



CGS Executive Meeting Minutes

Present: Stephen Post, Sarah Light, Leila Viera, Jenna Greve, Kathryn Holt, Abigail Grief, Rania Khamees, Michelle Scott, Wanderson Novais Pereira, Aviva Neff, Nick Messenger, Colby Gregg, Conner Sarich, Raven Lynch, DaVonti' Haynes

Absent: Katie Conner, Melika Shahhosseini, Maddy Lomax-Vogt

1. President's Report

- 1.1. Stipend increases were announced yesterday in Senate. Unclear yet whether these raises will be implemented retroactively for the fall or whether the money will be distributed only in the spring.
- 1.2. Jack and Verdaynea have both taken a step back from CGS. Nick Messenger is taking over as Chief of Staff. Colby Gregg and Caroline Fitzpatrick are taking over as interim co-chairs of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.
- 1.3. With Nick's help, Stephen is working on a formal policy platform based on the work that each committee is already working on and plans to do this year. Exec discussed this platform in detail, going through the goals for each committee.
- 1.4. The administration is considering changing the academic calendar for the spring to create a 4-day week instead of the proposed change to spring break.
- 1.5. The Provost is coming to our next delegate meeting. We can either have an open forum or prepare a list of questions that address our most important priorities. We should try to make sure that there is time at the end for delegates to pose other questions as well.
- 1.6. Both ERJC and Gov ad-hoc committees will be extended through the spring semester to finish their work.

2. Vice President's Report

- 2.1. Hayes Forum is in the process of being converted to a virtual format. The timeline is shifted back to accommodate the extra time needed in the planning stages.
- 2.2. We are still trying to fill all of our delegate seats by working with department chairs to appoint people.
- 2.3. The CGS Demographic survey went out last week so make sure you complete this and encourage your peers too as well.
- 2.4. We are also working with Student Life and the Graduate School to conduct a State of Graduate Student Affairs survey. Hopefully, the survey will be pushed out in late February or early March. This will help us to identify areas where we are doing well and areas where more support is needed.
- 2.5. Engaged Scholar Grant is still accepting application until November 1. Encourage students to apply.

3. Treasurer's Report

- 3.1. We can spend money now but there are a lot of restrictions about when and how we can purchase things and do programming. If you have a funding request, please send to Raven and DaVonti', who will work with Kerry to get these requests approved when possible.
- 3.2. The third funding period of Ray is accepting applications until November 1. The award amount has been increased back to \$1000.

4. Secretary's Report

- 4.1. Will be working with Nick to make a list of steps we can take to increase transparency within CGS (resolution writing, attendance policies, committee service, alternates, senators).
- 4.2. The third funding period of CDG is accepting applications until November 1.

5. Committee Member Agenda Items

- 5.1. Health, Wellness, and Safety
 - 5.1..1. The committee is working on a virtual version of a Mental Health Summit that was originally planned for last spring.
 - 5.1..2. The wellness survey that was recently sent out got just under 200 responses. The committee is starting analysis of the data collected to make some plans and recommendations moving into next semester.
 - 5.1..3. Grad Mental Health Q&A event scheduled for next week.

6. Old Business

- 6.1. None.

7. New Business

- 7.1. All resolutions will be voted on virtually this coming Sunday or Monday to allow all of exec time to read through all resolutions. They will also be posted on the Carmen page to allow delegates to provide feedback before the meeting so that we can avoid a lot of back and forth during the meeting.
- 7.2. A new parenting award was presented at Graduate Council. Housing & Family Affairs will work on drafting a letter in response to the proposed requirements of the program to address some of the concerns.

8. Open Floor Announcements

- 8.1. Next delegate meeting November 6, 2020 @ 3:30 PM

9. Meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.