



# Delegate Meeting Minutes

**Date** April 6, 2012 (1<sup>st</sup> Spring 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. SUSPENDED BUSINESS

### 2.1. Officer and Senator Nominations

#### 2.1.1. Organization and Elections Chair, Allen Cochran.291

Cochran.291: Right now are nominations for Senators and Officers. We are going to start with Senators. The role of a Senator, with CGS, is one of our appointments that the organization makes to the University Senate. We appoint 10 positions/year to the University Senate. Those senators take a pretty prestigious role at the University in order to maintain the graduate student experience the best it can be. Our chair, Sneha Gupta, can you talk a little about time commitment?

Gupta.325: We meet once a month or twice/three times a quarter. I'm assuming it'll be 4 times/semester. Thursdays from 3:30-5:30 and our meetings don't typically last the full 2 hours. It's a great place to hear about new policies implemented at OSU and we get to voice our opinions. We play a pretty big role in many of the committees. So, I wouldn't say it's a BIG time commitment. You are required to be on different committees as a senator but that's your role as a delegate anyway. So I would say maybe 4 hours/month.

Cochran.291: There are no restrictions on being both a senator and delegate. If you were to do so, being a Senator serves as your university committee appointment per CGS. There are 10 positions and I'm going to read through these (you may self-nominate or nominate a peer – nominations begin today and extend until Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, our 2<sup>nd</sup> delegate meeting of the quarter - so if you want to go and look at your schedule next year you can choose to nominate at a later time) the list of senator positions: Arts, education, engineering, food agricultural environmental science, humanities, mathematics and physical sciences, biological sciences, professional biological sciences, business senator, and social and behavioral sciences.

### 2.2. Open nominations at 3:43 PM:

**Arts Senator:** None

**Education Senator:** Sarah Lang.279 self nominated

**Engineering Senator:** None

**Food, Agricultural & Environmental Sciences:** Gadepally.1 nominated Ehsan Ghane.2;  
Ghane.2 accepted

**Humanities Senator:** Gadepally.1 nominated Chris Volpe.26; Volpe.26 accepted

**Mathematics & Physical Sciences:** None

**Biological Sciences:** Linkous.20 self nominated

**Business Senator:** Tom Hammer self nominated

**Professional Biological Sciences Senator:** Ashley Fenn.36 self nominated

**Social and Behavioral Sciences Senator:** Louisa Roberts self nominated

Cochran.291: The next step, is to go on to the CGS website into our application section and fill out the Senator application – this puts you into our system, and it includes a resume. At the next meeting we will be providing those resumes (probably not in print) but digitally prior to the meeting and you'll have an opportunity to speak with each of the senators briefly and we'll hold elections at that time.

Rao.99: I will open the officer nominations.

### **2.3. Open Officer Nominations at 3:50 PM:**

**Treasurer:** Cochran.291 nominated Fenn.36; Fenn.36 declined

**Secretary:** Gadepally.1: nominated Zach Kenitzer.1; Kenitzer.1 accepted

Cochran.291: Main task for VP is planning the Hayes Forum, like the president's position the VP's position is a GAA appointment through student life and there is a stipend and tuition and fee waiver as well. Therefore, you are committed to at least 20 hours of work per week in this position. It's a 50% appointment. Also, internal structure of this organization – trying to figure out how to make appointments to committees and keep accurate records, I have also worked hard on the website and trying to fix all of the various errors that you all get.

Gadepally.1: They are the backbone of the organization. Most of you have probably worked with Allen more than you have worked with me. More in charge of the internal structure.

Cochran.291 nominated Allie Sturm.42; Sturm.42 accepted

Gadepally.1: Odd hours, long hours, and weekends. Just making sure everything moves smoothly – the success and failure of the organization in the end comes down to president.

Gupta.325 nominates Allen Cochran.291; Cochran.291 accepts

Ghane.2 nominates Chris Volpe.26; Volpe.26 declines

Gadepally.1: Open until May 4<sup>th</sup> we will close nominations then.

### **2.4. Bowen Marshal, Stories for Students**

**[3:39]**

Marhsal: Thank you for your donation! The Stories for Students program is very simple – seeks to get students and graduate students in classrooms with Columbus city schools and read to them – and then give them a book! Please volunteer – May 6-11 visiting 6 schools, we'll pick people up by bus at the circular drive on the other side of the Union, bus you to the school, and then come back! I will pass out volunteer forms now – or you can E-mail online. The other piece – there are donation locations across campus, it only takes 5\$ for one book. We're partnering with Donato's to do a spring fundraiser around the game, if you're already going to tailgate, if you mention Stories for Children at the High Street location Donato's we get proceeds!

Gadepally.1: To make this effective, we want to have people INVOLVED. If we were to go to the school what happens?

Marshal: if you came, we'd give you a copy of the book, and since most of what we do involves heavy textual analysis and reading anyway, this is a really fun way to use those skills and read to kids! 87% of the

children we work with are African American and 60% of them come from underprivileged homes. All the books are either Newberry award winners or they were elected by the teachers in those schools. Please come and read!

Kuzawa.1: This form that Bowen passed out and it's also online. We're going to be personalizing the 245 books with stickers. So we need a lot of HANDS! Maybe we can have them in the CGS office and people could drop by and sign the books. We will be sending out a message to let you know when they will be here to fill these out!

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

#### **3.1. March 2, 2012 Meeting Minutes Here**

*3.1.1. Gadepally.1 entertains motion to approve minutes, 4:01PM*

*3.1.2. Ashley Fenn.36 approves, Sadvari.1 seconds motion*

*3.1.3. Minutes pass at 4:02PM*

### **4. OFFICER REPORTS**

#### **4.1. President**

**Gadepally.1**

##### **4.1.1. President's Report**

[4:02PM]

Gadepally.1: The first event upcoming is the NAGPS Midwest Regional Conference. We are partnering with Xavier. It starts next Friday at 5PM. There is free registration for OSU students and it's really important that we have a strong showing of OSU students. Great way to meet peers at different universities. If you want to go to the Duke Conference later this year. Allen Cochran.291 passed out a sign up sheet for a participant. We're also organizing Saturday at the Shoe – We're hoping this will continue to be a tradition at OSU. We're aiming to get up to 10,000-15,000 students there. We could really use your help getting the word out to your department and different communities across campus. This is next Saturday, starts at 10:15 Am and ends around 2:00PM. Football 101 will be in the recruitment studio.

Gupta.325: same weekend as NAGPS?

Gadepally.1: NAGPS will schedule an extended lunch break to go to the Shoe! Another interesting event, is next Thursday from 11-1PM, the GCBC Hidden Benefits Fair – the table will talk about what benefits graduate students have here –one example is that you can get \$13 for a service at Goody, etc. it's in the grand ballroom of the Ohio Union.

Acome.1: Open to graduate fellows as well?

Rao.99: if they have an employee ID number

Gadepally.1: April 18 – the Sustainability Summit, keynote speaker is David Ore, it's from 5-7PM in the Ohio Union. Last year was the 1<sup>st</sup> Sustainability Summit and it was a great success. It also served as an important reminder to OSU administration that OSU students are very passionate about sustainability. We will also be announcing the formation of a new group: the Student Gov Sustainability Group. You'll see all the sustainability groups across campus.

Acome.1: the groups before might open a little earlier

Rao.99: doors open at 3:30

Gadepally.1: We've been working on the grad/professor relationships and we're on schedule to have this

into the graduate handbook within the next month or two and we've been given assurances multiple times from the Dean of the graduate school. Fry.228 has done a great job. Buckeye male is at the Mershon center – CGS is sponsoring this. The constituent outreach program, we have, and will present it later to you. As well as we are working on another graduate student research grant – taking your research and making a YouTube video out of it.

## **4.2. Vice President**

**Cochran.291**

### **4.2.1. Officer and Delegate Elections**

[4:14]

Cochran.291: The 2013 Hayes Forum, mark your calendars for Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Next year, we want to get started earlier on planning so we can remedy some of the website issues that we had and increase the communication and involvement. Information that's pertinent to elections – up there, there's a flier that you can pick up with nice information about elections. The plan is to send that out to you in the next Weekly News letter and will go out in an all graduate student E-mail at the beginning of next week. Everyone who's interested in being a delegate must apply and be re-elected. Issues?

Volpe.26: my department says it doesn't "fill in the role"

Cochran.291: We've also had some reports that when people click on the link to Apply it takes them abck to the cgs homepage so we're looking into those issues. If the numbers of applications don't increase, we're going to extend the nomination period and adapt it closer to our officer and senator elections. Please do apply if you're considering. These are generic links – they are also on the flier and you may pass them out to your constituents.

Gadepally.1: You're strongly encouraged to run yourself or find someone in your department who would be good and talk to them to encourage them to run.

Cochran.291: We have a few more nominations that we have to do today: these are nominations for awards that extend towards our next meeting – James M. Siddens award for Outstanding faculty nomination. Would anyone like to nominate a faculty member now? If you choose to nominate anonymously you may tell us after the E-mail or send me an e-mail.

### **Nominations:**

Nominated Dr. Leslie Ferris – ferris.36

Sims.120

Stewart.20

Radliff.2

Stephen lopez.137

Rao.99 nominates dennis Gunther.1

Volpe.26 Dr. Randy Love- rlove@cph.osu.edu

Fenn.36 nominates Godbout.2

These will remain open until our next meeting. It is helpful and required that each nominee write up a short statement about this person. Following the meeting, if everyone who nominated a professor please come up to Allie so we can mark it in the minutes. If you'd like to nominate a professor online you may do so.

Roberts: – how are applications adjudicated between?

Cochran.291: exec board makes final decisions based on statements

Cochra.291: member of the community, faculty, or staff or graduate student at the university Larry M. Lewlin  
award for distinguished services nominations open at 4:24 PM

**Nominations:**

Jessica Wells Nominated dr. Harrison toni.harrison@nationwidechildrens.org

Rao.99 nominates sands.3

Colin nominates Susan pennington.41

Mehta.281: jeff rice.122

Chris Volpe.26 nominates Connie Baim director of student wellness center

Cochran.291: again submit a short statement about this person and send to me

The last two awards that we have here are delegate award and committee chair. These are made by silent nomination. If you would like to submit anything please send your nomination to me and a brief statement about why you are making that. **Nominations are now open until May 4<sup>th</sup>**. Please send it to Cochran.291.

Volpe.26: maybe the chairs acknowledge yourselves

*Committee chairs stand and introduce themselves.*

Cochran.291: committee chair chosen by exec officers, delegate by exec officers.

**4.3. Secretary**

**Sturm.42 – 4:30**

**4.3.1. The Guide**

Sturm.42: "The Guide" is an OSU Graduate Student "handbook" for graduate students, written by graduate students. It will be housed on our website and will contain 3 sections: "Work, Play, and Live." Each section gives candid advice about best places for grad students to live, go out to eat, bring friends from out of town, study, access counseling services, etc. Hopefully, it will be successful and can be an annual charge for the Marketing & Communication Committee. I've been asking everyone for feedback and input, but haven't gotten a lot of responses. Please email me with anything you think would be applicable to The Guide!

**4.4. Treasurer**

**Tan.182 – 4:30**

**4.4.1. Tan.182 to update later during budget discussion**

Gadepally.1: May 8<sup>th</sup> Reception 7-8:30 at Dr. Gee's house

**5. UNIVERSITY COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Lang.279: if you're interested in seeing the document – some of the concerns that I raised at a recent meeting, while it says it's not going to harm graduate students, they don't talk about how new graduate handbooks will be constructed by program or the new units. They don't talk to GA assignments and right now, in one of the newly configured units, we were deciding those previously and now it will only be 1 person. So advocating for current and new gas in the unit. Also no mention about what's happening with the staff.

Kenitzer.1: sophomore housing transition committee: currently in the research phase, architects just came back with plans. The board of trustees will be voting soon. Beyond that a lot of research is being done on that.

Colin: libraries and information technology: recently been a talk about lack of openness in term of developing content for OSU – nothing for open courseware, participants/community participations have had a hard time getting into Carmen. No official comment period but if you as an instructor have had a problem being inclusive to those not traditional students please send me: odden.2 - they will bring this on to Desire2Learn.

Gadepally.1: Commercialization and entrepreneurship here at the university. We're starting a student board, a student version for the student technology officer just kicked off about a month ago. We're trying to get that spirit of entrepreneurship and commercialization across campus. We're working towards that and hopefully you'll be hearing about that soon. If you happen to know people really interested in this please forward them my way – it will be my post-CGS work.

Gadepally.1: I'm on senate steering – they've been talking about parking which is great. Quick question about parking –a faculty sent out a survey to other faculty and had about 2000 response – simple question do you support parking privatization? Id' like to ask that question here informally. Are people here morally opposed to the concept? 2 delegates. Opposed to parking privatization with the current level of information. Still working on the concession agreement. Nothing has been decided. Currently as the document stands 7.5%/year for 10 years and 4% inflation after that. Does anyone feel that they need more information to make a judgment on this? We have not received the bids from the company yet. It needs to be a minimum of 375 million dollars. An independent group of people who worked on the evaluation and they will be presenting this at Senate Fiscal, next Tuesday and will talk about the – the number of 375 million dollars, fiscally, seems okay for OSU. Currently in the process of sending out the concession document to those who have been approved to bid. It should go out in the middle of May.

Cochran.291: update on athletic council – they are undergoing a process to implement a new ticket purchase system for faculty, staff, and students it will be disseminated through departmental fiscal officers to all of you. When semesters begin, the point systems that determine your eligibility to buy tickets is changing. This is maybe not particularly important for all of us but your die-hard professor fans will drastically change for them.

Gadepally.1: there has been a hate crime on campus in the past couple of days. I strongly encourage someone to propose legislation from the Council of Graduate Students against this. We are committed to keep a hate-free campus.

Kuzawa.1: currently a petition sponsored by students and faculty of the Ohio State University in response to the vandalism on the Hale Center.

Crowsley.1: I forwarded that petition to Allen and forward it on to the delegates.

## **6. DELEGATE ISSUES AND CONCERNS**

### **7. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **7.1.1. DELEGATE OUTREACH PROGRAM DETAILS**

**[4:50]**

Tan.182: new funding for delegates to host events for their departments. You can meet with your constituents, departments and communicate with them about knowing any concerns. Any CGS delegates can apply for these funds –first come, first served. We only have \$5000 total. We will not fund any more than

\$200. You may apply multiple times –if you want to hold 2 events in Spring quarter. It's a pilot program so every event must be applied for before Friday, May 18<sup>th</sup> and that event must take place before June 30<sup>th</sup>. The requirements: just plan your event, fill out the funding request form on page 2 and send the completed form to me at tan.182 and the officers will approve your request and then finalizing the details with your events. I will then notify if you need to add any more details. Next you have to contact your college fiscal officer to have them connect with Rebecca delo.1 who is in charge of student government finances.

Rao.99: page 3 directly instead of direction

Tan.182: it is going to be a reimbursement type program –your department pays up front and then we will reimburse your department. Or you pay and then we reimburse you and third if you decide to hold your event in the union or any student life office, we can just do an internal transfer to the union – it includes Woody's. The third page is just a funding request form. Maintain it less than 8\$/per capita.

Gadepally.1: ideas: work with your department and we'll work with your department to have us reimburse them. This way you're working with the department, which is a great thing. So if you want to do option 3 – you can work with Rebecca to order pizza's from Woody's downstairs and take the pizza's with you. Talk to Rebecca before you spend \$200 if you do it yourself. No alcohol!

Cochran.291: it's super pilot and experimental. We're open to anything as long as it follows student affair guidelines for eligible expenses.

Acome.1: events must take place prior to June 30<sup>th</sup> then it says within the spring term

Gadepally.1: June 30<sup>th</sup> – end of this fiscal year – you will see on the blog soon and in an E-mail highlights of the past year and this fill-in pdf. So for next year – is there going to be a delegate can only get one per quarter/one per year.

## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

### **8.1. RESOLUTION 1112-SP-011 A Resolution to Support the Establishment of the Student Government Sustainability Group**

Gadapally.1: SG2 – the undergraduate student government and the interprofessional council to form a combined sustainability council. Feeds in with “one vision, one mission, one Ohio State.” We have one OSU Sustainability group. I will note that both USG and IPC have passed similar resolutions supporting this group. Membership of this group made up of students from all programs (undergrad, grad, and professional).

*8.1.1. Gadepally.1 entertain a motion to pass*

*8.1.2. Rao.99 and Fry.228 seconded motion*

*8.1.3. None opposed and motion passes 5:07PM*

### **8.2. ACT 1112-SP-012 An Act Amending the Constitution of the Council of Graduate Students First Read**

Gadepally.1: One piece of discussion – we're not voting on it today though the final vote will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. We have that the Spring and Fall semesters will be require to have 4 delegate meetings each. And the summer term will be required to have four delegate meetings.

Fenn.36: Having 4 in the summer seems a little excessive

Gadepally.1: as a potential solution to that – we need someone to propose an amendment to what we have

written here

Acome.1: I'm concerned with how that ties in with the attendance policy. If someone is out of town for two months of the summer

Gadepally.1: maybe having 4 during the summer semester is excessive so changing the wording could be possible

Cochran.291: My take would be to keep it with 12 meetings/year and that you can cancel two if need be during the summer. So that future administrations where they might have the least amount of meetings possible. It's likely that we may have 2 or 3 meetings during a summer, probably not four but if it's written in there for sake of the institution it would look good on our part.

Gadepally.1: proposed amendments send to allie and we can make it as an amendment with what's written so far. We've introduced it today and next meeting we'll talk through a couple of changes that were suggested.

**8.3. ACT 1112-SP-013 An Act Amending the Bylaws of the Council of Graduate Students *First Read***

**8.4. ACT 1112-SP-013 An Act Amending the Standing Rules of the Council of Graduate Students *First Read***

**8.5. ACT112-SP-015 An Act Amending the Budget [5:16PM]**

Tan.182: move \$2000 from committee projects to career development grant so this is the only change.

Gadepally.1: we've had a great year with CDG, lots of applications and we want to fund as many as we can.

*Gadepally.1 entertains motion to approve*

*Reinke.12 seconded and fry.228*

*None opposed, Motion passes at 5:17PM*

**9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**9.1. Academic Relations Fry.228**

**9.1.1. Update at 5:17PM**

Fry.228: best practices moving forward, guaranteed that it will be in the appendix of the graduate handbook. They asked that CGS maintain this part of the document and review it annually. We're also working on a program where students can make a short video/elevator speech idea that can be a great opportunity for students and us for talking to outside parties. Something else I want to bring up – I want to know if anyone had any problems with their appointment as being a TA or on Fellowship – not being notified appropriately without enough time. It happened to me and everyone in our department. Anyone having this problem or hearing about this problem please send me an E-mail. I was appointed as a research student for this spring and then they decided that the only person in my department that could do my job was me and they told me this Sunday and I cancelled all of my research plans because I know have to teach.

**9.2. Career Development Hartwell.19**

**9.2.1. Erica's updates 5:29**

Hartwell.19: most competitive quarter! We funded less than 30% of applications versus normally 90% in summer we funded 9 out of 10, 14 out of 14, and in winter we got 36 applications and we could only approve

11 of those.

### **9.3. Diversity and Inclusion**

**Kuzawa.1**

#### **9.3.1. Deborah Kuzawa.1, 5:30**

Kuzawa.1: April 26<sup>th</sup> 3-5 disabilities in academia panel, panel features staff and faculty with disabilities. This comes after the 24-25<sup>th</sup> multiple perspectives conference here at OSU focused on disabilities. If you could take some fliers and posters and hang them up in your department that'd be great. Make sure that you do remind people we'll have food and it will be captioned in real time for people who need it. It's something we hope to do every year. We're also working with ODS and got a lot of support from there. Take some fliers and promote it around your department. We want to not have it where we're talking to ourselves. We want people who aren't aware of some of the issues/concerns in terms of disabilities. Stories for students will send out an email when you can stop by the CGS office upstairs to personalize a couple of stickers to go oin this book – sign up to be a reader and hopefully next year we can adopt a school vs. just the classroom. Order some donato's pizza on the 21<sup>st</sup>!

### **9.4. Governmental Relations**

**Seger.13**

#### **9.4.1. Gadepally.1 to give seger.13's updates 5:21**

Gadepally.1: working with OSU Votes to spread the word to graduate students to vote

### **9.5. Health and Wellness**

**Volpe.26**

#### **9.5.1. Chris Volpe.26, 5:22**

Volpe.26: student health insurance – AETNA has been selected as provider of student health insurance, this upcoming year will be covered by them and there's an opt out clause to allow the self insured thing. So we're hopefully by next meeting to have a sheet with increased benefits and differences. I gave you some of the highlights last time I spoke. Rec Sports committee today: related to CSA, the free classes for the RPAC and rec sports are going pretty well. The first week of every quarter is always free class week anyway. But going ot wait for the next couple of weeks to see if there's any drop off – depending on how that goes this may or may not be a permanent thing. Contact me or Ghane.2. 7 of the 10 big ten schools still have paid classes so now it's like 6 and 6. Fun fact: university conduct board seeing an increase in conduct cases over spring of last year. It's a little disconcerting because they always increase during spring anyway. Depending on the results of the police investigation that may work itself through the system. The tobacco policy has been moving its way through senior leadership at student life once again like Vijay's parking thing nothing has been decided yet but there's discussion about it – not sure how the process is going to be through senate or some other means. Hidden Benefits Fair –go! And go to [hr.osu.edu](http://hr.osu.edu) and see benefits and additional benefits available to us! I encourage you to do that and then the last thing is the bike program thing I talked about – it seems to be moving along and hopefully next meeting we can have a speaker next meeting talk about this.

Acome.1: after last meeting, it was brought up in my department if the 85/15% unit covers 85 an 15 for us – is that going to still be in tact

Volpe.26: the affordable care act has now stringent guidelines – OSU student health insurance has been pretty good at staying ahead of the curve of that and I'll get you the final numbers I think it's going to stay

here. I was also asked in an Email about the premiums – because this year is not going to be self funded we're going to take excess payments from students to apply it to this year's premium – 11% number floating around last time we talked. Hopefully it will be back down to 8-9 range.

**9.6. International Concerns**

**Crowsley.1**

**9.6.1. Jamie Crowsley.1, 5:20**

Crowsley.1: another meeting coming up Tuesday and hopefully we can announce up to 10 successful applications it will be up to ten. We're half way through them at the moment and we've got a little way to go and announcement will go out before the end of April. We had about 45 applications!

**9.7. Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility**

**Klienman.20**

**9.7.1. Lauren Kleinman.20, 5:23**

Kleinman.20: resolution passed! The sustainability summit will be 2 Wednesdays from now April 18<sup>th</sup> from 5-7PM and David Ore is our keynote and we're having an OSU student talk about sustainability on campus and free LUNA burgers and Jeni's ice cream sandwiches!

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**10.1. Upcoming Spring Meeting Dates**

**10.1.1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Meeting**

May 4, 2012

**10.1.2. 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Meeting**

May 18, 2012

**10.2. Additional Announcements**

*Gadepally.1 Motion to adjourn at 5:34PM*

*Seconded by Fry.28 and Kuzawa.1*

*Approved at 5:35 meeting adjourned.*