Council of Graduate Students
The Ohio State University

Delegate Meeting Agenda

Date: May 23, 2014
1st Summer Delegate Meeting

Location Ohio Union,
Senate Chambers

Ohio Union Rm 2088A | 1739 N. High Street | Columbus, OH 43210 | (614) 292-4380 | cgs@studentlife.osu.edu

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 April 18th Meeting**
3. **OFFICER REPORTS**
   - 3.1. **President** — **Coy.82**
   - 3.2. **Vice President** — **Bowman.979**
   - 3.3. **Interim Secretary** — **Lang.279**
   - 3.4. **Treasurer** — **Rochman.2**
4. **SECRETARY ELECTIONS**
   - 4.1. **Secretary elections (candidate CVs in packet)** — **Bowman.979**
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
   - 5.1. **ACT 1415-SU-001: An Act Establishing CGS Meeting Dates 2014-15 (see attached)**
   - 5.2. **ACT 1415-SU-002: An Act Establishing the 2014-15 Standing Committees (see attached)**
   - 5.3. **ACT 1415-SU-003: An Act Amending the Composition of the Executive Committee of The Council of Graduate Students (see attached)**
   - 5.4. **RES 1415-SU-004: A Resolution in Support of GCBC Stipend Increase Recommendations (see attached)**
   - 5.5. **ACT 1415-SU-005: An Act Concerning the Options of National Representation for the Council of Graduate Students (see attached)**
6. **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**
   - 6.1. **Committees not yet formed (see ACT 1415-SU-002)**
7. **DISCUSSION**
   - 7.1. **Any other Delegate Issues and Concerns**
8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
   - 8.1. **Summer 2014 Semester Meetings and Special Dates**
     - 8.1.1. **Friday, June 27, 2014 2nd Summer Delegate Meeting, 3:30 pm Senate Chambers, Ohio Union**
     - 8.1.2. **Friday, July 25, 2014 3rd Summer Delegate Meeting, 3:30 pm Senate Chambers, Ohio Union**

Written Reports for CGS Delegate Meeting 5/23/14

Current as of 11:00 am on 5/15/14

Officer Written Reports

President/ Josh Coy.82

Vice President/ Michael Bowman.979

Interim Secretary/ Sarah Lang.279

All materials from the previous year can be found here: http://cgs.osu.edu/governance/2013-2014-minutes-legislation/.

The up-to-date bylaws and constitution can be found here by clicking on the sub-links: http://cgs.osu.edu/governance/overview/. Please also note all members of the executive team have been given an electronic, editable copy of the up-to-date constitution and bylaws.

Asks members to see this post, great resource: http://cgs.osu.edu/blog/national-center-for-faculty-development-diversity/.

Happy to train new Secretary – I can help post events/news items in interim.

Treasurer/ David Rochman.2 (also outgoing Governmental Relations Chair)

Introducing act for national representation

Working with outgoing Treasurer Cichon on transition and training on new budget software

Working on the preparation of 2014-15 CGS Budget

Chief of Staff/David Bowers.461

Standing Committee Written Reports – Not official, these committees are not yet established!

Grants Administration, Elizabeth Sandoval.32

Career Development Grant:

- This is 1 of 4 funding opportunities the CGS offers.
- The CDG awards up to $350 for any activity that forwards your graduate career and prepares you to be competitive in the job market. Activities can include, but are not limited to, workshops, internship travel, licensure fees, and study materials.
- Essentially, the only thing the CDG does not fund is research because there are many other grants available for that.

- Even just writing the application helps you to contextualize your goals and how you will reach them.
- More information is available at: http://cgs.osu.edu/funding/development_funding/
- If you would like to judge for this award, please contact Elizabeth (sandoval.32).
- We need judges from across the university to objectively review applications.
- Since it is an online process, you can judge from home.
- Judges find it an enjoyable experience and learn so much from other applications.
- This would count as your committee commitment and judging takes less time than you think.
- The next deadline is in the summer (the dates to be stated in this meeting).

Global Gateway Grant:

- This grant supports summer research abroad, especially in a country in which OSU's Global Gateway Program already has established collaborative work: China, India, and to come Turkey and Brazil.
- The award is funded equally by the Office of International Affairs, the Graduate School, and CGS.
- I will put out a call for judges around January 2015.
- Though the application will be due around February or March 2015, I need two committed volunteers who will help with the legwork. This could be your committee work and it will mostly take place in the spring semester (January to March/April). This involves Excel work and e-mailing. Please contact Elizabeth if you would like to help: sandoval.32

Diversity & Inclusion Committee, ?

SERC, ?

Governmental Relations Committee, ?

Health and Wellness Committee, ?

International Relations Committee, ?

Academic Relations Committee, ?

Communications Committee, ?

Ray Travel Award Committee, David Rochman.2

Senate Advisory, ?

Ad Hoc Committee on DS GIS/?

Delegate Meeting Minutes

Date April 18, 2014 (4th, and final 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1. Minutes from March 21st meeting – no objections, passed

3. OFFICER REPORTS (PLEASE SEE ATTACHED WRITTEN REPORT)

3.1. President — Coy.82

3.1.1. Coy.82 offered a few brief comments on GCBC (Graduate Compensation and Benefits Committee, Senate Subcommittee) noting that this committee did forward on the recommendations to continue the $1500 stipend increase over the next 3 years, bringing it up to $1800 in the future. He noted the committee was trying to tie the minimum stipends to cost of living. He also highlighted that OSU has only moved up one ranking compared to comparable universities, we are 8 out of 15. Coy.82 also quickly noted that GCBC passed the adoptive parent maternity leave and that he referenced this when he spoke to Senate at the final meeting of the year.

3.2. Vice President — Crowsley.1

3.3. Secretary — Lang.279

3.4. Treasurer — Cichon.8

3.5. Chief of Staff — Wiggins.106

3.5.1. Coy.82 asked if there were any questions on any officer reports. Seeing none, he moved forward to the New Business (Section 5).

4. SENATOR ELECTIONS

4.1. Senator elections (candidate CVs in separate packet). Crowsley.1 noted there were 36 total applications, 15 have been removed (withdrawn) and 4 people cannot be present and Lang.279 will read statements on their behalf. Crowsley.1 noted nominations are closed at this point on this point – there were 3 open seats as they did not have nominations prior to the deadline, i.e., the seats of Business, Humanities, Math & Physical sciences.

4.2. Fadai.1 had small discussion with Crowsley.1 about open seats; Crowsley.1 confirmed that we now had applicants for all 10 senator seats. Crowsley.1 thanked Wiggins.106 and Lang.279 for their help in preparing for the senator elections today. Crowsley.1 also thanked members of the O&E committee and to the student life staff for their help with ballots today. Crowsley.1 noted information was sent out to all candidates. She noted the bylaws state that each candidate has 5 minutes to speak and respond to questions. Crowsely.1 asked candidates to keep their statements to 2 minutes and also asked to

respond that they are available on Thursday afternoons, the days of the meetings. Wiggins.106 helped to distribute extra ballots and Crowsley.1 explained ballot procedure. The candidates in the 3 uncontested seats went first and voting was by objection to consent.

4.3. ARTS seat

4.3.1. difranco.33@osu.edu, Maria DiFranco stated credentials and interest. Curzon.1 asked what type of experience DiFranco had in positions such as this. Difranco noted she was Vice President of the Graduate Student Art Club and cooperated with her officers to serve the needs of people in her department.

4.3.2. ries.68@osu.edu, Brent Ries stated credentials and interest. Shakarian.2 (alternate) asked what kinds of experiences Ries had in this type of setting. Ries noted he was on student Council in Bolder and also served on President's advisory council there. He also noted he is Vice President of Syndicate, the theater graduate student association.

4.3.3. DiFranco.33 elected by ballot.

4.4. BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES seat

4.4.1. himmel.14@osu.edu, Lauren Himmel noted her credentials and interest. No questions. Running unopposed, voting was done by objection to consent. No objections, Himmel.14 elected.

4.5. BUSINESS seat

4.5.1. devarajan.7@osu.edu, Adela Devarajan stated credentials and interest. Wedin.1 asked what Devarjan.7 what she wanted to do to help diversity issues. Devarajan noted we have a diverse population at OSU, she wants to utilize that talent and see what best practices from different places would be like. Deshpande.39 asked what Devarajan might want to do if not on GCBC. Wedin.1 asked what would Devarajan do on GCBC? Devarajan noted she would have to see what else has been done and what else we could do to improve stipends, for example. Abukar.3 asked Devarajan what attracted her to the position. Devarajan noted she wanted to be an engaged graduate student. In response to Conrad.245 Devarajan confirmed she was available Thursdays.

4.5.2. richardson.490@osu.edu, Kelsey Richardson stated her credentials and interest. Wedin.1 asked about Richardson's qualification to represent business as a Speech & Hearing Science's student. Richardson noted that she is currently taking classes in Fisher College to learn how to run/operate her own clinic. Strang.27 asked Crowsley.1 if you had to be from the designated senator seat area to serve. Crowsley.1 noted that was true, that candidates do not have to serve in their own areas, i.e., they do not have to be from that college/department to be in a certain senate seat, that the council is just looking overall for overall diversity to represent all graduate students. Weber.460 asked about Richardson's committee work thus far? Richardson stated she was previously the Secretary of the Student Academy of Audiology and was just elected Vice President.

4.5.3. gribble.23@osu.edu, Elizabeth Gribble stated credentials and interest. Curzon.1 asked about her experiences in committee work. Gribble noted she was part of committees for the MHR (Masters in Human Resources) Council, and President of Russsian

Club for 3 years in undergrad and during this time she double membership and increased work with other Eastern European student groups. Wedin.1 asked about Gribble's affiliation with her parents (during Gribble's speech she noted her parents were former faculty). Gribble noted her parents are retired now and she saw no conflict of interest.

4.5.4. **Gribble.23 elected by ballot.**

4.6. EDUCATION AND HUMAN ECOLOGY seat

4.6.1. **bowers.461@osu.edu, David Bowers. Lang.279 read statement.**

4.6.2. **yuan.125@osu.edu, Yan Yuan stated credentials and interest. No questions.**

4.6.3. **Yuan.125 elected by ballot.**

4.7. ENGINEERING SCIENCES seat

4.7.1. **majumder.9@osu.edu, Ankita Majumder stated credentials and interest.**

4.7.2. **schmuhl.3@osu.edu, Daniel Schmuhl stated credentials and interest. Wedin.1 asked how well Schmuhl though he could represent graduate students instead of undergraduates, referring to Schmuhl's prior statements. Schumuhl noted he could certainly relate to issues as a fellow and the support needed to apply for research grants – he noted he believed there are so many obstacles from the research side of things and funding for graduate students. He believes as graduate students we can should have better and more open avenues for funding. Weber.460 asked Schmuhl any or project work that committee/project that has prepared him for this role. Schmuhl noted he has not previously been a part of committees or had direct experience, Schmuhl noted he has gone outside of his comfort zone to grow and is ready to give back and make some differences. Gambrel.15 motioned to extend by 1 minute for Schmuhl to finish response, Conrad.245 seconded – motion carried. Schmuhl noted he would like to open avenues between professors and students when it comes to doing/funding research and that this has been difficult for him as a Masters student and he would like to make this easier**

4.7.3. **wu.1925@osu.edu, Xiao Wu stated credentials and interest. Shakarian.2 (alternate) asked are you available and do you want any certain committee. Wu confirmed availability and that any committee was fine. Wedin.1 noted that Wu said she brings a different cultural background and perspective and asked her why that was useful. Wu noted that some things that may look apparent/good may actually not be and shared an analogy of radioactive exposure in a PowerPlant vs. on an airplane. She noted it is important not to prejudge anything until you have looked into it.**

4.7.4. **Majumder.9 elected by ballot.**

4.8. FOOD AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE seat

4.8.1. **cichon.8@osu.edu, Morgan Cichon stated interest and credentials. Running unopposed, voting was done by objection to consent. No objections, Cichon.8 elected.**

4.9. HUMANITIES seat

4.9.1. **esquivel-king.1@osu.edu, Reyna Esquivel-King. Lang.279 read statement.**

4.9.2. **krygowski.5@osu.edu, Molly Krygowski stated credentials and interest.**

Wedin.1 asked about Krygowski being from Speech and Hearing Sciences and why does she want/think she is qualified to represent humanities? Krygowski noted that the senator seats are intended to represent all graduate students and she believes, particularly based on her experiences serving on committees this year that she can do that. Crowsley.1 reiterated that a candidate does not have to be from that area/college to be that seat and that there were originally no applicants by the deadline for Humanities so O&E asked Krygowski to switch from the Arts to the Humanities seat.

4.9.3. **stuber.19@osu.edu, Justin Stuber, not present**

4.9.4. **washington.232@osu.edu, Hannah Washington stated credentials and interest. Deshpande.39 asked if Washington had ever been involved in CGS; Washington stated no.**

4.9.5. **wilson.2428@osu.edu, Geoffrey Wilson. Lang.279 read statement.**

4.9.6. **wittum.2@osu.edu, Kelsi Wittum withdrew.**

4.9.7. **Krygowski.1 elected by ballot.**

4.10. **MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES seat**

4.10.1. **chung.461@osu.edu, Elena Chung stated interest and credentials (including service on GCBC as co-chair). Wedin.1 asked if Chung thought she was doing a good job? Chung noted that there is always room for improvement. She noted, while co-chairing GCBC they made a new 3 year recommendation (referred to report). She noted they had to do a lot of data work and analysis to convince administration and that GCBC also passed the parental leave resolution. Chung noted next year she wants to work more on the benefits side – e.g., fees, health insurance. Townsend.681 motioned to extend conversation for 1 minute, Holowacz.1 seconded, motion carried. Chung briefly discussed the Graduate Student financial survey which Dean Osmer has been promoting that will help GCBC better understand graduate student financial issues.**

4.10.2. **fuzer.1@osu.edu, Kayla Fuzer stated credentials and interest. Wedin.1 asked if she was free on Thursdays. Fuzer noted yes, she can fulfill all requirements expected. Shakarian.2 (alternate) asked what sort related experiences Fuzer has had, Fuzer noted she has been involved in Colleges Against Cancer, Best Buddies and some other organizations. Brewster.81 asked which committee Fuzer would serve on? Fuzer noted she did not have a particular committee in mind, just looking to be involved.**

4.10.3. **Chung.461 elected by ballot.**

4.11. **PROFESSIONAL BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES seat**

4.11.1. **slattery.63@osu.edu, Lauren Slattery stated interest and credentials. Running unopposed, voting was done by objection to consent. No objections, Cichon.8 elected.**

4.12. **SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCEICNES seat**

4.12.1. **campbell.1651@osu.edu, Tori Campbell stated interest and credentials. Wedin.1, noting Campbell's research interest in students with disabilities asked what motivates her to study this. Campbell noted her previous work with the University Office of Disabilities, working with individuals to help them get services, she highlighted her interest in**

mental health. Pershing.2 noted the different areas are polarized inS BS and asked Campbell what she might do to bridge the differences. Campbell noted she has taken coursework in other departments, networked with education for example and that it is easy for her to step out to folks in Psychology and meet people and say, "What can I do to serve you? What is needed" to help make the experience the best it can be.

4.12.2. **jividen.26@osu.edu, Chelsea Jividen. Lang.279 read statement. Crowsley.1 asked if anyone felt they could speak on Jividen's behalf. Wedin.1 asked Strang.27 "what do you think of her?" Strang.27 noted Jividen was a "fabulous human being" that she was running for both a delegate and senate position and she has spoken with her about the Senate meetings. Strang.27 noted despite Jividen having a final this morning she attended a meeting for her yesterday afternoon. Shakarian.2 (alternate) asked if she knew why Jividen couldn't be here today, Strang.27 noted that she had an appointment in Cleveland with a medical specialist that she just could not reschedule.**

4.12.3. **Campbell.1651 elected by ballot.**

4.13. **Crowsley.1 made a call for secretary – individuals may self-nominate. No one nominated at meeting, Crowsley.1 noted there would be an email call out about this position. Crowsley.1 also thanked all the delegates and noted it was a pleasure to serve as Vice President and she will be handing duties over to Bowman (elected last meeting).**

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. **CGS Award Recipients Coy.82**

5.1.1. **Executive committee voted on the nominations for the various awards; committee chair was voted on by the officers only. (These have all been updated on the website as of 5/1/14: http://cgs.osu.edu/awards/)**

5.1.2. **James M. Siddens Award for Distinguished Faculty Advising: Rebeka Campos-Astorkiza, Spanish and Portuguese.**

5.1.3. **Larry M. Lewellen Award for Distinguished Service: Colin Odden, Sociology, Service on Presidential Search Committee and University Area Commission; Wendy Winger, OSU Suicide Prevention; and Donald Wiggins, Jr., CGS Chief of Staff and all of his hard work and countless hours updating our Council documents.**

5.1.4. **Committee Chair Award for Excellence: Elizabeth Sandoval, Grants Administration Chair, Global Gateway Grant Chair. Coy.82 noted Elizabeth oversaw a new committee this year and did great work; she will be returning next year! – new committee this year**

5.1.5. **Delegate Award for Exceptional Service: Ashley Weber, Nursing. Coy.82 noted this delegate really spoke out about issues in her area and did so with poise, diligence, politeness.**

5.2. **RES 1314-SP-018: A Resolution in Support of Amending the FY14 Budget**

5.2.1. **Cichon.8 discussed the proposed changes to amend the FY14 budget, she noted to delegates "if you look in the 3rd column (differences) – this explains the changes." 1) Proposed to allocate $9,000 additional funds to the spring social (which is the spring event directly after this meeting). This event has grown exponentially in recent years and we have**

frequently run out of food (and we don't want this to happen). This event is funded both by OUAB and CGS, and OUAB has done a ton programming this year, particularly for graduate and professional students, so they asked if we could chip in more for this event.

5.2.2. **$10,000 for marketing and PR to purchase promotional items for next year. Cichon.8 noted to purchase these materials now we need to move funds.**

5.2.3. **Most other changes were to move funds around to categories to appropriate balance budget and have it make sense. For example, the Global Gateway Grant – used to be an encumbrance, which was done incorrectly it is now add as line item to tag to FY14.**

5.2.4. **Townsend.681 asked how confident are we that we can spend $100k more next year? Cichon.8 noted that is a question to be addressed in the FY15 budget. Roberts.1007 (alternate) moved to approve the budget, Rochman.2 seconded. Motion carried.**

5.3. **Act 1314-SP-012: An Act Concerning the Clarification of Procedures and Timeline to amend the Bylaws of the Council of Graduate Students.**

5.3.1. **Small discussion, Coy.82 noted in practice bylaws only had to be sent out a week before a meeting whereas constitutional changes members had to had 2 reads (two meetings). Coy.82 noted this is typical practice - longer time for constitutional changes; whereas bylaws are more quickly adapted. Dabkowski.5 moved and Conrad.245 seconded. Motion carried.**

5.4. **Act 1314-SP-013: An Act Concerning the Clarification of Membership and Eligibility of Elected and Appointed Positions**

5.4.1. **Removing "Vietnam era" language – Dabkowski.5 moved, Senney.3 seconded. Motion carried.**

5.5. **Act 1314-AU-014: An Act Establishing a Code of Ethics**

5.5.1. **Wedin.1 noted editorial change on 2nd page, removing reference to SCU and making the act reference OSU. Townsend.681 asked what the consequences of this are. How does someone determine if there is a violation? Coy.82 noted that O&E would make such decision, that it is still up the delegate body how to use this, but this is a guiding document to encourage people to think about as they are serving, creates standardization of expectations. Himmel.14 asked if this would part of delegate orientations. Coy.82 said yes, definitely. Curzon.1 asked for a friendly amendment to change collaboration to cooperation. There was a discussion amongst delegates about the term collaboration and its history. Krygowski.5 moved to replace "collaboration" with "cooperation", Wedin.1 seconded. Motion carried.**

5.5.2. **Townsend.681 asked about forcing people to disclose their affiliation with organization? Wiggins.106 noted that the CGS constitution is inferior to state laws and national documents; no one would need to do anything that violates their other rights and those other laws supersede us. Townsend.681 asked what if a delegate did something rather minor, e.g., didn't read the packet, will you bring someone to O&E for that? Coy.82 noted no, you still have to have 10 delegates with you to make a recommendation of removal. Wiggins.106 elaborated on past story of not being able to remove individuals acting unethically in their duties as CGS representatives. Coy.82 reiterated that this document gives**

guidelines for how people should act in service to CGS. Crowsley.1 noted the part in 7 C to change SCU. Krygowski.5 motioned, Himmel.14 seconded. Motion carried with 1 objection.

5.6. ACT 1314-SP-015: An Act Concerning the Procedure to Remove an Executive Officer of the Council of Graduate Students

5.6.1. Curzon.1 asked if all of the executive committee are also members (delegates)? Coy.82 stated no, not necessarily, they can be members at large and not delegates. Curzon.1 asked if we could make them all delegates. Coy.82 noted the difficulty with that, that these our committee chairs appointed by the CGS president and sometimes they may have different duties. Curzon.1 suggested changing the "simple majority" to 2/3 of the executive committee. Wedin.1 motioned, Krygowski. Seconded, motion to change "simple majority" to 2/3 carried. Returned to original discussion of act.

5.7. Deshpande.39 noted again, executive committee chairs are not necessarily delegates, for example, like herself. There was some discussion among delegates about whether chairs should be delegates. Wiggins.106 noted that doing that would change the whole structure of CGS as delegates are voted on by graduate students at large – that would be a much larger constitutional change. Townsend.681 stated he believed there was a "clear conflict of interest", i.e., the president appoints the executive committee, so what would prevent him/her from appointing individuals to force a particular officer out. Coy.82 first referred to the Code of Ethics that was just passed that offers a guides for everyone, and that such actions would not be ethical. Coy.82 noted that this is about additional oversight, and reiterated that the delegate body may not be privy to certain violations, where the executive committee who works more closely with each other, may see more. Wedin.1 asked "why don't we just say signatures of 10 delegates or members of executive committee?" Coy.82 noted that the executive committee may not have enough people that the chair positions are passed each year in the beginning of the new term, e.g., could only have 6 executive committee chairs, hence the 2/3 decision makes more sense. Townsend.681 noted the act is "sponsored by executive committee" did anyone vote against or obtain in the discussion of this act in executive committee. Crowsley.1 noted yes, there were two abstentions. Crowsley.1 noted that if someone is not a delegate he/she should not be able to remove someone, delegates are the ones directly elected by the graduate students and should have oversight over who they elect. Himmel.14 reiterated, this act does not remove a person, correct? Coy.82 confirm that O&E still makes that decision, this act would just allow another avenue for making a motion to investigate, than O&E would investigate the allegations and make a judgment which they then bring before the whole delegate body. Weber.460 and Coy.82 have a discussion about the delegates still having a vote in the end. Coy.82 confirms yes, O&E would make their recommendations and the delegates can vote to overturn their decision. Townsend.681 asked who chairs O&E if the problem is with Vice President. Wiggins.106 noted the Chief of Staff would be vice chair and lead, this is already in the constitution; how impeachment is handled is discussed in another part. Karl.3 motioned, Krygowski.5 seconded, motion carried with 2 objections.

5.8. NAGPS Membership Wiggins.106

5.8.1. **Over past year we have been assessing our standing with NAGPS and thinking about the best strategy to position ourselves within government relations world – nationally, within the state and locally. In the 80s NAGPS started, and OSU was a founding member, to address graduate issues at national level (originally focused on issues including funding and insurance, etc.). However, some of these issues, e.g., insurance, have largely been addressed since our organizations founding. Last year, within CGS there was a discussion if we should buy a life-time membership (last spring final meeting, this did not pass), so this year we tried to investigate more what NAGPS was doing and our relationship with them (Coy.82, Wiggins.106, Rochman.2 and Crowsley.1 listed the multiple times we have been to things with NAGPS over the past year – regional leadership meetings, legislative action days, annual meeting, etc.). Wiggins.106 noted in October when we went to DC to advocate w/NAGPS there was not much leadership, and little organization, Coy.82 among others note we could have done on our own – the attendees themselves set up the meetings to talk with various legislators. NAGPS has also taken the stance they are in support of Open Access, but there have not been significant discussions of what that means for (OSU or other) graduate students. We are lucky here at OSU that we have more resources allocated to us compared to other universities, we are also in a different position with regards to shared governance than other universities have – so we have more power than graduate students at other institutions. Coy.82 reflected on the National Meeting in November – said it was more about "best practices" and what can you (OSU) do for us (NAGPS). But as an institution (OSU graduate students), we are not really benefiting right now. Coy.82 also raised concerns about the direction of the organization and its structure, which he noted he tried to help write documents to make it more functional, but these recommendations fell on deaf ears. February was the most recent trip to DC again – Rochman.2 and others noted how bad this interaction was – no direction, went during snow storm, no communication after the canceled action day (with the DC offices closed), no post-meeting communication either. Coy.82 and others noted after several points of evaluation, us and all the members of the executive team agreed whe should no longer be a part of NAGPS. Coy.82, Wiggins.106 and Rochman.2 noted we are better off developing our own governmental relationship programs. Townsend.681 motioned to remove us from NAGPS, Fuller.308 seconded. Discussion continued. Himmel.14 asked if NAGPS provided leverage to help us set up meetings with legislatures (for example, during legislative action days, LADs). Wiggins.106 said no, that attendees set up those meetings yourself, but that their LADs are ill-timed. NAGPS has made some networks, but we have that here too, we can go meet at a more productive time point. Shakarian.2 (alternate) asked if there are any benefits to remaining part of NAGPS. Wiggins.106 and Coy.82 noted maybe the one-pagers that are developed to help people know and speak about issues, but questioned if those were worth the level of money that we pay. Coy.82 noted the $500 is not a big deal, but our affiliation matters. Coy.82 noted that other schools are also ready to back out, some have already been backing out. There are some great names in roster, but there are many tiny schools and there are cliques in the leadership of the organization right now, people voting in their friends. Coy.82 noted the issues with the organization structure and how he re-wrote the**

constitutional documents to help set things right, but they are ignoring. Coy.82 noted we keep paying $500 and to go on the trips (which aren't cheap), but the trips are a waste of money, we can address all our representatives right here in the state and not spend $2,000 to talk to them in DC. Crowsley.1 agreed, OSU is such a big school and big representation, we don't need to go through conduit (NAGPS) to get heard. Rochman.2 noted LADs are their construct but they didn't execute it well. Wedin.1 asked if there was another way we could work with other schools and do something useful. Coy.82 talked about SAGE, a graduate student organization for land grant universities – there are no fees, they teleconference with each other. Discussed working with them to go to DC to be effective in pooling resources and developing white papers and one-pagers as needed. Our Government Relations committee could work on this and help do the data collection and planning together for legislative action. This is what CGS should be doing over the next 2.5 years and we could work with SAGE in the process. Himmel.14 asked if any of the administration or faculty will look at us badly if we pull out of NAGPS. Coy.82 noted our advisor Hodak.2 said we just keep paying $500, but Coy.82 worries about adding our name to mix – is it okay to have our name affiliated with something that we have no real investment/association with? He noted Hodak.2 knows less about the current NAGPS functioning. Brewster.81 asked are there schools who have already pulled out? Coy.82 and Wiggins.106 noted that we will know more in the next two weeks, can't say right now – they are working on their budgets currently. Wiggins.106 noted that one institution in Texas has to request funds from the collective (grad & undergrad) student government to cover membership fees. Mills.532 asked if our intention is to send cordial communication about withdrawing. Wiggins.106 confirmed. Roberts.1007 (alternate – Odden.2) recapped saying that we are not really getting our $500 worth, and even if we do not pay, we will still get some trivial benefit because NAGPS will continue to exist and advocate; he noted we do not lose any advocacy for graduate students as a whole by leaving. More brief discussion, Coy.82 notes that if we stayed, would ideally need someone to be an officer, and the level of time commitment NAGPS expects of these people, they would essentially not have time to do CGS work, they would have to devote full time to NAGPS. Coy.82 returned to the model of shared governance we have here and how much more work could be accomplished for our graduate students here by investing that effort locally. Rochman.2 noted he believe the association with NAGPS is actually detrimental to us, he noted that with the Council of Graduate Schools (the national body of Graduate Schools from across the country – Dean Osmer very involved. present, NAGPS put forward an unpolished presentation and may have actually hurt our standing with the Council of Graduate Schools. Odden.2 noted we are merely withdrawing from NAGPS, not talking about direct engagement with organization. Townsend.681 motioned (again), Krygowski.5 seconded, motion carried. Wiggins.106 with respectfully notify of our withdrawal.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS (PLEASE SEE ATTACHED WRITTEN REPORTS)

6.1. Grants Administration — Sandoval.32

6.1.1. Career Development

6.1.2. Global Gateway

6.2. Diversity & Inclusion — Bryson.53

6.3. SERC — Mills.532

6.3.1. Briefly discussed University sustainability meeting. Mills.532 noted that there is currently and interim chair of this committee and they only met 3 times this year. In the most recent meeting, the reviewed a report about completing an initial phase of retro-fit construction for increasing energy efficiency in buildings; the savings from the improvements is what is paying for the project.

6.4. Governmental Relations — Rochman.2

6.5. Health & Wellness — Deshpande.39

6.6. International Relations — Dong.209

6.7. Academic Relations — krygowski.5

6.8. Communications — vang.18

6.9. Ray Travel Award — Cichon.8

6.10. Senate Advisory — Pucker.1

6.11. Ad hoc Committee on Disability Studies GIS — Townsend.681

7. DISCUSSION

7.1. Any other Delegate Issues and Concerns

7.1.1. Odden.2 noted that regarding the University Area Commission a developer is trying to put in some housing buildings on King Ave that will consist of mostly 4-6 bedroom apartments/homes – this is being marketed as graduate student housing, but with 4-6 bedrooms that seems unlikely. Odden.2 asked if they had contacted graduate students and even asked them to come speak here, but they have not responded. Odden.2 encouraged students to speak up and tell the developer what you want. Coy.82 noted he would follow-up about this.

7.1.2. Wiggins.106 thank everyone and wished them all the best, please feel free to contact.

7.1.3. Lang.279 noted she will miss serving, and again, feel free to contact – will be around.

7.1.4. Cichon.8 noted she will be around and that they are wrapping up the final Ray Travel Award cycle.

7.1.5. Crowsley.1 noted she is still here as resource. Thanked everyone and wished everyone good luck, can contact even though she will not be around as much for CGS next year.

7.1.6. Coy.82 - multiple people that made this year work and thanked everyone for what they done, he noted this year has been impressive. He had a great time talking about our accomplishments at the Senate meeting – it was hard to say all that we had done in 5 minutes.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

8.1. Summer 2014 Semester Meetings and Special Dates

8.1.1. Friday, May 9, 2014 CGS Exec Committee Meeting, 3:30 pm CGS Office

8.1.2. Friday, May 23, 2014 1st Summer Delegate Meeting, 3:30 pm Senate Chambers, Ohio Union; Inauguration of new officers

8.1.3. **Friday, June 27, 2014 2nd Summer Delegate Meeting, 3:30 pm Senate Chambers, Ohio Union**

8.1.4. **Friday, July 25, 2014 3rd Summer Delegate Meeting, 3:30 pm Senate Chambers, Ohio Union**

Written Reports for CGS Delegate Meeting 4/18/14

Current as of 5:00 am on 4/11/14

Officer Committee Written Reports

President/ Josh Coy.82

Success on Buckeye Village! – see blog post

Update on Grad Student Trustee search
- We have forwarded 4 names on to the Governor's office for consideration in the Student Trustee search.

Posters are in for delegates to advertise CGS elections in their dept and available at the front desk in the student government suite.

Update on Arts and Memorials Committee: lots of wonderful large are pieces have recently been selected or are in the process of being selected as part of the 1% of art

Seeking input on the creation of two new executive chair positions
-Buckeye Village Advisory
-Arts and Culture
-I will elaborate more in person
-Also would like to open the floor for discussion regarding budgeting needs/concerns for exec chairs in the 2014-15 year.

Executive Committee members have been asked to put together a year end wrap up explaining each member felt worked well this year, what programming they were able to accomplish, what they would have changed, suggestions for the future, and/or any additional information they would share with the next chair.

Vice President/ Jamie Crowsley.1

- Officer Transition Plan
    - As part of the officer transition plan, I have met with Michael Bowman (our incoming VP) and our office manager, Megan Znidarsic. These meetings are designed to give an overview of both the CGS website and also to do some training on the management system, VP role, and elections. Our first meeting was a general overview of the website and an operational intro to the management system. Our second meeting was an overview of the management system elections systems and process for senators and delegates. Our third meeting will be focused upon the function of the O & E committee, centering on apportionment. Our forth meeting will be about the Hayes Forum. Michael and Megan will also be joining Kerry Hodak and I for Senator election voting procedures meeting so that multiple people are familiar with the procedure.

- Hayes Forum

    - The Hayes website is up to date and largely glitch free. If anyone spots a problem/deadlink etc please email me!
    - Feedback from our Hayes Forum committee meeting will be given to Michael along with recommendations for future improvements at our forth orientation meeting
    - I am working with IT support to improve the functionality of the Hayes management system so as to enable future VPs to work more independently of IT support.
    - Hayes Forum files have all been checked, updated and are on the G drive for Michael.
    - I will be meeting with Michael to provide an orientation session on Hayes as mentioned above.

- Organization & Elections

    - O & E unanimously approved the 23 senate candidates who have applied for a senate seat. Candidate details are in a separate packet put together by Sarah (thank you!).
    - 3 Senate seats did not receive applications prior to the 04/04/2014 deadline. These were: Business, Humanities, & Math & Physical Sciences. Nominations for these 3 seats remain open up until the election itself. 2 of the 3 seats have at least 1 nominee. Business does not have a confirmed candidate yet, but we are putting a call out for candidates so hopefully business will get at least 1 nomination.
    - Standing rules for delegate elections need to be updated to reflect the semester system as they are currently based upon the old quarter system. This will be a future job for O & E under Michael.
    - Apportionment was updated on the management system prior to the delegate elections.
    - New election system: This will be an opportunity to test the functionality of the new delegate election system, and to trouble shoot it for future use.
    - Delegate elections nominations phase runs from March through to 04/14/2014. Voting commences on 04/16/2014 (number of applicants announced during the meeting). As long as no tech glitches occur, new delegates should be certified and assigned by May 2014.
    - Nominations were initially set to close on 04/07/2014. From discussions with Kerry Hodak the possibility of extending the delegate nominations period was raised. A majority vote by O & E in favor of increasing the nominations period by 1 week led to the extension of the nominations period to 04/14/2014.
    - Frequent notifications have been sent out via Sarah to delegate, exec, grad student, and GSC listservs, advertisements have been put on the website, and a request was sent to have information included in OSU weekly. Posters have been put in the office by Josh. If anyone has new ideas for ways in which information can be disseminated please email me!

- External Committees

    - These are currently filled. The end of term for current appointees is approaching. New assignments will be made by Michael.
    - The committee database on the website is currently up to date and ready for new grad student assignments.

- Member Records
    - No updates.

- Council on Student Affairs
    - Elections for next year's CSA chair should be held during the next CSA full council meeting. The chair is elected from one of the incoming student government's committee members. Voting members consist of the outgoing CSA members.
    - Josh spoke with me about Josh Ahart as a potential candidate. Josh seems like a good candidate for the position given his knowledge of student government as the outgoing VP for USG. I suggested the possibility of one of the incoming CGS committee members chairing the committee.

Secretary/ Sarah Lang.279

- Please keep sending news and events for calendar/blog
- Will be meeting with Heather Hill to help with secretary transition
- Have submitted the parental leave resolution to Faculty Compensation and Benefits Committee (FCBC), Graduate Compensation and Benefits Committee (GCBC - both Senate Subcommittees), the University Staff Advisory Council, and the Secretary of Senate. Chair of FCBC (Hogan) and Senate Steering (Lee), have already emailed about it and it is/was on the agenda to discuss at their next meetings. Received some feedback about potentially updating language of resolution to clarify it is for any parent who is receiving a new child in his/her care.
- Received some data on Presidential Fellowship Award winners over the past 10 years from Dean Herness, have requested some additional data to help us understand the patterns regarding awardees gender, race, and home colleges.
- See updates to website: https://cgs.osu.edu/governance/2013-2014-minutes-legislation/
- Will update constitution by end of term and hand over to Heather Hill.

Treasurer/ Morgan Cichon.8

- Ad Hoc Budget Model Review
    - The committee has finalized its report reviewing the University's budget model. The document has been submitted to the Steering Committee.
    - The report will be presented to the University Senate either at the last meeting of the academic year (April 17th) or in the Fall.

Chief of Staff/ Donald Wiggins.106

Standing Committee Written Reports

Grants Administration, Elizabeth Sandoval.32

Career Development Grant:

- April 4th was the deadline for the last CDG period of the year.
- Applicants will know the results by April 29, 2014.
- Thank you very much to the new delegates who are judging!!

Global Gateway Grant:

- Winners were alerted this week, April 14th-18th.
- A huge thank you to the new delegates who judged!!

Diversity & Inclusion Committee, Krista Bryson.53

SERC, Todd Mills.532

Governmental Relations Committee, David Rochman.2

Health and Wellness Committee, Niranjani Deshpande.39

The Relax, Refresh and Rejuvenate seminar was organized by the GH&W committee of CGS on 04/03/14. Pooja Joshi(.115), who served as a delegate and a member of the graduate health and wellness committee, proposed hosting this free seminar and took up the initiative to lead the planning and execution. Art of Living foundation is an organization that carries out several relaxation and meditation programs. These paid programs include techniques to reduce stress, to rekindle the 'spark' and in general to improve the quality of our lives.

Objective: To host a free seminar for graduate students that would serve as an introduction to some of these techniques, as well as a de-stresser event in and of itself.

Action: We got in touch with the Art of Living trainers in Columbus and asked them if they would be willing to do an introductory workshop/seminar for CGS. They agreed. We advertized it to the delegate body though news and announcements. We posted a few flyers around campus.

Outcome: The seminar was conducted Thursday, April 3, 2014. It was attended by 13 graduate students. The presenters lead us through a couple of breathing exercises, games with partners, and a meditation flow. After the seminar, most of the participants stayed back to interact with the presenters and each other over snacks.

Going forward:

- The presenters expressed willingness to conduct more such free seminars for graduate students.

- Generating enough interest among the grad-student body is something we need to work on. Thoughts/ideas are welcome!
- If students express interest in undergoing such training (the actual 5 day intensive program, which is not free) what is the possibility that CGS could subsidize the cost?

International Relations Committee, Shuai Dong.209

Buckeye Village parking fee issue. CGS has worked out with University a new parking policy at Buckeye Village. March 27th, university announced a BV-specific parking for annual fee of $150 instead of the original $654. This is a collective effort of the past two years work done by BV residents and CGS, we are glad to see this issue has finally received an equitable solution. Below is the detailed reports and updates since our last report.

- March 20th, Buckeye Village residents representatives and CGS representatives met with Dr. Alutto, Dr. J and Jay Kasey regarding BV parking issue. University officials were fully updated with the concerns raised against the new parking policy and the efforts we have made for the past two years.
- March 20th, This issue was brought up by BV residents and CGS representatives to University senate steering committee
- March 21th, CGS passed the resolution for BV parking
- March 26th, A group of BV residents (~30 people) and CGS representative presented the third petition to Alutto's office, ABC 6, Lantern, BuckeyeTV had coverage of this event
- March 27th, the new annual price $150 policy was announce to all BV residents, with not changing the previous rent reduction.
- March 28th and April 9th, Buckeye Village residents and CGS representative has followed up with University regarding the policy details, items included but not limited to, the eligibility for permit and pricing for additional cars per household, event parking management, etc.
- More feed back is yet to be received.

Academic Relations Committee, Molly Krygowski.5

Communications Committee, Mao Vang.18

Ray Travel Award Committee, Morgan Cichon.8

- The application deadline for the 4th funding round was April 4th. This round there were 64 applications that were accepted for judging.
- The committee is currently in the process of judging all applications and will also discuss changes to the application to consider for next year.

Senate Advisory, Andrew Pucker.1

Ad Hoc Committee on DS GIS/Neil Townsend.681

The Ad Hoc Committee on Disability Studies held its second meeting on Monday, April 7th. Since the last meeting, committee members raised concerns about the structure and support of the GIS in

disability studies to university officials and in relevant university committees. In this meeting, committee members designed a survey for distribution to students completing the GIS in disability studies. The committee hopes to use this information to prepare its final recommendations.