



**Council of Graduate Students**  
**The Ohio State University**

## Delegate Meeting Minutes

**Date:** September 19, 2014  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Autumn Delegate Meeting**  
**Location** Ohio Union,  
Senate Chambers

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### **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 August 22 Meeting, No amendments**

### **3. GUEST SPEAKER**

- **Krista Predragovich from RUOK? Buckeyes**
- See <http://suicideprevention.osu.edu/programs/interactive-screening-program-isp/>
- Program within Suicide prevention program targeted just for grad students
- Quiz (from 2006 study):
- How many grad students have experienced a mental concern?
- How many grad students have a diagnosable depression
- How many seriously considered suicide in the last month?
- How many students experienced level of stress that severely impacted them?
  
- There is the elation-depression cycle
  - Our self worth gets tied to this experience
  - This is not good for our mental and emotional health
  - There is a lot of stigma with this
- Not everyone who needs help seeks it out
- RUOK Buckeyes is trying to build a bridge for individuals
  - How do we get them there and how do they identify the right services?
- Invite graduate programs to care about you and ask you if you are ok?
- Grad Program Coordinator might get email from RUOK and it gets lost
  - Make students aware that the service is out there
  - There are 3 email templates for someone to edit then a program is set up for a roll out date for the program in your department
  - The link in the email is then unique to your department
  - This is a link to an outside Suicide Prevention program
  - This is national and has some data behind it
  - There is a place to create an account and then you can take a questionnaire
  - You can then provide an email address that gets encrypted by the website so you know that your posts got posted/responded to
    - All of this is anonymous
  - The questionnaire goes directly to Krista
  - The site places the student in a tier level of risk
    - There is a protocol of how quickly Krista has to respond based on the level. They get a personalized email about the results and offer and help

- They can respond. They can get anonymous help and answers. Connects people to the resources that are the most appropriate
- This can serve as reassurance.
- Students will get referred to other services that CSC offers that does require you to be a client.
- They will also refer to outside places that are covered by insurance.
- Need to demonstrate the need that is out there to get it taken seriously and get more funding
- The pilot was in Spring of 2013-sent out 950 invitations. Response was higher than average
  - Last year was first year and doubled from before. About 9% response
    - 21% who completed the questionnaire were the highest risk
    - 31% were tier 2; 48% were level 3
- There is an open ended question that can be answered with explanation and then Krista can go to the department and let them know about the issues anonymously
- YOUR STEPS: Give the card or Krista's contact to your grad studies person and have them contact Krista

#### **4. OFFICER REPORTS (SEE ATTACHED)**

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

**Coy.82**

- Reminders: Roberts rules on back. Need to raise placard to speak.
- Get meeting packet the Friday before every meeting. We go through quickly at meetings but everything is online.
- There was a conference call with multiple presidents from Big 10 organizations. There are some weird things going on with health care with other universities. Working to compile what schools are paying.
- Senate steerings was forwarded an email- changes in FML (family and medical leave).
  - Previously required that 50% appointment but now they are upping to 60%.
  - Now adding grad students but they would have to have at least 60% appointment.
  - The reason they are doing this is the ACA. Now they are going by the rule of law.

##### **4.2. Vice President**

**Bowman.979**

- Just finished up fall delegate elections. Elected 13 new delegates. Need to meet with everyone to talk about duties, etc. Need to know preferences for committees.
  - Now we have 86 delegates. This is still lower than total (130) that we could have.
- Committees- It is important you are aware of what your committee assignments are and you need to be involved in these committees, especially the external committees. Make sure you are participating in that committee and reporting back to us what is going on in the committees.
  - Gambrel.15- Who is the contact? Coy.82- If it's a senate committee goes through Molly. If it is an external committee it needs to go through David Bowers. If it is something that needs immediate attention just contact Josh directly.
  - Diamond.135- Is everyone delegate assigned an external committee. Bowman.979- No. Due to the amount of delegates not everyone has an external assignment.
  - If there is an issue with the committee you are assigned to contact Josh or Michael
  - Bewster.81- Are the committees aware of who we are? Bowman.979- it is possible they are not aware. If you are having trouble reaching the chair get in contact with Michael or Josh. Coy.82- Committees might not have met yet
  - Ruff.1- When we were we contacted about what committees we are in? Bowman.979- should have gotten automated email. But this is not happening in all cases. We cannot resolve this it is an IT issue. So please double check the website.

- Starting preparations for the Hayes forum. Met with part of the committee to get started planning. Start advertising. Starting in October will be accepting abstracts. There will be flyers and emails going out. Opportunity to present research. Cash prizes and food. And hopefully a guest speaker.
  - Difranco.33- Q and A about Hayes forum would be helpful. Bowman.979- On Oct 16<sup>th</sup> there is a grant workshop and Michael will be talking about the Hayes forum.
  - Dabowski.5- Issue that come up last year. A lot of students had submitted co-authored students but the Hayes forum restricts to one author. Is there a way to change this? Bowman.979- Need to work with IT on this so can work with updating this for next year.
  - Delegate- What advice do you give to people who are co-authored. Bowman.979- work out who wants to submit and present on this. Need to work out if they want to split up the prize money.
  - Schroeder.650- Computer issue- Last year the arts area only had 3 arts and rest were other areas. Told it was a computer issue. If you don't choose an area it defaults to art. Hayes already privileges science so the arts ones were more likely to be denied. Bowman.979- Will look into it. Looking to get an even distribution.

#### 4.3. Secretary

#### Schunn.1

- Remember attendance is mandatory so if you can't make it be sure to find an alternate and let me know.
- If you are not on the attendance sheet make sure you sign your name. I will use this to update the email lists ASAP.
- The meeting dates are on the website so make sure you add those dates to your calendars. Meeting packets are always posted the Friday before the meeting.
- Remember to check the news tab on the website for updates. Pass on anything to your department that is relevant.
- I will periodically send out news updates to forward. Remember it is part of your duty as a delegate to somehow get this info to your departments. I will be sending one out this weekend so look for it.
  - Wedin.1- Recommend google calendar. Coy.82 want it to be open and transparent.
  - Wedin.1- Mandatory attendance is new to me- There are points in time when nobody from the department can come. Coy.82- It is a commitment and it is important to be here. Wedin.1- We have department obligations at this time Coy.82- Talk to the department and see if they can excused you.
  - Diamond.135- How is attendance is being reinforced. Schunn.1-You will be contacted if you miss too many meetings. You can be removed as delegate if you miss too many.
  - Odden.2.- If an entire department can't come to an event. Have a conversation with CGS so we can work something out. The spirit is about getting the information from the department.
  - Branstin.2- We've been working with getting information out to our constituents out to their department but we are required to put in the newsletter. There is just a link in the newsletter.
  - Ramash.15- Is it ok if I create my own listserv for my department? Coy.82- Sounds like a great idea.
  - Pellina.30- How to get info out? We have a GSO that takes it upon themselves.

#### 4.4. Treasurer

#### Rochman.2

- Not much new in the budget. If you have any questions feel free to email.
- Handed off delegate outreach to David. Meghan reached out to department with no delegate to get the information out there. Roger and other delegates pooled resources. You will post your reports to the blog to give ideas to others.
- Grants workshop- committees working together- Morgan sent email with flyer. It was 50 people and it is almost full. Going to try to find a new venue so that there is more room. Going to talk about grants and Hayes
  - Keep returning to it because likely are going to expand it
- Sandoval.32- asking for rsvp because room has a limit. A lot of students from departments that don't write a lot. Email Michael David and Elizabeth with questions you would like to see answered

#### 4.5. Chief of Staff

#### Bowers.461

- Thanks to delegates who have already had an event. Had 10 events so far. Already double all of last year.
- Would like to hit at least 1/3 of the departments. This is your chance to get \$200 to do an event to department. Email Bowers.461 with any questions.

## **5. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS (SEE ATTACHED)**

- 5.1.1. ACADEMIC RELATIONS HOLOWACZ.1**
- Survey underway. General gist of survey- Some GTAs have extra hours tacked on so we want to have an understanding of how prevalent this issue is. Working with committee to put this together. Asked questions such as “are you asking to be doing outside of your duties” and does that negatively impact your other obligations?
  - Also asking for positive feedback to see if departments that are doing it well.
  - Part of the committee of academic affairs. The PhD program came to us and said they need to change the hours that affect the phd programs. They lowered the amount of hours needed.
- 5.1.2. ARTS AND CULTURE DIFRANCO.33**
- Meeting next Monday. Dublin Arts Council is going to work with us for programming and CMA also.
  - Want to create events that connect arts departments but also gets people involved in the Columbus community
  - Email if you want to be on that committee.
  - Schroeder.650- Tomorrow is the grand reopening of sullivant hall.
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- 5.1.3. COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH VANG.18**
- 5.1.4. DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION CAMPBELL.1651**
- Going to be a welcome and networking event. Make people feel welcome. Sent out the flyer so try to promote it and email or post the flyer.
- 5.1.5. GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS TULL.20**
- Coy.82- 4 of us will be going to texas and talk to them about SAGE and work to figure out what to advocate on the national level
  - All presidents met with Dr. J and sexual violence is on the agenda. Yes means yes campaign and emphasizing the importance of consent.
- 5.1.6. GRADUATE STUDENT HOUSING SKUBIC.1**
- Met for the first time last Thursday. Developing mission statement. It is a new committee. Figuring out strategic priorities.
  - Want to do grad student housing survey. Want to investigate if outside schools have done this and also see if there are similar outside groups.
  - Coy.82- going to work with Jay Kasey to see where the new buckeye village will be
- 5.1.7. GRANTS ADMINISTRATION SANDOVAL.32**
- Be sure to take flyers to hand out for the grants.
- 5.1.8. HEALTH AND WELLNESS RUDERMAN.5**
- Lauren (alternate)- Had health and wellness meeting. The first meeting was spent identifying priorities and ideas. Next meeting will be identifying focus and creating action steps.
- 5.1.9. INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONCERNS ANDERSON.2299**
- Had first meeting and will have the second meeting after this delegate meeting.
  - Going to try to have two students this semester. Pumpkin painting. Also another event during the winter for students who are still here. Possibly at the Columbus museum of art.
  - As you have your outreach events please be attuned to international students. As you do your outreach events let them know we are here for their needs as well.
  - We are also working on making the health check in process more pleasant.

- Going to meet with OIA to talk about visa issues and some other things.
- Coy.82- Also had an issue where a student defended and then asked to go back and make changes. Defense got pushed back for the day before the deadline. Then asked to do other changes. But it was the end of the VISA. They can't take a TAsip and they can't get a job so they have to just pay themselves. Looking into this issue

**5.1.10. SENATE ADVISORY KRYGOWSKI.5**

**5.1.11. SERC FAZE.6**

- Had a discussion club. Went very well. Going to have the next one mid November. Want someone from the university to come and talk about sustainability.
- Some issues have come up such as need for more recycling or composting
- Also working on prescription drug dropoff.
- Reminder: Students do not have to be a delegate to be on any of these committees

**5.1.12. UNIVERSITY AREA COMMISSIONER ODDEN.2**

- Officer Smith- There have been an unprecedented amount of bike thefts and they have recovered bikes but don't know whose they are. Going to get contact info out there.
- Those who live east of high street there was a country music concert that was really loud. Trying to work with them to work on this issue. Trying to change the neighborhood to make it more appealing to graduate students by resolving issues like this.
- Public meeting this coming Tuesday. This is going to shape how high street and lane ave are going to look. It will affect what you have access to. Trying to get people to show mock ups of how the buildings will look.
- Kelley.1039- Does traffic fall under this? The traffic on woody hayes is an issue. There are a lot of people and there is a crosswalk right at the bus stop. Odden.2 Can bring up that this is an issue.
- Delegate- Bike stuff- tell your constituents that you can bug your bike in case it gets stolen. This is through OSU transportation website.
- Odden.2.-Also take a photo of the serial number on your bike This will make it a lot easier to recover
- Brewster.81- [Columbus.gov/bugyourbike](http://Columbus.gov/bugyourbike)

**5.1.13. UNIVERSITY RESEARCH COUNCIL YUAN.125**

- Had first meeting on Monday. Talked about meeting times and purpose.
- Going to have research event and CGS will be there

**5.1.14. AD HOC ON CHILDCARE GAMBREL.15**

- Putting together resources that are available for students with children. If those turn out not be sufficient then may look into other options.
- Anderson.2299- There is a big need for preschools. This might be something that you look into.
- Ari.2- What is the forum going to be? Grambel.15- It will be accessible to all students once it is released. The society of women and physics started this.

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**6.1. Any Delegate Issues and Concerns**

**6.1.1. Coy.82- time for any issues**

- 6.1.2. Bhatnagar.16- GRA at Eye and Ear institute. Work with other GTAs and one main problem is there is no transportation. Problem is there are labs with grads and undergrads and there is no way to get there. Advisor emailed they got no help.**
- Delegate- I think you guys can pool into a van from COtA from main campus.
  - Gannison.25- Have shuttles running by the medical center so I think it has to go through the medical center.

**6.1.3. Diamond135- There was a student who traveled to conference and got it approved. After the conference he was refused to be reimbursed because he drove not flew. Went in circles. Are there any resources? Coy.82- Student legal services. Interested to**

see the contract. Meghan has experience with reimbursement

- Odden.2 Others have been reimbursed for driving but you can only be reimbursed up to certain amount based on mileage
- Cichon.8- Problem is that it was pre-approved so they should honor that it would be covered.

**6.1.4.** Wedin.1- Had concerns with the Ray Travel Award. Problem with the service component. New students don't have much time to do the service. Some departments don't have as much service opportunities. Not everyone is going to be equally situated.

- Rochman.2- It is a service grant. Wedin.1- Is there something they can apply for. Coy.82- It can be outside service. If you're looking for a way to volunteer there are opportunities out there. Rochman.2- The panel of judges is your peers and it is weighted accordingly. Usually about 14 people are weighing on one application
- Showalter.53-They felt the rubric and feedback was unclear for Ray Travel Award. Judges said good service but need to diversify but also one said that too scattered and need to focus. Rochman.2- it is hard to get all the judges on the same page. We are constantly trying to improve this. Cichon.8- the reason we started the committee is to have the same judges that are judging the entire year. Rochman.2- workshop will help.
- Hamilton.879- For Ray Travel Award- the flyer it only says "service" once. Kelly.1039- Put it in the title on the flyer?

**6.1.5.** Sandoval.32- Concerned that there are all undergrads working in the registrar office and could have info. So when you go there all the people working there are undergrads that you may have taught, etc. Coy.82- They said this is what they do now. Sandoval.32- now there is an undergrad desk you have to go through first in order to get your issue heard.

## **7. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **7.1. Autumn 2014 Semester Meetings and Special Dates**

**7.1.1. Friday, October 3, 2014 CGS Executive Committee Meeting, 3:30pm,**

**CGS Office**

**7.1.2. Friday, October 17, 2014, 3:30 pm, Union Senate Chambers**