

Written Reports for CGS Delegate Meeting 10/17/14

Current as of 8:00 pm 10/10/14

Officer Written Reports

President/Josh Coy.82

- Treasurer David Rochman has resigned from his position.
 - Michael will update all on the coming elections procedures to fill his vacancy.
- Our esteemed advisor, Kerry Hodak, is back from maternity leave.
 - Great to have Kerry back!
- The Career Center is putting on a grad school expo on October 21st that CGS is cosponsoring. If you are interested in helping out, contact me.
- Highball wrist bands are now available! Students are able to receive 2, but must specify the days you want to attend. So, you can get two for either Friday or Saturday, or one for each. I will be out of town for the event this year, so would welcome hearing opinions from those of you that do attend.
- Michael and I met with the Provost and HR offices.
 - The Provost indicated that the primary support for increases in grad stipends recommended by GCBC would come first from the Graduate School. Meetings are being scheduled for Michael and I to meet with Dean Osmer shortly.
 - GCBC is to meet for a rescheduled first meeting on 10/17. I look forward to hearing from the new chair and discussing their plan for this year.
 - HR meeting was informative. They consider the parental leave “generous” and do not support an increase in paid leave for adoptive parents for faculty/staff. They seemed willing to consider additional unpaid leave for graduate students, likely due to the low cost of such a policy change, as well as the reasonable argument that funded graduate students do not have vacation or sick time to pull from.
 - I spoke with Dr. Drake about our request and he was going to discuss with HR directly himself.
 - There is a possibility that HR will want more benchmarking data, and if that becomes the case, I intend to request that GCBC take this issue on more directly, since this issue should fall under their purview as a benefit if the discussion continues any further.
 - The discrepancy between the actual policy and what has been reported to The Dave Thomas Foundation has been corrected as a result of CGS pointing it out.

- SAGE Conference will take place Oct 23rd-26th in College Park, TX. CGS members attending are Josh, David B, and Chloe. We look forward to reporting back on the trip and helping the governmental relations committee fine tune their goals for this year.
- 5hr requirement issue for GTAs. This issue may better be informed after we have more survey data, but I have asked the depts affected to first discuss amongst their local student orgs regarding what specific issues they have. It is important to remember that employment in Ohio is “at will” so you can be required to carry other duties if you are not working a full 20 hrs from your primary assignment. However, there are issues of how the determination that teaching one class equals 15hrs, and the equity of the way in which assignments with different levels of effort are distributed. On the other side, students must also be able to show that it actually does take 20 hrs to teach a class if they are going to argue against an additional 5 hr requirement. More as this develops.
- I will be advocating for a change in the student code of conduct to include affirmative consent. This is in the beginning stages of development, but Dr. Drake approved of such a path, and I hope to involve all student governments in this effort.

Vice President/ Michael Bowman.979

- Remember to promote the Hayes Forum among your constituents. I hope to have posters printed soon and request delegates take one or more to hang up in their departments.

Secretary/Morgan Schunn.1

- Attendance at meetings is crucial to serve as a representative for your colleges. If for some reason you cannot attend a meeting, you are expected to try to find an alternate from your college to attend in your place and notify of this.
- Send me events for the blog and events calendar.
- Be sure to forward news updates to your departments when I send them out so information gets to all students (look for one once classes get started back up). In order to get these out to your department, try to compile a way to contact your constituents (email, facebook, talk to your grad chair, etc) if you don't already have a plan.
 - I plan to at least send out a summary news update after every meeting but will also forward other pertinent info as applicable.

Treasurer/Open

Chief of Staff/David Bowers.461

- THANK YOU to the delegates who have held Delegate Outreach events with your constituent programs.
- Also thanks to those who have posted reports about their events on the Delegate Outreach Blog--there's good info in those posts if you're thinking about holding an event and are wondering what to do!

Standing Committee Written Reports

Academic Relations, Holowacz.1

- The GTA/GRA/GA survey is in the alpha stages, and is being edited to meet the standards of the executive board.

Arts & Culture, DiFranco.33

- Members are working towards a comprehensive University and Community Arts & Culture calendar; will be contacting Student Life, and Greater Columbus Arts Council.
- Also currently organizing graduate networking events at including local art space, Pizzuti collection, and a performance and research exhibition opportunity at the Dublin Arts Council.

Communication & Outreach, Vang.18

Diversity & Inclusion, Campbell.1651

- We had our first event of the year on 10/6 – the Graduate Student Welcome & Networking Night; 38 graduate students attended and we received great feedback. Several students made a point to thank us for having the event and asked that other networking-type events be put on in the future.
 - We will be sending out a follow-up survey/email to these students to solicit more feedback and information about what specific programming they would like to see in the future.
- A couple of events are in the works for later this semester; look for updates on the committee blog and the CGS website. More information will be shared when it becomes available.
- If you have any ideas for a programming or events on campus, or would like to talk about partnering with our committee, please contact Tori Campbell (campbell.1651).

Governmental Relations, Tull.20

- The Governmental Affairs Committee will hold its 2nd meeting of the semester on Friday, October 10th at 3:30 p.m. in the CGS offices.

- Governmental Affairs is in a bit of a holding pattern due to elections
- Attending S.A.G.E. October 23-26th at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas will likely inform what Governmental Affairs works on for the rest of the year
- Our current focus includes internal policy with CGS, including:
 - Standing Rules
 - Attendance Policy for Senators
 - Research Funding for OSU

Graduate Student Housing, Skubic.1

Grants Administration, Sandoval.32

- Career Development Grant
 - The application is now open for the next round of applications, due by Nov. 7th.
 - The funding period is: January 12, 2014 – June 5, 2014 (spring semester).
 - FYI: You may apply for an event before you have received confirmation about your acceptance or participation.
 - Please note that as of August 2014, food is no longer an eligible expense. This decision came from the office since students wouldn't follow the rules regarding eligible food expenses, and because the receipts didn't always specify that the locations were in transportation centers per the guidelines. This also aligns with the purpose of the grant more, which is to support professional activities. Few people actually submitted food expenses.
 - There were some slight IT problems with the online application in the last round, the second time we used the site. I communicated with the IT department and they don't anticipate further glitches. However, if you or your constituents have problems with the site on this round, please let me know ASAP since the CDG does have a hard deadline. Though the system will accept applications until 11:59pm on Nov. 7th, please encourage your constituents to apply by Nov. 6th (most of the problems occurred on the last day last time, but fortunately it was clear that they had uploaded their application).
- The demand for the grants workshop exceeded the space limitations of the room so we added a second workshop on Oct. 23rd, which will also be filled to capacity.
 - At this meeting, we will report on the workshop on Oct. 16th.

- Thank you to Mao and Morgan for putting the word out there so quickly through social media: we filled up in record time!
- Global Gateway Grant:
 - No update other than the workshop (see above)

Health & Wellness, Ruderman.5

- Online Wellness Assessment Launches!
 - Learn about your WELLNESS and the resources available to you! Take the new online Wellness Assessment during the month of October, and be entered to win a pair of Beats.
 - Just go to go.osu.edu/wa and find out where you stand in the nine dimensions of WELLNESS.
 - Get the knowledge to be your best because how you live your life today matters

International Student Concerns, Anderson.2299

- OSU Wilce Student Health Center provides a variety of vaccinations to students. The cost of many of them are covered by comprehensive student insurance plan.
 - Flu Shots are available now at the Wilce Pharmacy without appointment (open 8:30-4 daily).
 - Also, mass flu shot vaccinations will happen at the RPAC on Oct 9, 15, and 23 from 2-5 p.m. Flu shots are covered with the student insurance.
- Grad/ Prof Students and Families can enjoy Family Fun Day (Pumpkin Painting and Crafts) at Buckeye Village--- sponsored by OUAB! Soon... **Oct 11, 2014.**
 - This is a great event for international students and their families. Cost is free, but RSVP required. See OSU OUAB Website:
<http://ouab.osu.edu/>
- Calling Native English Speakers....The Office of International Affairs is looking for domestic grad/ prof students to be paired with international grad/ prof students in their English Conversation Partners. Not too late... program participants will receive a certificate in cross-cultural communication, in addition to new international friendships. See OIA website:
<http://oia.osu.edu/workshops-and-events/english-conversation-partners.html>
- Details forthcoming about a night at the Columbus Museum of Art and Personal Safety Workshop for international students.
- Brown bag session: "Finding a job in the professoriate": Dr. Adrian Rodgers from the College of Education will lead this talk on Thurs, 10/16/14 at 3-5 pm in Arps Hall 060.

Senate Advisory, Krygowski.5

SERC, Faze.6

- Interested in learning more about OSU's sustainability initiatives? Join SERC in collaboration with FCOB Net Impact to hear from representatives from the Office of Energy and Environment, Student Life and the Office of Energy Services and Sustainability on November 13. Information regarding the location and time will be announced to all graduate students soon.

University Area Commission, Odden.2

- University District Plan review process is ongoing. University Area Commission is expected to vote Wednesday, November 19, but discussions will be held at the October 15 and November 3 meetings. The Plan will dramatically affect the residential, commercial and infrastructure conditions and options available in the areas adjacent to campus.
 - Graduate students are generally underrepresented in these discussions -- your attendance and feedback are welcome.

University Research Council, Yuan.125

Ad Hoc on Childcare, Gambrel.15