



David Bowers.461 called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM

Megan Fitze.1 read the statement of purpose

### 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.

Fitze.1 explained that this meeting would be shorter due to the OUAB Grad/Prof Welcome picnic scheduled for that afternoon

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### 2.1. Minutes from June Meeting

Fitze.1 said that the minutes from the June meeting would be available in the September meeting packet along with August minutes for approval

### 3. Dean Osmer and Assoc. Dean Wallace

Guests speakers who are an essential part of the leadership of the graduate school

Dean Osmer (returning to faculty position; SLST – senior advisor) & Assistant Dean Kathy Wallace

(liaison & advisor to CGS, oversees GATA award & Preparing Future Faculty program; Hayes forum)

#### Address from Dean Osmer:

- approve adoptive leave policy [benefits and support for students]
- Hayes forum is good preparation for professional meeting, provides model for abstract writing and communicating one's research
- Cross-cultural dialogue and global partnerships & collaborations are becoming more important
- Graduate school will be providing workshops & events to supplement core education in program, serves in an advocacy role, and with any life/work issues
- Addressing the challenge of "standard" policies for very different programs

#### Questions

**Anderson.2299:** Wonderful advocates for grad. Students – what are challenges for OSU in future?

**Dean Osmer:** There's a lot of change at many levels – in graduate education that impacts funding. Changing notion of education a public or private good. Importance of funding public research universities, changing conception. The impact of globalization – interconnectedness, internet, changes to how we work, live, study and research. Need greater investment in research and graduate education – technical advances; the politics of funding – private sector / fed & state agencies.

**Odden.2:** Regarding the need of quality graduate education, previously graduate students got face time with support services. The problem of consolidation – visibility of professoriate/undergraduates – graduate students don't fit in either. Places we don't reach – graduate school could advocate more, grad. Students have a high need. More and better and attention, for example, on computing resources. Recognize graduate students as distinct & important population?

**Dean Osmer:** Visibility of grad education or lack thereof – core/root of issue. The cost pressures. Departmental level issue – grad. Students advocating for themselves? Kathy Wallace: advise how to go through the process – let them know what working on – might connect with other initiatives. Osmer: support for graduate students – larger issue.

**DasGupta.18:** Recent changes to health insurance plan resulted in higher co-pay for graduate students. Could you shed some more light? Affordable Care Act. Huge jump in the co-pays (\$10-85) in some cases. Students impacted.

**Dean Osmer:** Student Health Insurance Committee working to rectify issue. Once more, need for effective advocacy. There is a huge advocacy effort in place: meeting with IRS, Dept. of Labor etc. There is financial pressure on both faculty/staff plans as well (grad) student plans. Gathering data to make the case against these changes can be very useful and convincing.

#### **4. Senator Election**

Fitze.1: Kevin Espenschied is not present today & Eva Wollerman also not planning to be present  
Bowers.461: options: go through with election or postpone elections to September meeting

Odden.2: How disruptive to postpone until next month?

Bowers.46: All but one senate position filled; senate meeting not until October; not tremendously disruptive

Odden.2 move to postpone the elections

Move seconded

Gambrel.15: Would the only candidates eligible be these 2 candidates?

Fitze.1: Don't know answer but will find out

Bowers.461: Freedom to reopen until we hold election

Kerry Hodak.2: Nominations open until election

Anderson.2299: Referring to By-laws, additional names may be placed by majority vote of council members

Bowers.461: Further discussion?

Holmes.190: Clarification - first senate meeting is October 1<sup>st</sup> – just under week after next CGS meeting?

Hodak.2: can appoint someone until have elected senator/

Motion to postpone until September meeting

All in favor – none opposed – motion passed

#### **5. Vice President's report on Delegate Elections**

Fitze.1: Opening CGS delegate nominations next week – 99 seats open – all colleges & departments that have open seats listed in packet; have recruitment powerpoints & notes as aids – call for help recruitment – Sept 9<sup>th</sup>-Sept 16<sup>th</sup> – sending out e-mails to departments.

Fitze.1: Posters about elections available hang up in different colleges or departments.

#### **6. OFFICER Updates**

Bowers.461: Refer to packet for officer updates

Fitze.1: Committee assignments made, a little delay with transition from Karen Munnelly

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Bowers.461 Another meeting with Provost scheduled; had meeting with Dr. Drake; health insurance will be a topic; try to arrange visit to CGS meetin

#### **7. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **7.1. Any Delegate Issues and Concerns**

**Bowers.461** E-mail any issues that come up; don't have to wait until meetings; necessary for advocacy

#### **8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**8.1. September Meeting: Sept. 25 Ohio Union, Senate Chamber.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 PM