail when we address the resolution.

4.1.2. NAGPS – Coy.82, Wiggins.106, and Small.122 went – but old guard still running things and he believe we need to walk away. Coy.82 will be Social Justice Chair until March. Wiggins.160 elected Midwest Regional Legislative Chair. Not really powerful initiatives coming from NAGPS currently, right now the organization not functioning well or getting a whole lot done – maybe only 30 or 35 schools maximum attended for a national organization. Coy.82 suggested we just keep thinking about it and let next administration decide what to do. Chaleff.1 asked about the \$10,000 legacy membership or 10 year pay-off of membership. Coy.82 noted that was something the previous administration brought forward, but was not passed, currently pay \$500/year for a membership. Delegate asked so what does this mean, we are just going to check out of NAGPS? Coy.82 – noted there are other ways we could be involved in the national graduate student scene, e.g., join SAGE – the national organization for larger, land-grant institutions. Coy.82 noted that while NAGPS has legislative action days, they do not pick the right days to go, but we can pay and do the same thing on our own potentially. Coy.82 also wondered if the best way to affect law-makers is to address them in the state itself. We could strategically look at things from our own perspective to see what strategies best benefit graduate students at OSU. While we don’t have the time to take this on this year, folks could start at the beginning of an administration, so we could have a longer-term outlook. First need to decide if want to break out from NAGPS completely.

4.1.3. Fee policy (from College of Nursing Fee issues discussed previously – see previous minutes), Cichon.8 got ahold of the actual guidelines for proposing a new few to get approved by the Board of Trustees. Problem is that these are guidelines, not a rule. No one

holding anyone accountable for following these. Coy.82 noted he is meeting with Kerry Hodak to see if we can write a rule where at least Senate Fiscal will have to sign-off that these guidelines are followed. Guidelines specifically state students need to be notified. Hopefully adding a senate rule would be one way of preventing this from happen. Cichon.8 noted the key question is how do we make sure this doesn't happen again? Guidelines require that discuss with students prior to putting forward the proposal. Lang.279 noted that the guidelines themselves are actually strong, the main issues is not following them.

4.2. Vice President

Crowsley.1

4.2.1. Hayes – full report in agenda, in total after all abstracts were reviewed, 353 were accepted for judging. Trying to get all judging done now. Judging results will be announced in mid-January. Crowsley did individually check all abstracts prior to assigning to judges. Currently have 110 judges – many already volunteered for day of Hayes, some for abstracts. Grateful to Graduate School of helping to recruit judges. In terms of marketing and securing commemorative items to give out, have met with people from Union to order items, got everything ahead of schedule, and already met about catering also. Room booking finalized and AV and technology equipment done. Will look for more volunteers as we get closer to the event to be proctors. Still looking for guest speakers – possibility of inviting members of congress? Congressmen Stivers, trying to coordinate with governmental affairs to get members here. The previous entrepreneurship panel was really successful, looking for names of people. Crowsley.1 asked for 3 or 4 names so that we can have a 40 minute panel focused more on non-academic jobs. Also thanked Yates, Sturm, and Hodak for all their help on Hayes.

4.2.2. Organization and Elections – apportionment, just got report this morning, advisor, Kerry Hodak, says it looks good. Plan apportionment going forward and thus our delegate structure will be more in line with current university structure.

4.2.3. Newly election system – working with IT, hopefully ready again before spring elections.

4.2.4. Committees – Wiggins.160 and Lang.279 helped with updating website, Career Connections and Buckeye Careers – need a member to serve on this executive committee. Asked for names/emails. Small.122 is sitting on Buckeye Parking committee.

4.2.5. Records – all updated on website, member records ready. Should have all name placards. Currently have 75 delegates, highest we have had in 6 years. Listservs updated and most people have been through delegate orientation.

4.2.6. CSA stuff shared; it is up on website.

4.3. Secretary

Lang.279

4.3.1. Briefly discussed parental leave issue, i.e., that for funded graduate students, newly adoptive parents get 3 weeks paid leave as opposed to 6 weeks leave for birth mothers. Have discussed the adoptive leave issue with Deans at Graduate School, this is the leave policy for faculty and staff as well, so we were unable to effectively advocate for a policy change for graduate students. Currently working with the Women's Place to see what we could do to change things University-wide.

4.3.2. Reminded delegates to send news/calendar events to her and to sign-in as delegate or alternate at the meeting.

4.4. Treasurer

Cichon.8

4.4.1. No other comments than what is in the report. Senate fiscal subcommittee is looking into course fees. State subsidy is going down and hence there are multiple ways account for the loss of funds. Some students (or units) have program fees and course fees, seem to be a bit redundant. This issue does not affect graduate student as much. Cannot charge a program fees to graduate students, perhaps more difficult to say "there cannot be course fee." In process of writing recommendations, course fees should not be assessed on GECs and essential major classes, this should be part of the tuition. Cichon.8 noted senate fiscal will continue to talk about fees and asked for delegates help in keeping an eye out for these issues, if you see a certain fee issue or believe something is not transparent, please email her and bring issue forward. Cichon.8 trying to offer grad perspective on fee issues.

4.4.2. There was some delegate discussion about the assessment of late fees and is there a process for taking care of this university wide? Some departments seem to have a various onerous process for the student and other departments just email one person and they fix it. Fidai.1 noted this was a big issue in the past, students had to pay, but were refunded, however now there is much better communication on scheduling deadlines.

4.5. Chief of Staff

Wiggins.106

4.5.1. No present, see report

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

5.1. Resolution 1314-AU-009: A resolution in support of Ohio HB 111, Granting voting privileges to student trustee members (draft attached)

5.1.1. See websites: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_111, and <http://www.lsc.state.oh.us/analyses130/h0111-i-130.pdf>

5.1.2. Met with Rep Stinziano. Trying to institute voting rights for student trustees since his father was in office. The previous bills never passed, because they forced universities to have student trustees vote. The current bill grants universities to right to allow student trustee votes, however, they are not forced to do so, however, if passed institutions must inform students if not allowing their vote. Curzon.1 (alternate) – why so contentious? Seems easy to pass? Some colleges/universities have previously convince representative not to go for it. OSU always been in support, already allow student trustees in executive session; other universities just do not want it (conflict on trustee boards?). Gambrel.15 – how many student represents do we currently have? 2 current student members (currently approximately 12 total Board of Trustees Members). There are protections in this bill that a student's stipend is not held against him/her as a conflict of interest.

5.1.3. Any objections? Seeing None – passed.

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- 6.2. Diversity & Inclusion** Bryson.53
- 6.2.1.** Women in the Academy event took place with private funds, since Bryson.53 was fired in her position as D&I char at the time. January 16th is Hollow event, no CGS events planned at this time.
- 6.3. SERC** Mills.532
- 6.3.1.** February start to first of monthly events, larger event in April related to Earth Day with speaker and volunteer event.
- 6.4. Governmental Relations** Rochman.2
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- 6.5.1.** REACH training, mentioned emailed sent asking about interest, will be resent, please look out for.
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- 6.6.1.** See report
- 6.7. Academic Relations** krygowski.5
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- 6.9. Ray Travel Award** Cichon.8
- 6.9.1.** Thanks to committee!!
- 6.10. Senate Advisory** Pucker.1
- 6.10.1.** Last senate meeting, very mundane procedural thing. No real policy change. Let Pucker.1 know if you would like to be an alternate.

7. DISCUSSION

7.1. Any other Delegate Issues and Concerns

7.1.1. Small.122- asked questions regarding the money from the student activity fee. Cichon.8 noted that money is down due to decreased enrollment numbers, carry forwarded large extra money that we have been strongly encouraged to spend down. Looks like a “big hit” – haven’t been spending what we’ve been given in previous years. Working on a strategy to best allocate that money. Curious – the student activity fee – who all does it go to? Have they all been cut? Cichon.8 – it is distributed among the student governments and others student groups. Yes, all groups have been cut, but some more than others – some other organizations were carrying forward a balance that they cannot fully spend, so some of that money was redistributed (some were cut in carried forward). Cichon.8 noted we weren’t affected as adversely.

7.1.2. Grambrel.15 – expressed some concern about emails students who are continuing on in PhD programs, but who have just “graduated” with their masters receive regarding things such as no longer having insurance (i.e., basically receiving a message about things that change post-graduation, but they are not really leaving the university or their position as a graduate student). He said some students may be confused by such messages. Wallace.150 noted the graduate school would check into this and that SIS is a slightly imperfect system, especially for those not marked in a straight-through PhD program. She noted the graduate school might be able to catch these students in some way, but with sheer numbers it might be trouble. Wallace.150 and others noted that the graduate school often

relies on local program to make sure that the appropriate info is conveyed. Delegate noted the alumni emails you receive once you complete your masters (and are still here doing PhD). Pucker.1 asked if the graduate school could you add on a statement that says “if you are continuing on here, please ignore this.” Wallace.150 said she will see, if we can add a line and not cause greater confusion, we will do it.

7.1.3. Members from the University Diversity and Inclusion office noted the great working relationship established with CGS, and noted Bryson.53 great work and Deb Kuzawa’s previous work.

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PM, Faculty Club

UPDATED 12-13-13 at 2:30 pm

The President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Chief of Staff wanted to assure all delegates that we are, as always, eager and ready to hear issues from the delegate body and graduate students in general so that we can advocate for solutions. We recognize that you may be concerned by recent events, but we want to assure you that:

- 1) we are all committed to moving forward as a team,
- 2) we are committed to continuing to program and advocate for graduate students at OSU.

As a team, with strong guidance and support from student life, we have now met several times to discuss, further understand, and learn from our mistakes. We have made commitments to each other to move forward and to continue team-building so that we may work in a more collaborative way throughout the remainder of our term. We hope that you will continue to bring to us any questions and concerns you have regarding graduate student life so that we may look for ways to optimally-support graduate students at OSU.

CGS OFFICER and COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS for 12/13/13 Delegate Meeting

1. President, Coy.82

Highball Halloween

- Fantastic turnout, clearly a success!
- Unfortunately, we were unable to secure a bus for shuttling from BV solely due to the home football game.
- At the time of the last delegate meeting, we had already gone through 800 of the original 1000 purchased.
- The Monday prior to the event we purchased an addition 500.
- These were sold out by Friday of the event and an additional 300 were picked up Friday morning to compensate... these were sold out by 6pm!
- The event was fantastic, even with colder weather. Saturday kids activities have been reported to be a big draw overall, and a lot of fun.
- OUAB and CGS each invested \$3000 in this activity.
- We are partnering again with OUAB and the Short North Alliance to develop a survey to be sent out to all ticket holders from swipe data to evaluate the event and plan for future such events.
- The SNA will have 3 prize packages values at \$200 each for participants of the survey to possibly win, to encourage participation.

House Bill 111

- Met with our Ohio District 18 Statehouse Rep. Michael Stinziano to discuss his sponsored bill, HB 111, which gives permissive rights to Universities in Ohio to allow student trustees voting privileges on their respective Board of Trustees.

- Bills such as this have been attempted to be passed through the Ohio Statehouse since they originally were introduced in the 70s and 80s, by Rep. Stinziano's father, who also was a State Rep at that time.
- There have been some Universities that are adamantly against this, which has caused the need for the language to become permissive, rather than mandatory.
- Due to the change to permissive language, this bill now has a much better chance of passing, and affecting change for those schools that will allow voting rights for student trustees.
- All indications are that OSU Administrators and Board Members are in support of such a change.
- OSU Grad Student Trustee Ben Reinke spoke in support of this bill in committee at the Statehouse.
- I have crafted a resolution in support of the bill for delegates to consider. Rep Stinziano and Rep Duffey (his cosponsor) have both already received this, given their support and thanks for the language of the resolution.
- The bill, as introduced can be found here
: http://www.legislature.state.oh.us/bills.cfm?ID=130_HB_111
- A simpler to read analysis of the bill can be found here:
<http://www.lsc.state.oh.us/analyses130/h0111-i-130.pdf>

Maternity leave issue:

- Sarah, Molly, and I are working on a maternity leave issue that may take some time to resolve.
- The background can be loosely described as a lack of needed time available for adoptive mothers of newborn children in comparison with birth mothers.
- The Grad School handbook maternity leave is nearly identical to faculty/staff HR rules. However, some of the language in the handbook is conflicting.
- Birth mothers receive 6 weeks off after childbirth with stipend, adoptive parents receive 3 weeks after adoption with stipend.
- However, further in the policy it reads: "A leave of absence following the birth or adoption of a child shall not have a negative impact on appointment status or opportunities." AND "A leave of absence for childbirth or adoption for a funded graduate student should be completed within six weeks from the birth or adoption of a child and is not intended to be used intermittently."
- So, a student adopting a new born is currently only granted 3 weeks of funded absence. This is problematic for any adoptive children born with medical issues, and also due to the lack of available childcare before 6 weeks of age.
- Since this policy is modeled after the faculty/staff HR policy, it may be necessary to address this issue there, as well.
- Grad School Policy: <http://www.gradsch.osu.edu/vii.-childbirthadoption-leave-of-absence.html>
- OSU HR policy: <http://hr.osu.edu/policy/policy627.pdf>

NAGPS National Conference:

- Conference was held from 11/7-10 at Western Michigan University. Attended by myself, Donald, and Jarred Small.
- Extremely mixed review on both the conference and the organization itself.
- As always at these events, there is a certain amount of networking with students from other schools that has the potential to be useful in the future. Many individual students were great to talk to and share stories from our different situations on campus.
- Programmed meetings seemed to be focused on presenters who were having issues at their colleges with the expectation that members would be able to offer solutions. Unfortunately, timing was often an issue, so we seldom had more than 5-15 minutes to discuss an issue after presentation. Presenters and current NAGPS directors failed to have their own solutions prepared.
- A rough estimate of attendance would be a total number of schools in the range of 30-40, with about 3 students per school in attendance. This does not give the impression of a large contingent of support available to NAGPS nationally, though some schools are likely unable to attend due to budgetary restrictions.
- National business meetings (election of new officers, debating changes in bylaws, resolutions) were extremely disappointing. 90% of all leadership positions were won by the current leadership. All races that included a current board member on the ballot were won by that board member except for one. The current board consists of 18 members, which means that they tended to already have a near majority to continue to vote their fellow board members back into another office. Only in races that were uncontested by a board member, was the topic of the need to “develop new people” ever discussed. There were even instances where, during closed debate on the candidates, a current board member would be noted for their failure to effectively do the job they currently hold, and yet still get elected into a new office. It amounted to clear cronyism in the opinion of NAGPS members who were kept from office, especially among our midwest region.
- Donald ran for National Legislative director and gave a fantastic speech that had the auditorium erupt in cheers. He was the clear legislative expert, and yet a current board member (one we felt was completely unqualified) won the seat.
- Midwest Regional members share our negative opinions of the National Board, and as such Donald was appointed Midwest regional Legislative Chair and I was appointed Midwest Regional Social Justice Chair. These positions will be up for re-election at the Spring Regional Conference.
- We have noted a failure of leadership, vision, and clear legislative direction within NAGPS. We are at a fork in the road in terms of whether we should continue with NAGPS for the near or longterm future.
- There is a lack of geographical diversity within the organization, which has allowed certain factions to maintain power. As such, there is little accountability. The current leadership fails to impress or have any new, obtainable vision for the future of the organization.

- Cost v benefit must be considered at this point with NAGPS. I intend to take a closer look at what our expenditures have been over the past few years with NAGPS and consider if we have received an equal amount of return for our investment.
- I will be scheduling a meeting with OSU national/state lobbyists to get another perspective on NAGPS.

Academic Fee Policy (or lack thereof)

- We continue to have conversations regarding the lack of a clear policy for bringing forth academic fees and the problems this can cause.
- A “Guideline” policy does exist, but appears to have no teeth in terms of accountability.
- A policy is only useful if it is upheld. I still feel like a rule needs to be considered, written, and codified in Senate.

Open Access

- We are seeking any students knowledgeable or interested in this subject to contact myself, Donald, and Molly for help dissecting where we are going nationally with this concept. It has become a reoccurring buzzword and topic, and will likely be something CGS will need a clear position on in the near future.

Faculty Advisor Search

- This process continues. I will be sending out emails to a few candidates that have been suggested this week. I have also requested help from Dr. Leslie Alexander, Faculty Chair of the Senate, in identifying further candidates. Please forward any further nominations to me.

2. Vice President, Crowsley.1

Hayes Forum

- **Abstracts:** Application deadline was November 1, 2013. 362 abstracts have been accepted for judging.
- **Abstract guidelines:** Abstracts have been individually checked by me to ensure abstract guidelines were met prior to them being approved for judging. Applicants whose abstracts did not meet abstract criteria have been emailed and asked to re-submit an abstract that meets abstract criteria prior to judging. I have done this to ensure that we maintain a high number of abstracts for the forum this year.
- **Judges:** As of 12/05/2013 we have received 111 judge applications. I have been working with Assistant Dean Wallace at the graduate school to recruit judges as well as with GSCs in departments. The CGS is grateful to Dean Wallace and Dean Osmer for their active recruitment of faculty to be judges.
- **Judging:** Judging commenced on 11-27-2013 and will finish by the end of the year. I plan on having the judging results announced by 01/15/2014.

- **Marketing:** I have met with Rachel Conners about marketing items. We have a follow up meeting on 12/13/2013 to finalize items and place orders before the end of the year. Rachel is confident that we are working to a good time frame.
- **Catering:** I have contacted Katie Krajny about catering and we will be finalizing the number and menu items in January 2014.
- **Rooms & Technology:** There was a meeting with Katie Krajny about room reservations and technology. Reservations have been confirmed and technology arrangements have been made.
- **Mrs Hayes:** A personal invitation to Mrs Hayes has been mailed out.
- **Hayes Entrepreneurship Panel:** I have emailed exec to ask for speaker suggestions for our "entrepreneurship panel". I have also contacted Dean Wallace to ask for her input. **If anybody has suggestions as to local people who could participate in the panel please email me contact details for them!**
- **Guest Speaker:** Donald and I have spoken about the possibility of Congresswoman Joyce Beatty being involved with the Hayes Forum, possibly at the career panel event. Congressman Steve Stivers was also suggested by Dean Wallace. She has put me in contact with her contact at governmental affairs so that I can coordinate with them on inviting them to Hayes.
- **Hayes Forum Committee:** This has been updated on the internal committees section of the website. We currently have 11 committee members. I will be recruiting more members to help out on the day of the forum and to help prepare presenter and judge packets.

Organization & Elections Committee

- **Website:** The website has been updated with O & E committee information and members list.
- **Apportionment report:** This has been put on the website. Kerry is almost happy with it so once it's been approved then a meeting will be convened early next year to discuss how apportionment for delegate seats might look next year.
- **Mapping:** Graduate student mapping is being updated and hopefully will be done in time for the spring election. This will ensure that there are less complications with future elections.
- **New election system:** The new election system is still being developed by IT support and hopefully will be rolled-out in time for spring 2014 elections.

Committees

- **External committees:** These have been updated on the website with chair information and descriptions when available. All external committee seats have been filled. The most recent appointment is Jarred Small to the Parking advisory committee. **There is also a new opening on a new committee that will be starting to meet next year: Career Connection & Buckeye Careers Committee. Please email me if you are interested in filling this open position!**
- **Internal Committees:** I have been working with the committee chairs and Sarah to update the website with regard to internal committee members and up to date descriptions.

Member Records

- **Name placards:** These have been made for all new delegates elected in the fall election and election re-run.
- **New delegates Assignments:** These have been done on the website so that everyone can see who their representative is.

- **Delegate Seats:** We now have 75 delegate seats filled, which I believe is the highest number we have had in 5 years.
- **Listservs:** I have contacted IT support and had both the delegate and senate listservs updated to enable effective communication with our members.
- **Delegate Orientations:** Three delegate orientations have been done since the last CGS meeting to introduce the new delegates to the CGS.

Student Government Liaising

- **Event:** A former CGS member, Chris Volpe, asked me to introduce him to USG President Taylor Stepp so that he could let OSU students know about the Ohio Game Developer Exposition. The website is: <http://www.ohiogamedevexpo.com/>

Council on Student Affairs

- **Career connections:** A Career Connection Presentation was made at the 11/4/2013 CSA meeting. The powerpoint was made available to CSA members and I sent it to Sarah to add to the CGS blog.
- **Issues sub-committee:** Chief Denton, head of OSU campus police came to talk to us about the mutual aid agreement they have with Columbus police and their joint patrol policy. Issues of student safety on campus were discussed as was the new armored vehicle that they have acquired.

3. Secretary

- Continuing to update blog and events calendar with relevant news and events, and compiling weekly CGS news editions based off these
- Remind everyone, especially delegates, to distribute news editions
- Ask those planning events to communicate ASAP so that I can assist with promoting (e.g., running in OSU weekly and highlighting in CGS news)
- Working with Jamie and Kerry on fixing issues with full Graduate Student listserv, several requests from former students to be removed
- Would like to develop a policy for deciding what/when/how to communicate with graduate student body (what should be sent to delegates, senators, etc. versus full graduate student body)

Maternity leave for adoption

- Working with Josh and Molly to update the funded graduate student parental leave policy for adoptive parents (to increase from 3 to 6 weeks)
- Josh and I met with Dean Wallace on 11/12 to discuss possible solutions for particular constituent affected and the difficulty in updating this policy within the graduate student handbook. Mao and I will be following up on the student's individual case.
- Mao, the main constituent, and I met with Sheri Breckinridge and Dean Salimbene to discuss the individual student's case. We also brainstormed as a team contacting the Women's

Center to look at the policy university wide and advocate for assistance moving forward to perhaps update this across the board at the university (for faculty, staff and students).

- Have emailed the Women's Center with information about the current policy, how it compares with other institutions and sought their advice about next steps.
- Have reached out to Chair of the University Staff Advisory Council to see about updating the policy for all OSU employees.

4. Treasurer

- Senate Fiscal is currently reviewing different student fees, with a particular interest in understanding the pros and cons of course fees vs. program fees. I've also brought forward the need for more transparency and better communication about fee additions and changes.
- We received our allocation from the Student Activity Fee at the end of October. Due to decreased enrollment, we've been allocated \$84,988.85 (compared to \$90,944.37 last year).

5. Chief of Staff

Speaker Series – First on Open Access

- Working with Molly to create a speaker series and the first to be featured will be the Open Access panel

NAGPS

- November 7-10, President Coy, Senator Smalls, and myself attended the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students national conference
- The conference provided CGS with another point of contact and assessment of the organization, which we walked away from the conference with:
 - a. The understanding that the national board does not fully understand the purpose of the organization
 - b. The lack of/misguided direction for the organization going forward
 - c. An expanded network of individuals from Graduate Student Associations throughout the country
- After an unsuccessful run for Director of Legislative Affairs for the national board I was unanimously elected/appointed to the position of director of legislative affairs for the Midwest region.
- The Midwest region has galvanized behind the idea of improving the region, national organization, and working collectively on behalf of graduate students.

Constitution and Bylaws

- The government relations committee and I have produced legislation to strengthen our governance documents and will present these documents to the delegate body after review and approval by the executive committee

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

1.1. Grants Administration

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Career Development Grant:

- We had our 3rd of 4 funding periods end on November 1st.
- There were 14 awardees out of 35 applications.
- The next and last deadline is on April 4, 2014.
- There will be changes to the application process since we'll be moving to an online application. Please keep your eyes and ears open to announcements in the spring about this.

Global Gateway Grant:

- Keep your eyes open for information about eligibility, requirements, and guidelines in early spring.
- Until then, more information can be found at: <http://oia.osu.edu/gateways-overview.html>

1.2. Diversity & Inclusion

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- Women in the Academy: Surviving and Thriving will be Thursday, November 21st at 5pm (location and panelists names to follow). The event will feature a panel of successful women with a variety of positions in academia a q&a session, and dinner.

1.3. SERC

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- SERC is planning a monthly event starting in January to showcase graduate student research on sustainability. The event will take place off campus most likely at a still TBD bar in the early evening with the emphasis on students sharing their work in a low stress, low key setting. Focus will be on interesting presentations. The crowd would vote for best presentation and SERC will award small prizes.
- OSU Net Impact is planning a tour of green buildings on campus on Jan. 15, 2014 at 3pm.
- Funds have been approved to start a campus sustainability council in the spring. This effort has been led by undergraduates but the council is intended to be inclusive of all students across campus.

1.4. Governmental Relations

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- First pass of recommended governance changes to By-laws, Standing Rules, and Constitution will be submitted to E-board for review and to Delegates for approval
- The Governmental Relations Committee is looking for delegates and/or graduate students interested in serving as a member. The CGS Governance for the 21st Century Project is

ongoing and in order to make our goal of bringing the By-laws, Standing Rules, and Constitution up to date by the end of the school year needs your help.

- Please follow the link to the governors special Analysis on Higher Education;
<http://govrelations.osu.edu/Special%20Analysis%20-%20Higher%20Ed.pdf>

1.5. Health & Wellness

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- Organized a health and wellness event at the Adventure Recreation Center titled "Climb Every Wall" on Nov. 2, 2013. It was attended by 6 graduate students, with some people reporting trouble with doodle-poll RSVP. Event was successful, however for future reference: reservation of facilities requires attendance/presence at the event within first 30 minutes, otherwise it is considered no-show. (almost everyone came in the latter half of the 4 hour reservation.) Also note to self and others: Do not organize an event on a Saturday morning! Special thanks to Diversity and Inclusion chair Krista Bryson!
- Interested in organizing REACH training for the CGS delegate body and senators/exec committee members. Keep an eye out for scheduling emails sometime early in January. Training will most likely take place end of January/February.
- Organizing a self-defense talk/workshop by OSU Police in collaboration with OUAB around mid-semester, preferably before spring break.

1.6. International Relations

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- Working with OIA on University wide International Graduate Student Professional Mentoring Program (international students only).
- Working with College of Pharmacy on college wide Graduate Student Professional Mentoring Program (both domestic and international students).
- Having a conversation with Gifty from OIA about collaboration on International Graduate Professional Mentoring program and future Orientation events.

1.7. Academic Relations

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1.8. Communications

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- \$200 is available to delegates through the Delegate Outreach Fund for the purposes of promoting CGS during a department-centric event. You are encouraged to apply for these funds by downloading the application on the CGS website (<https://cgs.osu.edu/committees/internal-committees?id=139>) filling it out, and sending it to both Mao Vang.18@osu.edu and Morgan Cichon.8@buckeyemail.osu.edu. Please also email Mao if you have any additional questions.
- Graduate events are promoted through the CGS Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/CouncilOfGraduateStudents>) and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/cgsosu>) pages. Please email any events you know of to Mao Vang.18@osu.edu if you would like them broadcast on Facebook and Twitter.

1.9. Ray Travel Award

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- A committee of 14 graduate students has been formed to judge Ray Travel applications.
- The deadline for applications to be submitted for the 3rd funding round was Nov. 1
- 71 applications were accepted for judging this round and the committee has awarded 16 (approx. 23%).
- The committee is currently discussing potential modifications to the Ray Travel application to be implemented in the next funding year.

1.10. Senate Advisory

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ACT 1314-SP-010

An Act Concerning the Duties and Responsibilities of the Secretary in the Constitution of the Council of Graduate Students

Author: David M Rochman, Governmental Relations, Chair
Sponsor: The Executive Committee

Section 1. The purpose of this act shall be to revise the Constitution of The Council of Graduate Students (CGS)

Section 2. Whereas, currently Article V, Section V.5 of the Constitution of the CGS currently reads as follows:

“Section V.5: Secretary

V.5.A. The Secretary is responsible for keeping the minutes of the meetings of the Council and its Executive Committee, for maintaining records, and for conducting correspondence.

V.5.B. The Secretary is responsible for maintaining attendance records and determining quorum (see Article VIII, Sec. 2) at Council meetings.

V.5.C. In the absence of the President and Vice President, the Secretary presides over meetings of the Council.

V.5.D. The Secretary shall fulfill other duties as directed by the Council, the Executive Committee, and the President.”

Section 3. Whereas, it is deemed that in order for the CGS to operate at its most efficient level it is necessary to accurately record, track, and report all legislation passed throughout the academic year and that all governing documents (Constitution, bylaws, and standing rules) are reflective of these legislative changes.

Section 4. Whereas, the following additional duties shall become the responsibility of the Secretary:

V.5.E. The Secretary is responsible for maintaining a record of all legislation that has been passed throughout the academic year, and that this record

is formally passed to the next incumbent Executive Board.

V.5.F. The Secretary shall be responsible for ensuring that all governing documents (Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules) are updated at the end of every semester of all legislative amendments.

Section 6. Therefore, be it resolved that this act is to optimize the legislative recording practices within the Constitution.

Section 7. Further, be it resolved, the changes contained within this act, shall be effective immediately and the Constitution will be updated to reflect such a change.

Date Approved: _____

Josh Coy, CGS President