

Written Reports for CGS Delegate Meeting 9/19/14

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Officer Written Reports

President/Josh Coy.82

- Please welcome our newest Chairs!
 - Chloe Tull from the Dept of History will be taking over Governmental Relations
- Ryan Skubic from Fisher College of Business will lead Grad Student Housing
 - And Mao Vang from Communications is returning as Communications Chair
- Welcome week CGS events went off extremely well and we've received a lot of great feedback from the students we interacted with... the picnic alone had over a thousand grad/prof students attend and we gave out approx 700-800 CGS tshirts!
- Exec Chair programming has already beginning with SERC's first discussion club on 9/4! (Many thanks to Natasha and her committee)
- All delegates please make sure to forward all programming announcements on to your depts so interested students can attend current and future offerings. We are receiving reports that some delegates are not doing this from students within departments. Be aware that it is a requirement of your office to effectively communicate with your department and your constituents do notice.
- Delegates, please note once more that all delegates are required to serve on two committees. One internal to CGS (i.e. SERC), and another that is external (i.e. a University or Senate committee). Once all external appointments are full, Michael will determine if there is need to serve on an additional internal committee or not to fulfill the requirement. If unsure about your appointments, please contact Michael asap. (All are posted online).
- All external committee members, as your committees begin to meet, please remember to filter any relevant information up through CGS via your appointed internal committee Chair. If the information is pressing, please flag any emails and also include myself and Michael in any correspondence. Anything requiring immediate action, call me directly (937-701-3964), in addition to any email correspondence, as exec chairs will be reporting to David Bowers under most conditions.
- An issue has arisen where the timing of dissertation defenses for international students that occur very close to the deadline at the end of a semester. We advocated for one student that was returning to finish a defense in such a situation but was told that there were a few more weeks of work to complete. Under these conditions, Visas expire on the date of defense, so an international student would have to reapply for Visa/OPT (which can take weeks/months). They would also be ineligible to work while they wait, meaning

full tuition would have to be paid for at least one semester. We will address our concerns surrounding this at Graduate Council.

- Exec has discussed a reoccurring contract issue within two departments regarding portions of teaching hours being reassigned to other duties. An example would be a contract written with 15 hrs (of 20) still assigned to teaching duties, but the remaining
- 5hrs assigned to assisting faculty research. Please ask GTA students in your departments if this is happening and report back if so. (Be aware, this is not about teaching two classes on a 50% appointment, that is another issue we will be addressing with the Academic Affairs Committee.) This issue will also most likely be brought before Grad Council.
- Michael and I and will be meeting with the Provost and HR reps late this month to discuss grad student stipend increases and parental leave issues. GCBC will be convening in the meantime and will hopefully help guide further advocacy efforts.
- Student leaders recently met and decided that sexual violence is going to be a joint issue for all of us this year and we intend to work together to address the issue on campus. I am advocating that we press the Statehouse to adopt similar measures to California's recent "Yes means yes" legislation.
- The Career Center is putting on an grad school expo in mid October that CGS is cosponsoring, look out for more info to come. Volunteers will be needed the day of, as well as a veteran grad student to speak at a forum. Contact me if interested in either.
- SAGE Conference will take place Oct 23rd-26th in College Park, TX. We are working on putting together a team to attend. Sage recently identified university healthcare issues on campuses across the country where the ACA is used as an excuse to reduce healthcare options for grad students.

Vice President/ Michael Bowman.979

- Voting for the Fall 2014 delegate elections has commenced and will conclude this Saturday, 13 September. We have 19 applicants running for 16 total delegate seats. If all 16 seats are successfully filled, this will bring the total number of CGS delegates to 89 for the 2014-2015 academic year.
- There has been some confusion regarding appointments to external committees. Some delegates may not have been notified by automated email of their appointments as they should have been. A blog post has been added to the website listing the most recent list of external appointments. Please check this list if you are unsure about your external committee appointment.
- <http://cgs.osu.edu/blog/2014-2015-external-committee-assignments-for-delegates/>

Secretary/Morgan Schunn.1

- Attendance at meetings is crucial to serve as a representative for your colleges. If for some reason you cannot attend a meeting, you are expected to try to find an alternate from your college to attend in your place and notify of this.
- Send me events for the blog and events calendar.
- Be sure to forward news updates to your departments when I send them out so information gets to all students (look for one once classes get started back up). In order to get these out to your department, try to compile a way to contact your constituents (email, facebook, talk to your grad chair, etc) if you don't already have a plan.

Treasurer/David Rochman.2

- Please see attached budget report
- Successful hand-off of Delegate Outreach Grant to Chief of Staff David Bowers
- Upcoming CGS Grant Workshop on 10/16 in the Ohio Staters Room, more details to come. Mark your calendars!

Chief of Staff/David Bowers.461

Standing Committee Written Reports

Academic Relations, Holowacz.1

- Began working on the survey
 - Will include both, positive and negative experiences with being either a GTA/GRA/GAA
 - Have been informed that some GTA's have "5" hours of work and 15 hours of GTA work
 - Item that asks how "representative" of future profession the experience was.
 - May need to keep survey short
- Discussed possible programs
- Ph.D. Comics was discussed
- Any suggestions or questions. Please email holowacz.1@osu.edu

Arts & Culture, DiFranco.33

Communication & Outreach, Vang.18

Diversity & Inclusion, Campbell.1651

- Our first event of the year will be a Welcome & Networking Event that is open to all graduate students at OSU. This event has been scheduled for Monday 10/6

from 7:00-9:00pm in Great Hall Meeting Room 3 at the Union. A variety of refreshments will be served.

- We are hoping to use this event to welcome all new and returning graduate students to the campus, and to provide a forum for them to mingle, get to know one another, network, and feel a part of and included in the campus community.
- We will begin marketing and advertising for the event in the coming days, so look for flyers and information to be online soon.
- We are looking to partner with other graduate student organizations or groups for events this academic year. If anyone would like to talk about partnering on an event or program, or you have an idea for an event or program that you would like to attend this year, please contact us (campbell.1651@osu.edu). We would love to hear your ideas!
- We will be contacting all graduate student organizations over the next month to let them know that our committee is here as a resource and would love to talk about ways we can help them with events and programming this year.
- If you learn of any events related to diversity and/or inclusion that are occurring on campus or in the Columbus area, please pass the information along so it can be posted on the CGS website, this committee's blog, and the CGS Facebook and Twitter accounts.

Governmental Relations, Tull.20

Graduate Student Housing, Skubic.1

Grants Administration, Sandoval.32

Health & Wellness, Ruderman.5

Senate Advisory, Krygowski.5

SERC, Faze.6

- Next meeting is on September 17, from 12:00 to 1:00PM. If you are interested in joining SERC, please email Natasha Faze (.6)
- First discussion club was a success! Please look for information about the next club, in October.
- SERC is trying to coordinate a prescription drop off along with Student Health Services. More information to come soon. If you are interested in helping with this initiative, please let us know.

University Area Commission, Odden.2

- University Area Commission:

- The City of Columbus is in the process of developing a new master planning document for the University District. This covers the area bound by Fifth Avenue on the south, the Olentangy River on the west, the Glen Echo Ravine on the north, and the railroad tracks on the east. There will be a public hearing on the plan Sept 23 @ 7pm at the United Church of Christ on Indianola Ave, 2141 Indianola Ave. See www.columbus.gov/universitydistrictplan/ for details.
- City Council's news: The Columbus Division of Police partners with The Ohio State University for a Crime Interdiction Security Initiative designed to make the area in and around campus as safe as possible. Ordinance 1862-2014, sponsored by Public Safety & Judiciary Committee chair Zach M. Klein, allows the City of Columbus to use general fund dollars to support Columbus officers in this mission. OSU will reimburse the City of Columbus for all overtime and benefit costs for CPD officers who work on the initiative.
- Council President Troy Miller is sponsoring ordinance 1790-2014 to propose cooperation with the Ohio Department of Transportation on a project that will reduce Summit & 4th Streets from three lanes to two between Hudson & Chestnut Street to accommodate a bike lane while retaining on-street parking.
- Columbus Open Streets has secured a four hour windows during which a section of Rich St (downtown) will be closed to vehicular traffic). <http://www.openstreetscolumbus.org/installment-1> has details.

University Research Council, Yuan.125

- First committee meeting will be on September 15th
- Research Expo on September 23rd 8:30 AM-12:00 PM
 - Have a table reserved, represents CGS

Ad Hoc on Childcare, Gambrel.15

- We are looking into childcare options and adding them to the forum under construction