



CGS Executive Meeting Minutes

Present: Sarah Light, DaVonti' Haynes, Kathryn Holt, Jack Brandl, Stephen Post, Michelle Scott, Jenna Greve, Aviva Neff, Raven Lynch, Carly LaRosa, Rania Khamees, Melika Shahhosseini, Maddy Lomax-Vogt, Conner Sarich, e Alexander

Absent: Priscilla Rodriguez Garcia, Mark Pauley, James Uanhoro, Ehsan Estiri, Blake Szkoda, Andrea Davis, Leila Vieira, Kevin Ingles, Abigail Grieff, Libby Bauman, Alec Clott

1. President's Report

- 1.1. The first wave of people returning to campus is happening June 1. Grad students are not included in this first wave but will hopefully be able to return soon (maybe June 15). The university is settling on procedures for testing – students will be issued thermometers and will have to self-record their temperatures.
- 1.2. The next issues being considered are how to handle students who choose not to follow the guidelines issued by the university for social distancing and testing- will they go through the academic misconduct system?
- 1.3. The safety report will be published soon and any feedback about the draft of this are encouraged. The research report published recently has laid out lots of procedures and protocols, but the individual decisions are still being made at the department level.
- 1.4. Holt.351 asked if students will have the opportunity to opt out of on-campus work if they are at a high risk.
 - This is still being worked on, but the university definitely plans to make special accommodations for people as needed. Those already determined to be high-risk have been told not to return to campus.
- 1.5. LaRosa.15 also asked that even if you do not fall into a high-risk category but wish to continue working at home, what are your options?
 - The recommendation still is that people should continue to work from home whenever possible and limit their time on campus.
- 1.6. In meetings with Provost McPheron, he shared that budgets are still being drafted but it seems like most departments are able to meet the required budget cuts with no change to GA positions and funding. It's unclear what will happen with the larger number of enrolled undergraduate students in the incoming first year class – it's possible that more GA positions will have to be created or some GAs may need to deal with a larger student load.
- 1.7. The university is still working on ways to support students who have had their research or degree progress severely impacted by the COVID pandemic. They are unlikely to apply blanket extensions but there will probably be a petition process for those approaching deadlines. Additional funding sources can hopefully be found to support these students.

1.8. Typically, our July delegate meeting is cancelled because many students aren't able to attend and there is much less going on over the summer on campus. Should we cancel this year?

- There may be a lot of new updates related to campus re-opening that will be finalized after our June meeting.
- With all the uncertainty, delegates will probably appreciate having a meeting and it will be good to share any new information and assure everyone that we are still actively working on issues.
- The meeting is more accessible than usual because it is virtual so poor attendance will likely be less of a problem.

2. Vice President's Report

- 2.1. 85 new delegates are joining us in August. We still have 55 empty seats, but these will hopefully be filled by run-off elections (happening next week) and fall elections.
- 2.2. Appointments for CGS and Senate committees were made but need to be reshuffled. Use the spreadsheet to keep an eye on those.
- 2.3. We are working on a new outreach and engagement grant for students doing community-based research and initiatives. This will be supported by Student Life, Outreach & Engagement, and Extension and \$5,000 has been budgeted for it.

3. Treasurer's Report

- 3.1. Funding period 2 will likely happen but applicants will be limited in the max amount of funds they can request for non-travel expenses only.
- 3.2. There is a lot of carry-over funding in this year's budget because many spring events were cancelled or shifted online. We are able to keep all of this money because of the pandemic.

4. Secretary's Report

- 4.1. Global Gateway applicants have been notified of their award decisions. 10 people were awarded \$1,000 and 10 alternates were selected in the event that the original winners are no longer able to use their funding.
- 4.2. Funding period 1 of the Career Development Grant is over- all 5 applicants who applied were awarded \$350 for non-travel expenses. Funding period 2 (for activities in October through December) may also be non-travel expenses only depending on what the travel restrictions are at the end of the summer.
- 4.3. We are looking into shifting the numbering system for legislative documents to coincide more closely with the fiscal year and the beginning of the term for new delegates (July/August) rather than the transition within the executive committee (May) and doing away with the semester designation as each piece of legislation lists the date on which it was approved.

5. Committee Member Agenda Items

5.1. Arts & Culture (Holt.351)

- Students from the Linguistics Department hosted meetings to discuss concerns related to funding, graduation timelines, and deadline extensions. The group has put out a [letter](#) detailing these concerns and steps the university could take to address them. This letter is now being distributed to gather signatures from graduate students.

6. Old Business

6.1. Act 1920 SU-009: 2020-21 Meeting Dates

6.1..1. We will have to pass a new meeting act at the next delegate meeting because some of the dates were incorrect in the first act that was passed.

6.1..2. Edited act approved.

7. New Business

7.1. Act 1920 SU-011: 2020-21 Budget

7.1..1. The budget is largely the same this year. Our food budget for delegate meetings was reduced because all of our fall meetings have already been moved online. We have also added line items for the new Engagement grant and allocated more funding to the Government Affairs Committee as it is an election year and they will be busy.

7.1..2. Approved

7.2. Act 1920 SU-010: Ad-Hoc Governance Committee

7.2..1. This committee will review our constitution and by-laws and update them to improve accuracy and transparency and reduce redundancy and confusion for future leadership.

7.2..2. The committee will be composed of officers, exec members, and delegates. This composition is important because we need input both from those who are in leadership and must work within these policies and those who are affected by them.

7.2..3. Approved.

7.3. Resolution 1920 SU-011: GA appointment dates

7.3..1. The university is moving forward with a shift in appointment dates for all GAs. Some appointments have already transitioned but all will be required to by January 2021. Graduate students were not consulted about this change and there are numerous issues with the new dates that will directly affect graduate students in a negative way. This resolution states our adamant rejection of this new appointment schedule and requests that the university hold open discussion forums to more fully evaluate the impact of this change before moving forward.

7.3..2. Approved.

7.4. The inter-governmental committee is drafting a statement addressing some of the issues surrounding the recent protests and riots. Our plan is to be a mediating force within this discussion and try to steer away from reactionary and inflammatory language and instead craft something thoughtful that addresses specific issues we would like addressed within the campus community. There is a lot of room for progress on issues of equity and inclusion and we should try to harness some of this momentum to make positive change. We are also looking into drafting a resolution to be brought to the CGS delegate body that will be more specific to our needs and concerns as graduate students.

8. Open Floor Announcements

8.1. Next delegate meeting June 12th, 2020 @ 3:30 PM

8.2. Next exec meeting June 26th, 2020 @ 4PM

9. Meeting adjourned at 5:33 pm.