



# Delegate Meeting Agenda

**Date** October 18, 2013 (3rd Autumn Delegate Meeting)

**Location** Ohio Union, Senate Chambers

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

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- 2.1. Minutes from September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting

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- 8.1.3. Executive Committee Meeting December, TBD
- 8.1.4. 5<sup>th</sup> Autumn Delegate Meeting\* December 13, 2013

^Needed to Reschedule the Executive Committee Meeting on 11/8/13 due to NAGPS  
Conference

\*May be canceled at executive committee's discretion



# Delegate Meeting Minutes

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## 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1. Minutes from August 30<sup>th</sup> meeting – Seeing no objections or amendments, passed.  
Lang.279 thanked delegates, executive chairs for their careful read and minor edits (sent earlier via email).

## 3. GUEST

3.1. Krystal Geyer, Student Programs, Technology Commercialization Office (TCO)

3.1.1. Shared information about the TCO office, see website: <http://tco.osu.edu/>.

We listen to student ideas (new apps, medical devices, pharmaceuticals, etc.). Invention is when you have something that is working, ready for folks to use, we help students get from the idea to invention stage. Student can do a prior search on patents (using Google to see if people have already invented/developed something), but we can also help. TCO helps with establishing patents; we triage ideas/inventions as they are communicated to the TCO office – may help with start-up, licensing, new idea (development). Inventors receive royalties for the life of the product; we definitely take care of inventors here at OSU. Software prototyping (e.g., app development) and ideation lab (3-D printing, modeling, engineering, etc.) to help make ideas reality. Students can bring start-up ideas too. Can work from “napkin to prototype.” Krystal invited students to come to her to talk with ideas, can pair students with various skill sets up, can offer mentoring, have relationship with Tech Columbus, etc. Have a student organizations/opportunities called *CoStart* (<http://tco.osu.edu/>), *Cast* (teach students how to move from idea to fruition, give you the technology here at OSU to do that) or *Boss* to create own start-up competition (see <http://tco.osu.edu/revolution/> for these two programs), also *Wake-up Start-up* (<http://tco.osu.edu/revolution/#wakeup-startup>) - 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of every month people pitch ideas at office at Gateway, participants have to have an ask for this event (seeking money, connections, interns, etc.). Invited any students to come to the office to see this program or to talk – emphasized it’s an innovative, fun place.

3.1.2. Odden.2 – what about not-for-profit and items/ideas for the public good?

Geyer: yes, we can assist these kinds of ideas for students, if they have, e.g., a social entrepreneurship and service idea. Coy.82 - How often do you see folks from non-STEM fields? Geyer: all the time, can help any student. Sandoval.32 – what about ideas after graduating? Geyer: I would likely not turn anyone away, I want to help students. We can still help out, but probably not with licensing, may help individuals link up with others (highlighted

relationship with Tech Columbus). Townsend.681 – How much has TCO helped the university budget? Geyer: our revenue has gone up just slightly, but these things take time to build, we have increased in other ways – up 150 inventions, license and patents up too – the revenue generation from this will come. Delegates asked about clarifying what is OSU property? Geyer: anything that one makes/creates using a significant amount of OSU resources, that they develop while they are paid to do work, or using lab, etc. The TCO operating budget is internally generated, 100% through OSU, the revenue generated goes back to OSU, and we generally award 1/3 to inventor, 1/3 to his/her college/department, and 1/3 to university. Lastly, Geyer offered to travel, e.g., to come to delegate outreach events to speak about services.

### **3.2. Krista Predragovich, RUOK?**

**3.2.1.** First, showed OSU Suicide prevention brochure, and highlighted a new app created at OSU by a PhD psychology student. The 1-800-Suicide hotline currently links callers with local crisis centers based on area code of the phone number (which, for those whose area code is often not associated with where they currently reside, like most graduate students, this is not a great way to connect them with services). The newly developed app uses GPS function in the phone to connect with local resources. Delegate asked if other people can utilize this app, even if they are not OSU students – Predragovich: yes! Predragovich noted her main reason to visit the meeting today was to tell delegates about a brand new program targeting graduate students at OSU, “RUOK Buckeyes?” This program is communicated to graduate students through their academic programs, i.e., the invitation to participate comes directly from the academic program. It is an anonymous web screening for depression. Predragovich noted they did a pilot program last year with 11 Colleges, and about 950 graduate students and it went well, reason to believe we are reaching students who would not otherwise have come forward for help. What’s unique about this program, it is specifically pointed toward the stressors of college students; it was developed by the American foundation for suicide prevention, we have lots of information from other university constituents about what graduate students may need, and how to connect. The anonymous survey comes back to Predragovich and she responds individually to each student, engaging with student anonymously over the web and helps link him/her up with appropriate services (counseling and consultation services, disabilities, etc.). She sees her role as providing information, easing fears. Trying to target the students who are not coming forward (silently struggling) – to do this they use a private, anonymous, confidential forum, and then if students wish, they can come in and meet with Predragovich. She points students in the direction of immediate services if acutely distressed. She asked delegates to help with marketing – get message out to graduate programs by finding the person in your department who cares the most about graduate student wellness (graduate studies chair, program coordinator, or faculty member) and taking them materials and mention this presentation. Delegates asked if they personally can get the information out, Predragovich said she would like it to come more from the faculty/staff of the program. Predragovich’s goal is to get the invitation to 5,000 graduate students.

### **3.2.2. Delegates asked about obstacles within the departments about distributing**

this material? Predragovich noted the main obstacles she hears/anticipates are questions about how much time will this take for the individual who will administer the RU OK Buckeyes program. She noted once people they find out that all she is asking them to do is to edit an email, identify faculty members, and pick a date – they tend to see that it is a really small time commitment for really good pay off. Draggeim.1 asked for clarification on the procedure; can this also provide services to students are working with a depressed friend? Predragovich noted probably filling out the survey is not the most expedient way to get help for friend/colleague and highlighted OSU suicide prevention (<http://suicideprevention.osu.edu/>). Weber.460 asked what kind of access should the contact person be (e.g., a graduate program chair? or Dean of student affairs?). Predragovich, said it could be a variety of people, but normally the faculty/staff member who is most present and connected to the graduate students (e.g., the grad program coordinator) will promote the best response rates, and the higher the individual is within the department or program can add an extra push, or legitimacy to the efforts. Deshpande.39 asked if it was at the delegate’s discretion regarding whom to contact and should they pick someone from whom they do not always receive emails? Predragovich advised once again to pick someone connected to graduate students, and noted sometimes the CGS delegate also “signs off” on the email to students in the unit, to send “a united message,” i.e., can list multiple people in the signature line, individuals who are important to students in program and this can help to reinforce the importance. Predragovich left materials, asked for folks to sign-up, and emphasized she is here to offer support. Coy.82 emphasized need to take this information back to the departments

#### **4. OFFICER REPORTS**

##### **4.1. President**

Coy.82

**4.1.1. NAGPS.** Coy.82 and Wiggins.106 went to the NAGPS legislative action days to lobby senators, representatives, etc. Coy.82 noted NAGPS can be useful to us, but have to be careful how to use them. Coy.82 said the experience showed him we need to be doing more things at state level, e.g., involving other colleges and universities within the state, the Board of Regents, etc. to help advocate for graduate student related policies on a broader level. Will meet with Herb Asher (Counsel to President & Senior Vice President Government Affairs), and noted Wiggins.106 and Coy.82 met with lobbyist from OSU in DC. Coy.82 emphasized CGS is advocating at a big level – within the state and nation.

**4.1.2. NAGPS –** The national membership meeting for NAGPS is coming up in November, let Coy.82 know immediately if you would be interested in attending. It is in western Michigan, we need to make travel plans quickly.

**4.1.3.** On Oct 15<sup>th</sup> there will be a national event at the Union on redistricting and election politics. Rochman.2 has all the details, but had to leave. We will post information on the blog and email about the event and registering. Email Coy.82 if questions.

**4.1.4.** Follow-up on CON fee issues (see previous minutes for detailed background, but basically the College of Nursing went right to the Board of Trustees to get fees increased, without oversight of other university bodies or student input) – Coy.82 met with both the Provost (Steinmetz) and Interim President (Alutto) to discuss preventing such

drastic and late-notice fee increases and increasing student voice in such decisions. Steinmetz was really interested in same thing, also has issues with how this issue was handled. Steinmetz and Chatas are currently discussing how to get the timing right for these requests, to have the deadline much earlier in the year. Steinmetz said that departments should have some public forum when this occurs (that is what he would have done), and these requests also need to go through Provost and President's office. He also noted that these requests should also go through Senate Fiscal, which was the policy, however this CON issue occurred after senate concluded for academic year which meant it did not go through the regular channels. Coy.82 will bring this issue to CSA as well, and hopes to propose that any fee increase that affect students, needs to go through CSA and Fiscal (i.e., the relevant senate subcommittees). Coy.82 noted Steinmetz said it would be difficult to have such fee changes reviewed by the whole University Senate, as this would bog-down other important University business, but if we can assure it is heard by the relevant bodies, this should help things.

**4.1.5. Late fee/re-enrollment issue for Grad Non-degree student – Coy.82** briefly discussed a student issue, where a student, due to emergency situations (being hit by a drunk driver) could not pay her fees on time (she did pay all tuition). This student happened to be Grad non-degree, which means she had no advisor or advocate and limited ways to go about fixing this problem. Because she did not pay the fees on time, she was charged a late fee (\$300) and dis-enrolled. Coy.82 highlighted the laborious process to get re-enrolled (an additional \$300) and the multiple signatures a student must acquire to make this happen. Coy.82 mentioned after some investigation the deadlines, etc. were adjusted with the transition to semesters to line-up with when subsidy from the state is determined (15<sup>th</sup> day of the semester). Coy.82 noted he is talking with Brad Myers (the Registrar) about this fee issue, since the student's tuition was already paid, however this has also prompted more investigation into fees and how they are handled. Coy.82 asked delegates to talk more with their constituents about any issues they have had regarding paying fees, and to make sure they know about paying their fees in a timely manner so as not to be dis-enrolled.

**4.1.6. Committee service – Coy.82** noted all delegates should be in an external committee, and at this point all should have already attended, or be about to attend their first committee meeting. Please know you have to attend and be professional; you are the voice for graduate students. If you hear anything strange, big, etc. please inform an officer so we can act on behalf of graduate students. Coy.82 noted we have fought, sometimes hard, to have a graduate students at the table for various campus issues, as our concerns may be different from that of undergraduates and it is important to have our perspective heard.

**4.1.7. HighBall Halloween on its way – Coy.82** noted we have many tickets to give away to graduate students. There are many ways to volunteer for the event as well – help in the planning committee, the 5K, help with dog/kid costumes. He noted the OSU football game will be on there, there is a Day of the Dead celebration also (see <http://highballhalloween.com/about/overview>)

## **4.2. Vice President**

Crowsley.1

**4.2.1. F1 Visa – Crowsley.1** explained that the President usually takes on these

more external issues, however, since this was an international issue, and Crowsley.1 is an international student and F1 Visa-holder, she opted to take lead. Crowsley.1 briefly outlined the Visa issue brought forward at the previous delegate meeting (see previous minutes) and noted a team of individuals from CGS met with the Office of International Affairs (OIA) to discuss. The issue they focused on was the process of transitioning from an F1 Visa status to OPT (optional professional training). Crowsley.1 emphasized that OIA offers workshops on how to navigate these Visa issues, and asked that delegates communicate with their international graduate students constituents about the workshops offered. OSU is doing what it should with regards to this policy, the application to get OPT status just takes time, i.e., 2 to 3 months. The struggle is sometimes a student gets a job offer and the employer will not want to hold the job 2-3 months for the visa to change. This is a bigger issue – something to advocate for with regards to refining immigration systems/laws, Crowsley.1 linked this to the NAGPS legislative action days and the importance of thinking of international graduate students.

**4.2.2.** IT-Website projects – Crowsley.1 noted how over the summer the CGS officers collectively as a team worked with IT to prioritize fixes to the website. One of the planned projects has been accomplished: under the “external committees” portion of the website it now show appropriate current delegates (see <http://cgs.osu.edu/committees/external-committees/>). The next IT project is apportionment, related to elections process. This process hasn’t been done since 2006 (even though there have been numerous updates in programs, departments, etc. since then). IT has the enrollment report almost done. Once completed, we will have an ad hoc committee look over this report and do a preliminary proposal for the new apportionment (see blog post for more details: <http://cgs.osu.edu/blog/the-organization-elections-committee/>). In addition to the apportionment data, IT is working on a new elections system; Crowsley.1 highlighted with our current system there is a large margin for human error, however the proposed new election system will be fully automated, online, and will easily post results. Our hope to be ready for the main election cycle in spring 2014. Regarding other IT projects, student life IT has been a person down all summer, but our hope is to work on some technical issues with the Ray travel, and discussing moving the career development grant online application/

**4.2.3.** Fall delegate election update – Crowsley.1 acknowledged this election cycle has been a challenge process and highlighted the help of other CGS officers and IT in helping with this issue. She showed the spreadsheet of candidates and voting she was given by IT after the voting cycle closed, highlighting again that our apportionment is quite out of date, which adds a challenge for deciphering election information. Crowsley.1 first worked to identify seats actually open, and in this process she identify 17 new elected delegates, and 2 departments who had tied elections (more than one candidates with equal votes). Crowsley.1 noted CGS will have a reelection process for those two departments, still investigating exactly what that process should look like. However, Crowsley.1 noted that based on graduate student feedback, she has reason to question the reliability of the original data from IT, it appears some people actually did vote and now their vote is remove. For now there is a

temporary suspension on the 17 new delegates. Crowsley is working to get refreshed data from IT, and will reanalyze it. Gambrel.15 – in regards to tied voting, do the departments decide themselves? Crowsley.1 said we will likely run the election again with just those two departments and delegates, and noted this is a very unusual occurrence, also explained the petition process for a delegate seat when off-cycle. Delegates asked about the time-frame on the suspension. Crowsley.1 noted she will work as quickly as she can, however this is contingent on how long it takes IT to rerun all of the elections data and the length of time needed to reanalyze the new data. She highlighted a recent extensive meeting with IT where they met for a long time to “hammer it out.” Crowsley.1 does not know how long this process will take, she apologized to new potential delegates and emphasized that we must follow due-diligence in this regard.

**4.2.4.** Organizations and elections committee – Oversees apportionment, and elections process, the apportionment process for this year will start soon, asked anyone interested in being part of this team to email Crowsley.1.

**4.2.5.** Hayes Forum update – Crowsley.1 noted this is our “center piece event.” This will be the 28<sup>th</sup> year, the Hayes form is set for Friday, Feb 21<sup>st</sup>, 7 am to 2 pm, and by the constitution, the Vice President chairs the Hayes forum. Crowsley.1 emphasized she cannot do it alone, need delegates, senators, and volunteers, sitting on the Hayes forum committee. Volunteer can do a variety of things; we also need help with day of Hayes itself – e.g., proctor to help time judges, be assistant, etc. Crowsley.1 noted she would love help (email her) and that volunteers do not necessarily have to commitment to a high level of involvement – lots of ways to contribute. Crowsley.1 noted she presented information about the Hayes at the most recent Grad Studies Coordinators/Chairs meeting. She also encouraged delegates and attendees to please take flyers and to help spread the word.

**4.2.6.** GCBC update – This is a major senate committee, Josh Sadvari.1 was very helpful in the transition, supporting the new committee members. We have 6 graduate students on it, and have chosen people who are very heavily involved in CGS. This is a well-rounded committee in the types of students and departments represented. The main function of this group is to initiate a comparative stipend and benefits review each year, to see if we are on par with other institutions regarding graduate student pay and benefits. We are in the final year of the 3-year increase in the minimum stipend for graduate students (and this body instituted this plan). GCBC strongly impact how stipends move forward in future. Crowsley.1 thanked co-chairs, Brater.1 and Chung.461. Crowsley.1 encouraged delegates to email them with any questions or specific concerns we should be addressing in addition to stipend review.

**4.2.7.** Delegate orientations – Crowsley.1 will set up, once finalized will email everyone to sign-up. This is part of delegate process and helps to make delegates aware of how to be involved and their roles and responsibilities. Crowley.1 hopes to set these up next week.

#### **4.3. Secretary**

Lang.279 –

**4.3.1.** Lang.279 reminded delegates to please sign-in, raise cards when they wish

to speak so she can record their names in the minutes, and to email news/events to her to share with the whole CGS body. She also highlighted information discussed at the most recent Graduate Council meeting and encouraged delegates to let their constituents know if a colleague is acting strangely (aggressively, etc.) that this should be reported right away to their advisor, the graduate studies chair, and/or the department chair, etc. to help prevent larger issues.

#### 4.4. Treasurer

Cichon.8

4.4.1. Cichon.8 noted that the student activity fee allocations should be announced in the next few weeks, and once we have this information should be able to finalize the budget.

#### 4.5. Chief of Staff

Wiggins.106

4.5.1. Went to DC with NAGPS – Wiggins.106 felt this was successful, attendees got educational training, looked at things such as immigration reform, student debt issues, student loans, student access to higher education. Their visit was perhaps just a bit ill-timed, it was behind house resolution HR19-11 (HEA now being considered – see <http://www.help.senate.gov/imo/media/doc/HEA%20Stakeholder%20Letter%2009.17.13.pdf>). We could potentially still influence this bill. Wiggins.106 highlighted current interests rates for student unsubsidized loans are at 6.8%, and will cap at 9.5 within 3 years.

#### 4.6. Other essential highlights (Odden.2)

4.6.1. Presidential search committee process – Odden.2 asked to speak briefly about this. emphasized that graduate students can still give feedback, on candidates, on where you think the university is going, on what they think is needed in the next president (please see blog for link: <http://cgs.osu.edu/blog/presidential-search-committee-wants-your-advice/>). Odden.2 noted that anything you submit goes into a subpoenaable public record. Odden.2 encouraged people to comment and asked that this be shared within the CGS news.

4.6.2. In addition, Odden.2 also brought up the University Area Commission, again highlighting a link on the blog: <http://cgs.osu.edu/blog/provide-feedback-on-the-university-district-plan/>, emphasized upcoming public forums and that individuals can provide feedback online through October 18, e.g., individuals can comment about zoning, where city should spend money on public improvement, etc.

4.6.3. Lastly, Odden.2 noted that within the Office of Distance Education and E-learning there is a big push for online education, which begs questions like do we really need a person teaching beginning French at all campuses at OSU? Odden.2 noted that this push could be a potential threat to TA opportunities. There are no public forums announced yet, but that faculty and students on relevant committees demanded public forums on online learning. Odden.2 strongly encouraged students to participate once these are announced. He also encouraged delegates to find out the proportion of course sections taught by rank (faculty, graduate students, lecturers, etc.), so they could collate this information and use it with these kinds of decisions. Some delegates noted that the Ohio Board of Regents currently caps the number of courses universities can teach on line (30 or 40?) and that there is an application process to exceed this cap, which some other universities have done (e.g., OU). Sandoval.32 –

could TAs coordinate classes online? Odden.2 – yes, but it is different professional experience.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

### **5.1. Senator Election**

Crowsley.1

**5.1.1.** Candidates: Bhatnagar.16, Joshi.115, Orsborn.10, Small.122, Thomas.1617, Wang. 1906 (resumes attached). Joshi.115 withdrew her application.

**5.1.2.** Arts senate seat open, Crowsley.1 explained senator roles/responsibility. One final call for nominations, seeing none, nominations closed. Two of the candidates were present (Orsborn.10 and Small.122). Crowsley.1 emphasized each candidate could speak for up to 5 minutes, with questions, and that delegates may make a motion to extend the time. Due to time remaining in the meeting, Crowsley.1 asked for candidates to be efficient and asked candidates to go in alphabetical order

**5.1.3.** Orsborn.10 - Noted this is his 13<sup>th</sup> year at OSU, and he has had lots of experiences both good and bad, he has also had issues with late fees and the registration process, highlighted how visiting the student consolidated services center can be very frustrating. Wants to make the OSU experience better for students, also interested in fixing some of the fee issues. Pucker.1 – can make the senate meeting times (Thursday afternoons once a month) and the next meeting (10/3)? Orsborn.10 – yes. Pucker.1 highlighted that all the CGS senators plan on meeting before the next senator meeting.

**5.1.4.** Jared Small.122 – Like Coy.82, he is an arts policy major, from great state of Michigan, but not a wolverine. Wants to be the loudest voice for graduate students. Small.122 sits on the Arts Policy Committee, chair of another collaborative committee, and he is a potentially new elected CGS delegate. He believes he can bring an important viewpoint with regards to business, policy making, and the arts (he is an oboe player). He believes he could relate the open arts senate seat to his art focus, and he highlighted the importance of having the arts represented and to represent all graduates students and the voice of graduate students in art. His goal is to give the “ultimate performance” Pucker.1 also asked about meeting times and Small.122 noted he could make these.

**5.1.5.** Lang.279- Point of clarification, can you vote for candidates who are not present candidates? Wiggins.106 – all candidates were certified by the elections committee, yes.

**5.1.6.** Small.122 elected

## **6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **6.1. Grants Administration**

Sandoval.32

**6.1.1.** Second funding period recently awarded. On Monday, Sept 9<sup>th</sup> let winners know, 9 of 13 apps were funded at \$250 each. We have enough money to award \$350 to next round of winners, currently working on changing the documentation online. We voted on this change in executive committee, any questions or concerns? Any objections to increasing from 250 to 350? A delegate asked, while we have the money now, will it be a problem to sustain these awards in the future, will we have to award fewer. Both Coy.82 and Cichon.8 emphasized that there are not that many of these awarded, so the whole budget impact is not

that great, and we have so much carry forward we need to spend. Sandoval.32 asked delegates to publicize this increase in their departments and reminded applicants to look at funding dates and how the award is different from the Ray travel (conferences, do not have to be presenting, workshops, networking event, membership fees for professional associations, can also use for meals). All materials are on-line, link to blog: use for meals – see all materials on line, link to blog <http://cgs.osu.edu/blog/career-development-grant-amount-increase1/>

**6.2. Diversity & Inclusion**

Bryson.53

**6.2.1.** Guide Connect Event coming up on Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

**6.3. SERC**

Mills.532

**6.3.1.** First meeting of the committee will take place Wednesday evening at 5:30, invited others. Has great contacts, e.g., Paul LaRent, working with individuals on the Council on Sustainability, asked those present to share about contacts, faculty members, etc. who are passionate on sustainability. Will keep posted about events.

**6.4. Governmental Relations**

Rochman.2

**6.4.1.** Will have posting on blog/governmental relations

**6.5. Health & Wellness**

Deshpande.39

**6.5.1.** Three updates: 1) having a fitness/fun event at adventure recreation center at Halloween Weekend, a sport climbing event will be sending out an RSVP to people. 2) met with Counseling and Consultation Services (CCS) and was given lots of information about specific resources for graduate students (will bring flyers next meeting); there are graduate student discussion groups, composed of 7-10 students, who meet throughout the semester to talk about issues, could use delegate help to spread word (there 3 more general groups, 1 men's and 2 ABD groups). There is a screening process to join. 3) talk with Suicide prevention office, looking into a REACH training to identify people who might have potential problems, 1 hour – 90 minutes, want to make people aware of these offerings. Once again added for interested people to join her committee and Deshpande.39 asked members to take the RU OK materials

**6.6. International Relations**

Dong.209

**6.6.1.** Asked again about any programs currently in place for mentor-mentee with graduate students - Odden.2, Curzon.1, Brown.3799, Fuller.308, Deshpande.39 noted they have such programs

**6.6.2.** Currently have conversation with College of Pharmacy to start this program (pilot) – email Dong.209 with international concerns

**6.7. Academic Relations**

krygowski.5

**6.8. Communications**

vang.18

**6.8.1.** Reminded folks about delegate outreach

**6.9. Ray Travel Award**

Cichon.8

**6.9.1.** Finished 2<sup>nd</sup> funding period, award 24 ray travel awards (65 applications). Cichon.8 noted she appreciate those that judge and reminded everyone the next deadline is Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. Cichon.8 also highlighted CGS is changing the Ray Travel award judging process, will not have a committee of about 10 people (which was what was done historically) who will

serve as judges for each funding period to provide some training and consistency. Plan is to meet mid to late October, sit down to go through judging criteria, how to give constructive feedback/comments, then judges will go off and judge on own and will meet back one more time before officially awarding to make sure there are no issues and to decide how many awards to give; this will be an opportunity to applications folks are on the fence about. People who are a part of this committee would commit to this deadline and the next. This committee will also discuss any policy changes with regards to the Ray Travel award. Cichon.8 predicts about 4-6 meetings total over the rest of the academic year (pre- & post-judging meetings and perhaps a few related to policy). Josh.114 - what if a committee member wants to apply? Cichon.8 – we can work around these issues, you can serve and still apply.

## **7. DISCUSSION**

### **7.1. Delegate Issues and Concerns**

**7.1.1.** Comment – Student Health Insurance committee, if anybody has any concerns, please email Deshpande.39 so we can bring those forward.

**7.1.2.** Senate – lots of new members, please talk to Pucker.1 if you are willing to be an alternate, and help with subcommittee or full senate meetings – any willingness to help. For those currently assigned to senate subcommittees, please email/talk with Pucker.1 to let him know when the meetings are and what is currently going on.

**7.1.3.** Alternate from Vang.18 in communications – thanked CGS for the information about support services around the death of the Communications undergraduate student – this information was really helpful for supporting their students.

**7.1.4.** Lambert.307 – asked about committee assignments. Crowsley.1 noted that external committee assignments mostly took place during summer orientations and right now our external committees are mostly filled, but as seats become open or new opportunities arise, we will ask other delegates. As for internal committees, these are appointed early in the fall, we asked people to sign-up at the last meeting. Please email a

**7.1.5.** Chaleff.1 asked about the \$40 legal services fee and how to opt out. Lang.279 noted this information was discussed at the beginning of the term and is available on the blog.

**7.1.6.** Happy hour tonight at Woody's. Coy.82 meeting adjourned

## **8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **8.1. Additional Autumn Meeting Dates**

8.1.1. Executive Committee Meeting	October 4, 2013
8.1.2. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Autumn Delegate Meeting	October 18, 2013
8.1.3. Executive Committee Meeting	November 8, 2013
8.1.4. 4 <sup>th</sup> Autumn Delegate Meeting	November 22, 2013
8.1.5. Executive Committee Meeting	December, TBD
8.1.6. 5 <sup>th</sup> Autumn Delegate Meeting*	December 13, 2013

\*May be canceled at executive committee's discretion