



Council of Graduate Students
at The Ohio State University

Date: November 2, 2018

Location Senate Chamber – Ohio Union

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CGS Delegate Packet November 2018

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** (3:30 PM)
 - 1.1. **Statement of Purpose**
 - 1.1.1. *To effectively advocate and program to ensure that The Ohio State University graduate student experience is the best it can be.*
2. **GUEST SPEAKER** (30 minutes)
 - 2.1. RUOK Buckeyes Presentation
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (4 minutes)
 - 3.1. Minutes from October 5, 2018
4. **OFFICER REPORTS** (12 minutes)
 - 4.1. Treasurer, Kristyn Gumper.1
 - 4.2. Secretary, Hannah Torma.9
 - 4.3. Vice President, Tracey Walterbusch.1
 - 4.4. Parliamentarian, Bennett Whitaker.105
 - 4.5. Chief of Staff, Sara Mueller.352
 - 4.6. President, Alex Wesaw.1
5. **COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS** (16 minutes)
 - 5.1. Academic Affairs, Daniel Puthawala.1
 - 5.2. Arts & Culture, Kathryn Holt.351
 - 5.3. Delegate Relations, *VACANT*
 - 5.4. Diversity & Inclusion, *VACANT*
 - 5.5. Governance (Ad Hoc), Ryan Slechta.3
 - 5.6. Government Relations, Maddy Lomax-Vogt.2
 - 5.7. Graduate Student Affairs, Vibhuti Wadhwa.21
 - 5.8. Health & Wellness, Alec Clott.1
 - 5.9. International Student Concerns, Eshan Estiri.1
 - 5.10. Marketing & Communications, *VACANT*
 - 5.11. Senate Advisory, Blake Szkoda.1
 - 5.12. SERC, Chris Pierce.508
 - 5.13. Reimbursements (Ad Hoc), Sara Mueller.352
6. **SENATOR REPORTS** (18 minutes)
 - 6.1. Biological Sciences, Blake Szkoda.1
 - 6.2. Business, Neethi Johnson.2847
 - 6.3. Education & Human Ecology, Jasmine Richardson.993
 - 6.4. Engineering, Ayush Garg.80
 - 6.5. FAES, Chris Wiegman.3
 - 6.6. Humanities, Julie Dentzer.3
 - 6.7. Mathematics & Physical Sciences, Chris Pierce.508
 - 6.8. Professional Biological Sciences, *VACANT*
 - 6.9. Social & Behavioral Sciences, Riley Debacker.2
 - 6.10. The Arts, Samantha McWhorter.43
7. **SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS** (25 minutes)
 - 7.1. **Senator Election** (10 minutes)
 - 7.1.1. Professional Biological Sciences
 - 7.2. **Delegate Concerns** (15 minutes)
8. **NEW BUSINESS** (30 minutes)
 - 8.1. **Ad Hoc Governance Committee Motion** (10 minutes)
 - 8.1.1. Motion to amend the previously adopted ACT 1819-SU-003 'An Act Creating An Ad Hoc Governance Committee' by striking lines 23-25 and replacing them with the following: 'Section 7. The ad hoc committee will complete its work by submitting to the CGS President and CGS Secretary a written report, which shall also be included in the subsequent delegate meeting packet.'
 - 8.2. **ACT 1819-AU-001: An Act to Modify the CGS Delegate Attendance Policy**(20 minutes)
9. **ADJOURN** (5:45 PM)
10. **FUTURE MEETING DATES**
 - 10.1. December 7, 2018 – 4th Autumn Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union
 - 10.2. January 11, 2019 – 1st Spring Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union
 - 10.3. February 1, 2019 – 2nd Spring Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union
 - 10.4. March 29, 2019 – 3rd Spring Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union
 - 10.5. April 12, 2019 – 4th Spring Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union
 - 10.6. May 10, 2019 – 1st Summer Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union
 - 10.7. June 7, 2019 – 2nd Summer Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union
 - 10.8. July 19, 2019 – 3rd Summer Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union



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Present: Linzey Rice, Yu-chunChang, Matthew Sermersheim, Becky Mayse, Madeleine Lomax-Vogt, Nariman Laal Deghani, Soroush Zamanian, Marcus Ziemann, Amanda Smith, Emma Cobb, Ryan Slechts, Khaled Altabtbaei, Hannah Dahlberg-Dodd, Alyssa Chrisman, Omotayo Adeeko, Eric Loria, Audrey Hungerpiller, Alejandro Otero Bravo, Elliot Dhuey, Christopher Wiegman, Laurene Glimois, Selasi Attipoe, Jim Evans, Symon Stevens-Guille, Brandon Free, Carlyn Larosa, Vinay Chauhan, Emily Nordquist, Ehsan Estiri, Kyle Sullivan, Kate Ormiston, Steven Dalglish, Jahmour Givans, Christopher Pierce, Isabel Emanuel, Prutha Deshpande, Stephen Lo, Julius Metcalf, Sarah Walton, Samantha Mcwhorter, Elizabeth Klainot-Hess, Cesar Gemelli, Conner Sarich, Vibhuti Wadhwa, Tasha Henderson, Alex Wesaw, Tracey Walterbusch, Hannah Torma, Kristyn Gumpfer, Sara Mueller, Bennett Whitaker

Not Present: Cole Robertson, Yu-Lun Wu, Steph Fanelli, Mark Boyce, Alexandra Tuggle, Michael Schwartz, Nickolaus Larsen, Blake Szkoda, Tricia Oyster, Aparna Unnikrishnan, Zaynab Diallo, Neethi Johnson, Utkarsh Shahhosseini, Erin Panczyk, Christopher Loiewski, Pouya Kousha, Soumik Mandal, Prashant Serai, Kathryn Holt, Joseph Chambers, Alexander Podczerwinski, Erica Law, Nithya Sivashankar, Joshua Williams, Jenn Dane, John Stegall, James Uanhoro, Om Prakash Bedant, Justin Kuric, Mercedes Chavez, Jack Rooney, Christopher Riley, Nlingi Habana, Rohit Mukherjee, Kathrin Frenzel, Matthew White, Eunice Uhm, Aaron Murnan, Emily Callahan, Melika Shahhosseini, Sundeep Siripurapu, Christopher Phelps, Robert Dahlberg, Caitlyn Trevor, Marjorie Kelley, Alexandra Nowak, Jamie Rausch, Shruthi Shetty, Roxana Buda, Julie Faieta, Kayla Gantt, Kevin Ingles, Alec Clott, Adrienne DiTommaso, Katherine Kieninger, Elizabeth De Luca, Lena Schreiber, Yibo Shao, Mary Hill, Quichang Cao, Adam Chupp, Leah Demko, Bethany Frick, Eric Brinkman, Kelsy Steele

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 3:35pm

1.1. Statement of Purpose

- 1.1.1. 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 September 7, 2018

- 2.1.1.** Loria.3 motioned to approve the minutes.
2.1.2. Stevensguile.1 seconded the motion.
2.1.3. Minutes approved.

3. NEW BUSINESS

3.1. Graduate School Handbook Discussion with Dean Alicia Bertone

- 3.1.1.** The handbook was one of the first issues that emerged from initial forums. There are some specific changes. Standardized tests scores are no longer required by the graduate school or for fellowships. The use of scores may be retained at the program level, but they will have to justify this choice. The minimum 3.0 GPA will still be upheld, but based on the last degree earned. Remediation will be another big change, which was requested by students and faculty. In the past, those who fell below 3.0 were placed on probation. During that time, students lose the ability to retain a GA or fellowship. The remediation process replaces the first probation. A faculty advisor will be required to meet with the student and develop a remediation plan. Another change is the graduate bridge program. This is

unique, as the graduate school has never had a program like this before. This is designed to attract underprepared students. There are groups that feel this will be a big benefit.

- 3.1.2.** Professional doctorates are another area that they are looking into at the Graduate School. A review of requirements has been requested for a long time. They have come up with some proposed changes. The Office of Postdoctoral Affairs is new. The eventual goal of the Grad School is to have oversight over all post baccalaureate programs. There will hopefully be more minimums to work with regarding benefits and compensation. Graduate employees unfortunately fall under the category of student employees and are therefore not eligible for FMLA and other supports. They worked to make reasonable recommendations for programs, and went with what is typical of full-time trainees, such as medical residents. They made the argument that this is reasonable for part-time student employees. The Handbook, in the future, will undergo changes on a regular basis and be updated as needed.
- 3.1.3.** Questions:
- 3.1.4.** There is a question about conflict between HR rule and the handbook. The graduate advocate for students when there is conflict between these documents. The current language in the handbook is vague. The new language will be clearer and therefore more enforceable.
- 3.1.5.** There is a question about opting out of OPERS. As an Ohio law, this is a larger topic than the Graduate School, but something they will look into.
- 3.1.6.** There is a question about why repeated courses still count toward GPA. Repeated courses are not mean to replace the previous course, but the issue of being underprepared will hopefully be addressed in other parts of the Handbook, perhaps through the bridge program.
- 3.1.7.** A question is asked about how they will select "diversity." The university does not have a definition. They are in the process of looking into this.
- 3.1.8.** A question is asked about how those in the bridge program will be funded. They will not be eligible for Graduate School fellowships, as they will not meet criteria. Programs, themselves, however might have funding. We need more funding categories that can help a broader set of students.
- 3.1.9.** A question is asked about including mental health in the handbook so that this is yet another resource for students to find support. There are links on the website, but perhaps a paragraph could go into the handbook.
- 3.1.10.** They are working on creating an Ombudsperson position for graduate students. They know that some Universities have this position, and they are looking at the ways that those are set-up. We do have a faculty ombudsperson, and they are looking at this as a model as well.
- 3.1.11.** There is a question about translating grades for international students. Perhaps there could be a way to streamline that process. Right now, international grades are not converted to a 4.0 scale. They work with the international format. They try to make the best equivalence they can based on what is available.
- 3.1.12.** A question is asked about the ESL requirements. A section should be added about TOEFL exemptions, as this seems to be missing from the handbook.
- 3.1.13.** A question is asked about the requirement of paying for microfilm editing. This is a University Libraries requirement. They have been asking them to remove this, but the library uses it as an archival process. Libraries said they would look at it and give the graduate school an answer over the next school year. Archiving is another issue which is larger than the graduate school. It is a complex and legal process.
- 3.1.14.** A question is asked about how often the handbook will be revised in the future. The goal is annually, though this is obviously a larger review. It will be a living document on the website.

3.2. Senator Elections

- 3.2.1.** The Arts
- 3.2.2.** Samantha Mcwhorter.43 - Is a second year in the Master of Social Work program. She is interested in issues of social justice. She also attended undergrad at OSU where she studied psychology and was involved in multiple organizations. She is interested in serving on COPE.

- 3.2.3. Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Sciences
- 3.2.4. Christopher Wiegman.3- Is a third year Agricultural Engineering student. He has served on various faculty committees and has grown to appreciate the ability to represent graduate students. He is interested in the TCO committee, and has a provisional patent himself.
- 3.2.5. Professional Biological Sciences
- 3.2.6. Anuja Doshi.75 is not present.
- 3.2.7. Nicolas Lugo.45- Is a second year master's student in Industrial and Systems Engineering. He is involved with several organizations including the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineer and the Ohio State Running Club. He is excited about the opportunity to represent graduate students. He has experience in healthcare related this Senate position.
- 3.2.8. Metcalf.221 makes a motion to postpone this election due to both candidates not being present. After the motion is seconded, and the time is extended, the floor is open for debate.
- 3.2.9. The motion to postpone this election until the November 2 delegate meeting passes.
- 3.2.10. Social and Behavioral Sciences
- 3.2.11. Steph Charles.221- Is a second year PhD student in Higher Education and Student Affairs (HESA). She has been on many committees. HESA is very interdisciplinary and involves SBS classes. She has experience advocating for graduate students. Her research focus area is graduate students. She is interested in CSA and GCBC.
- 3.2.12. Riley DeBacker.2- Is a fourth year PhD student in Speech and Hearing. He is both a professional doctoral student and a PhD student. There are several professional doctorates in SBS. He works very closely with both constituencies. His field is very interdisciplinary. He is currently president elect of the National Student Academy of Audiology. He is interested in CAA.
- 3.2.13. Tasha Henderson.795 - Ran for this position in the spring and was not elected. She then became a Social Work delegate and has been working to communicate with her constituency. She is interested in the Senate position to represent and gather information from a wider range of students. She is interested in CAA and Diversity, and already serves as a SBS representative on another committee.
- 3.2.14. Riley DeBacker.2 is elected.

4. OFFICER UPDATES (as submitted in Delegate Meeting Packets)

- 4.1. Wesaw.1 met with President Drake yesterday to talk about the HR interpretations of Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). There is the potential for graduate students to have to clock hours. We are on top of this. The president echoed these concerns. In meetings with the President and Provost, they have also discussed an alternative to buckeye village. They are running into legal roadblocks. More will come and there will hopefully be an update at the next meeting.
- 4.2. Mueller.352 mentions that the org and elections Slack has been very useful. She encourages delegates to sign up for the Slack account.

5. COMMITTEE CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS (as submitted in Delegate Meeting Packets)

- 5.1. Wadhwa.21 is the chair of the Committee of Graduate Student Affairs. She encourages delegates to stick around after this meeting if they are interested in learning more about her committee.
- 5.2. Pierce.508 chairs Sustainability & Environmental Responsibility (SERC). There is one new initiative. Some members have seen people on campus violating the tobacco free policy. LaRosa.15 encourages people to reach out to SERC. They are trying to gauge how widespread this issue is on campus.
- 5.3. Slechta.3 is chairing the Document Review Committee. At the last spring senator elections, there were concerns raised about senator and delegate communication.
 - 5.3.1. The committee moves that all CGS senators be directed to submit a short monthly report to the secretary detailing their senate related activities and attendance over the course of the previous month.
 - 5.3.2. Motions passes
 - 5.3.3. The committee moves that that the organization and elections committee be directed to investigate the compliance of each individual senator with their obligations and to consider the removal of truant senators.

- 5.3.4. Motion passes.

6. DELEGATE CONCERNS

- 6.1.1. Givans.2 feels that delegate concerns should come after new business. It is already 5:54 and meetings tend to run late.
- 6.1.2. Dentzer.3 sits on CSA and the Issues subcommittee. They do not have any issues to focus on currently. She suggested that the committee reach out to students. She invites delegates to send her any concerns. She is also on DELIT, and one of the big things they have been looking at is Duo Push. She is happy to provide clarification about this as well.
- 6.1.3. Sullivan.929 wonders if the Diversity and Inclusion Committee should be work on a definition of diversity to provide the graduate school and the university since we seem to not have one.
- 6.1.4. Mcwhorter.43 feels the sexual harassment training tone is not striking the right note.
- 6.1.5. Slechta.3 moves to refer this to Diversity and Inclusion.
- 6.1.6. Motion passes.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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8. Meeting adjourned at 6:01 pm.

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Kristyn Gumpfer, Treasurer
DATE: 10/25/2018
RE: Treasurer's Report

Hello CGS Delegates,

CGS Budget

The current spending for this year (FY2018-2019) is attached below. Please email me if you have any questions.

Ray Travel Award

Funding Period 3 application is currently open and will be open until November 1st to support conference travel between January 1 and March 31st.

Our committee met on October 9th to discuss opportunities to improve upon the application and judging process for the Ray Travel Award. We are looking to adjust our judging methods in particular to better align with the stated purposes of the Ray Travel Award and improve ease of judging.

Delegate Outreach Grant

To any delegates interested in putting on an event for your department to spread the word about CGS and allow for dialogue between you and your constituents, I am currently working with Kerry and Teresa to improve the application process to provide you with more information on what is available to you. Please check out the website for more information.

Parking Advisory Committee

PAC (Parking Advisory Committee) met on October 23rd for this first time this semester.

CampusParc is moving towards an e-Citation program. The goal of this program is to replace many of the paper citations (environmental concerns) as well as to improve efficiency, compliance, and officer safety (reduced conflicts between officers and angry patrons). Functional testing will occur mid-November and hope to go live over winter break. Citations will be sent via email if you are registered with the university. If you have concerns about this, please let me know and I can either clarify or forward your concerns to PAC.

CampusParc is also looking at ways to put up fencing on the top floors of the garages, focusing on the South Ohio Union and Lane Avenue garages to start. The goal is to have fencing on all garages as soon as possible. This is expected to cost \$3-5 million dollars.

There are currently no updates at this time for the Winter Contingency Plan. If you experience any issues during this winter, let me know!

Cannon Drive should be opening from King to the 315S exit/12th Ave around Thanksgiving break.

Wex Center for the Arts noted that, due to the increase in parking prices, the cost to park a car is more than the cost of film tickets. This has led to a SIGNIFICANT decrease in customers attending Wex Center

films. CampusParc has taken this under advisement and is currently working with the representative to arrive at a solution.

Kristyn Gumpfer(.1)

October 19, 2018

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Account Balances - Budget vs. Actual

July 2018 through June 2019

	Jul '18 - Jun 19	Budget
Income		
Coca Cola Carry Forward	20,570.11	17,000.00
Coca Cola Endowment	16,211.74	16,212.00
CSA Carry Forward	3,886.77	6,252.24
CSA Student Activity Fee	79,671.23	80,325.00
Cultural Competency Training	15,000.00	
Global Gtwy	10,000.00	10,000.00
Global Gtwy Carry Forward	2,712.80	
Grad Sch.--Hayes	10,000.00	10,000.00
OAA Ray Travel	35,000.00	35,000.00
OAA Ray Travel Carry Forward	16,739.21	24,362.00
OR Hayes Endwmnt	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total Income	219,791.86	209,151.24
Expense		
1000 President's Projects		
1100 Discretionary	0.00	1,000.00
1300 Inauguration	0.00	1,000.00
Total 1000 President's Projects	0.00	2,000.00
2000 Vice President		
2100 Hayes	0.00	29,000.00
Total 2000 Vice President	0.00	29,000.00
3000 Committees		
3100 Exec		
3110 Retreat	0.00	3,000.00
3120 Awards & Rec	0.00	500.00
3150 MarCom	514.26	11,000.00
3100 Exec - Other	0.00	5,500.00
Total 3100 Exec	514.26	20,000.00
3301 Grants Admin	0.00	500.00
3340 Arts & Culture	0.00	2,000.00
3400 Del OutReach Grnt	0.00	3,200.00
3500 Div & Inclusion	0.00	6,500.00
3510 International Concerns	0.00	1,000.00
3610 Ray Trv Grant Adm	0.00	500.00
3611 Ray Award Receptions	0.00	3,000.00
3700 Grad H & W	0.00	3,000.00
3710 SERC	0.00	1,000.00
3800 Org & Elect	87.96	500.00
3000 Committees - Other	0.00	6,500.00
Total 3000 Committees	602.22	47,700.00
3300 Grants Admin Funds		
3310 Career Dev	2,019.95	14,000.00
3320 Global Gtwy	1,851.37	10,000.00
3330 Ray Travel Award	6,056.64	50,000.00
Total 3300 Grants Admin Funds	9,927.96	74,000.00
4000 Office Equip		
4100 Copier	0.00	500.00
4200 Equip.	0.00	400.00
4400 Supplies	0.00	1,000.00
4500 Telephone	167.25	1,650.00
4600 Technology	1,953.00	8,500.00
Total 4000 Office Equip	2,120.25	12,050.00
5000 Administrative		
5100 Student Life Init.	0.00	1,000.00

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July 2018 through June 2019

	Jul '18 - Jun 19	Budget
5300 Mtng. Refreshments	1,083.54	13,188.44
5400 Org. Dev.	0.00	500.00
5410 Travel	0.00	8,000.00
6000 Prkng Passes	2,085.12	5,212.80
5000 Administrative - Other	0.00	0.00
Total 5000 Administrative	3,168.66	27,901.24
8000 PY Encum		
8100 Career Dev.	311.03	500.00
8300 Ray Travel Award	4,389.37	16,000.00
Total 8000 PY Encum	4,700.40	16,500.00
Total Expense	20,519.49	209,151.24
Net Income	199,272.37	0.00

TO: The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Hannah Torma, Secretary
DATE: 10/26/18
RE: Secretary's Report

The call for judges for Funding for Period 3 of the Career Development Grant is still open. The application deadline is November 1, 2018. I encourage you to consider serving on the grants administration committee as a judge in upcoming funding periods (or serving on another committee as well). Please contact me at Torma.9@osu.edu if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,

Hannah

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Tracey Walterbusch, Vice President
DATE: 10/23/2018
RE: Vice President's Report

Vice President Report

- **Hayes Forum:** Hayes Forum is on March 1, 2019. Please put it on your calendar.
 - A call has been made for judges and we already have 50 judges, last year we had around 122 judges. **We need your help to exceed this number.** Please nominate one of your faculty members to be a judge for the 2018 forum: <https://cgs.osu.edu/hayes-forum/>
 - SPECIFICALLY, we need judges in the following areas:
 - The Arts
 - Business
 - Engineering
 - Humanities
 - Social and Behavioral Sciences
 - The abstract application is now open and closes November 2nd. Please share the application information with your department: <https://cgs.osu.edu/hayes-forum/submission-information/>
- **Apportionment:**
 - Please review the apportionment information here: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1urmuBzqpl02-8350CgKkvqPqj3jeeXTbo8ZyqD3zCmE/edit?usp=sharing>
 - This is the information from last year and this year. Next month I will be presenting an act presenting recommendations for the apportionment. You should be looking at this apportionment information with two things in mind:
 - Please look at the seat names. These names may need to be updated or seats may need to be added.
 - Please look at the number of enrolled individuals. The goal is to look generally at the individuals that are in each program. These numbers will be used to determine how many seats will be allotted for each program. For example, last year we allotted about 1 seat per 99 students per program.
 - Provide all feedback directly on the google document on the second tab.
- **Logistics:**
 - Reminder- Make sure you sign in
 - Nametags- make sure you return it.
 - Nametags- if your name needs changed or something is not correct, please change it on your nametag and we will correct. If we were missing your nametag, please also make sure you wrote your name down. Leave your nametag at your seat so Liz can take down your name and include your information in the minutes.
 - Website- Make sure your name is indicated on the website under the correct department.
 - Committees- I assigned
- **Accomplishments:** We filled 105 of the 146 delegate seats. A special thank you to delegates who recruited a replacement or reapplied. We are grateful for your service. If you know anyone interested in the open seats, they can complete the petition process.
- **Open Senate Seats:**
 - Elections will occur for our open seat.
 - We have two applicants---Anuja Doshi.75 AND Nicolas Lugo.45
 - <https://osu.box.com/s/bz3jrhggkx5dup9dnzbtvww8hom7jb2d>

- **Committee Information:** I have sent information about the committee placements. You should have your committee assignment. Please let me know ASAP if you haven't heard from your committee.
 - If you have been assigned to an external committee, please be certain to fill out a committee report by the 31st of each month.
https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8csOIMBon6L0gux
- **Committee Application Now Open:** We are always looking for new graduate students to get involved with CGS. We are currently accepting applications for fall 2018 committees. Please apply and share it with your peers: <https://cgs.osu.edu/get-involved/committee-only-application/>
 - A few committees we need members are Academic Affairs, Grants, Communications, Senate Advisory and Government Relations, Sustainability and Environment Responsibility
- **SLACK:** For full updates, be certain to access slack http://go.osu.edu/cgs_slack
- **My Committee Updates:**
 - **Sesquicentennial Committee Updates:** The next phase of the [sesquicentennial website](#) is live.
 - **Graduate Council Committee Update:** Handbook was approved.
 - **Update from Graduate School:** We've had an opportunity to review the written feedback provided by the delegates (17 in total) and were pleased to find that, overall, they rated the experience as positive. A few of the forms referenced suggested items for further discussion, so I wanted to ensure that those were passed along to you. They include:
 - Creation of a graduate student bill of rights, perhaps similar to that contained within the Inter-Professional Council's [constitution](#) (pp. 2-4)
 - Enhanced GTA training, including best practices for communicating effectively with students.
 - Further clarification regarding grievance procedures and remediation plans.
 - Professional development opportunities for students with GAA/GRA/GTA appointments.
 - We would be happy to discuss these further with you, as well as to provide assistance when possible.
- **Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have any other question or concerns at walterbusch.1@osu.edu**

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Sara Mueller, Chief of Staff
DATE: 10/25/2018
RE: Chief of Staff's Report

Travel Reimbursement Issues:

Alex Wesaw.1 and I met with Mike Papadakis to discuss issues surrounding timely reimbursement of travel expenses for graduate students. He and his staff were surprised that graduate students were not being reimbursed in the typical 2-4 weeks that is expected for employee travel reimbursement. The next steps are to gather as much anecdotal data of travel reimbursement issues. If you have a story to share or know someone in your department or college, please email me (mueller.352@osu.edu) to have your incident noted. We are further planning to meet with Kris Devine and college fiscal officers to discuss paths forward.

Council on Student Affairs, Issues subcommittee:

The two focus issues that CSA is working on this semester are

1. Food insecurity on campus. USG is working on making information about the on-campus food bank more accessible for students. The OSU Newark campus has had good success with destigmatizing use of their pantry, and we are working to see which of their materials will be useful for the main campus. We are interested in knowing what graduate students would like to know about the food pantry and how we can serve this population going forward.
2. Student Legal Services for International students. It has come to the attention of CSA that many of the legal services that SLS offers does not account for student's immigration or VISA status which may make some services less helpful or applicable for this group of students. We are in a fact-finding phase of this project so if any international students have information about their experiences with SLS, please contact the committee through Sara Mueller.352@osu.edu.

To: Council of Graduate Students, Delegate Body
From: W. Alex Wesaw, President
Date: October 24, 2018
Subject: Monthly President's Report

Ad Hoc Senate Committee on Excused Absences

The University Senate has convened an ad hoc committee to research the development of a university-wide policy on excused absences. There is a seat on this committee that is reserved for a graduate student, who is appointed by CGS. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please let me know as soon as possible.

Graduate and Family Housing

In meetings with President Drake, Provost McPherson, and SVP of Student Life, Dr. J, all three administrators seem to be optimistic about actions by the University to develop a new Buckeye Village. All three could not expand on the details because contracts haven't been signed, so I was told, but they did say to look out for an announcement in November. Hearing of the potential development has me feeling optimistic but given this is the (I think) second time I've been told "good things are coming" I am more cautiously optimistic than previously and I will certainly bring updates when I receive them.

Sexual Misconduct Education Training

At the last Delegate Meeting there were some concerns expressed about the Sexual Misconduct Training that is required of everyone on campus. As I said I would, I brought the concerns to the Senior Vice President for Student Life Javaune Adams-Gaston and she agreed to take a look at it further.

Happy (Belated) Indigenous Peoples' Day at Ohio State

Monday, October 8, 2018 was the first year that Ohio State officially celebrated Indigenous Peoples' Day. I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude to all of CGS. We passed the first resolution calling on the University to recognize Indigenous Peoples' Day and was followed by our colleagues in USG, IPC, and three Senate Committees. The President and Provost's Cabinet made the decision to recognize the holiday earlier this year and the University Senate passed a resolution commending the actors involved, including CGS, last month. OSU is the first institution in the Big Ten to make it happen and, I believe, also is the largest public institution in the US to celebrate the holiday! Thanks again for being willing to take that first step in making this happen.



Committees & Committee Chairs

I would like to welcome Maddy Lomax-Vogt.2, who will be serving as chair of the CGS Government Relations Committee. We still have three (3) committees that need a chair. Those are Diversity &

Inclusion, Delegate Relations, and Marketing & Communications. Please reach out to me directly if you are interested in serving as a committee chair.

If you are interested in any of the work of the committees, or if you have a suggestion of work to be considered, I hope you will reach out to the chair of the committee or to me directly if there isn't a committee chair currently.

I hope that if you have concerns that you will feel free to visit me in the CGS Office (2088A Ohio Union) or send me an email (wesaw.1@osu.edu).

Alex

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Daniel Puthawala, Academic Affairs Committee Chair
DATE: 10/26/2018
RE: Academic Affairs Committee Update

Updates from Academic Affairs:

Academic affairs has been busy monitoring the continued development of the New GE Proposal, as well as extensive updates to the Graduate Student Handbook, the Graduate Bridge Program, and the policies pertaining to Fellowship awards for Graduate Students. We are also engaged in fact-finding missions pertaining to policies that affect the number of graduates students required for a course to make, as well as policies, such as that within ASC, which disincentives departments from offering summer courses, which in turn impacts the prospects of graduate students pursuing summer funding on campus.

Best,

-Daniel

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Kathryn Holt, Arts & Culture Committee Chair
DATE: 10/27/2018
RE: Arts & Culture Committee Update

Arts and Culture currently has several projects in the works: we are working on a ticket lottery for the Department of Theatre's production of Legally Blonde the Musical which should be up and running soon. We also are in talks with CHiP (the Center for Humanities in Practice) about collaborating on an event for grad students at the Pizzuti Collection around the time of an upcoming Gallery Hop. And we are in the beginning stages of setting up pop up performances for the year and collaborating with the International Student Concerns committee on an international film series in the Spring.

Thanks,
Kathryn

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Alec Clott, Health & Wellness Committee Chair
DATE: 10/25/2018
RE: Health & Wellness Committee Update

The H&W Committee has met twice this semester. Our primary goal in the coming weeks is to accomplish various tasks involving our **Spring Wellness Event**, which we intend to host in March or April of next semester. The event will be a mix of providing resources to students via tabling and fun/engaging activities (such as mini yoga sessions, unique cooking demonstrations, etc.). Once we have finalized a time and place for the event, we will let CGS know so delegates can begin to inform their constituents. The H&W Committee has also been discussing ways in which the committee or CGS more broadly can conduct outreach efforts regarding graduate student mental health.

If you know you are on the committee but have not been able to make the meetings, please reach out to Alec Clott - clott.1@osu.edu. If you are not on the committee but would like to be involved in either of the above initiatives, please also feel free to reach out!

Best,
Alec

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Blake Szkoda, Senate Advisory Committee Chair
DATE: 10/19/2018
RE: Senate Advisory Committee Update

Senate Advisory Committee Report:

The senate advisory committee is beginning to take shape. We anxiously await the election of the final grad student senator at the Nov. 2 meeting. I will update them on their senate responsibilities upon election.

As committee chair, I have implemented a monthly reporting system for senators so the CGS can be aware of their activities each month. Senators were asked to fill out a short word document with their attendance record and committee updates. This is akin to the qualtrics survey sent to CGS representatives on external committees (Senators were told to fill this survey out and submit the document style report as well). This is all in response to motions made by Ryan Slechta during the Oct. 5th meeting on behalf of the document revisions committee.

Attached are all monthly reports that I received. 6 of the 9 senators (at the time there were only 9) submitted reports.

To my knowledge, there is nothing happening at the senate level that the CGS needs to discuss at the Nov. 2 meeting.

More details are in my personal Senator report (attached), please let me know if there are any questions.

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Eshan Estiri, International Student Concerns
DATE: 10/26/2018
RE: International Student Concerns Update

At the International Student Concerns (ISC) committee, we have adopted three issues that we are going to work on throughout the 2018-19 educational year:

1. Legal advisory regarding immigration status of international students

Although many international students opt to pay the legal advisory fees to OSU Student Legal Services, currently the SLS does not offer any consultation pertaining to immigration status to international students. ISC has started negotiating with the Student Legal Services about the possibility of providing legal advisory to international students on immigration-related issues.

2. International orientations

ISC has started working with the Office of International Affairs about improving the international student orientations.

3. International Film Series

In collaboration with the Arts and Culture Committee, ISC is planning an international film series for Spring 2019.

Ehsan Estiri

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Chris Pierce, SERC Chair
DATE: 10/25/2018
RE: Sustainability & Environmental Responsibility Update

SERC Update:

At our last meeting, we discussed several new issues related to campus sustainability. First, as discussed in the last delegate meeting, concerns were raised about various places on campus which have become habitual smoking spots, in violation of campus rules. We are still looking for *input from delegates* about specific locations that have become problematic. Please report these locations to SERC member Carly LaRosa.15.

SERC has renewed discussions of establishing sustainability guidelines for CGS events such as delegate meetings and external events. In particular, we are auditing the amount of food consumed/wasted at meetings. *If you have opinions or suggestions about food at delegate meetings or other sustainability issues related to CGS business*, please contact Jahmour Givans.2.

The Omega Global Initiative group at Ohio State is looking for more members. This interdisciplinary graduate student group is working on implementing a proof of concept of new sustainable agriculture technology on a local farm. The project involves using algae to process animal waste, diverting carbon from the atmosphere to useful agricultural products. Contact Kara Braunreiter.1 for more information.

SERC is also exploring applying for another grant to enable wider adoption of composting in the graduate student community, and also

I wanted to make the delegates aware that the Wexner Medical Center now has a permanent prescription drug take-back program. Here is a link to a Lantern article with details (<https://www.thelantern.com/2018/10/wexner-medical-center-initiates-year-round-drug-take-back-program/>). While CGS was not involved in the program, SERC has been advocating this program for years and has worked to promote drug take-back days. Please take advantage of this resource on campus.

Finally, SERC is soliciting feedback from participants in last years Greenlabs Promotion. If you have comments about the experience please contact me (Chris Pierce.508). As always, if you have concerns about sustainability issues on campus or an idea for sustainability related graduate student programing, please share it with SERC.

Thanks

Christopher J. Pierce

Name and Senate Seat: Blake Szkoda, Biological Sciences

Committee(s) you are on: CGS Executive Committee, CGS Senate Advisory Committee (Chair), CGS Graduate Compensation and Benefits Committee, Senate Council on Academic Affairs, Council on Academic Affairs/Graduate School Sub-Committee

October Meetings Attendance Record:

CGS Delegate Meetings

October 5th Meeting: Attended

University Senate

October 25th Meeting: Will Attend (tomorrow)

CGS Executive Committee

October 19th Meeting: Attended

CGS Senate Advisory Committee

No Meetings Held

Senate Graduate Compensation and Benefits Committee

No Meetings Held

Senate Council on Academic Affairs

October 10th Meeting: Attended

October 24th Meeting: Attended

Senate Council on Academic Affairs/Graduate School Sub-Committee

October 16th Meeting: Attended

Summary of important activities from your committees, and anything important that you feel should be added to the CGS agenda/that delegates should know about:

Nothing big to add to the agenda. I will schedule meetings for senate advisory committee soon after a doodle poll to probe senator's availability. The biggest news from the CAA that the CGS may care about is that the CAA approved the creation of two new graduate degrees:

A dual Master's degree: Master of Public Administration and Master of Health Administration and;

A dual Master's degree: Master of Public Administration and Master of Public Health in Health Behavior and Health Promotion

Both of these programs will be interdisciplinary. Down the line, it would be awesome to see CGS representatives for each!

Name and Senate Seat: Jasmine Richardson Senator for College of Education and Human Ecology

Committee Representor: Diversity Committee

Meetings Attended:

- Senator Meeting September 20, 2018 | Oct 25, 2018
- Diversity Committee Meeting: September 18, 2018 | Oct 16, 2018
- Delegate Meeting: September 7, 2018

Summary:

Main focus points are the status of DACA students and the university support for their continuing educations. Moreover, there will be a point where we need to interpret the status of graduate school initiatives to enhance and support diverse student recruitment and retention.

Name and Senate Seat: Ayush Arpit Garg, College of Engineering

Committee(s) you are on: Committee on Academic Misconduct (COAM)

October Meetings Attendance Record:

CGS Delegate Meetings

October 5th Meeting: Unable to attend due to conference travel. Attended the meeting in September and will be there for November 2nd meeting.

University Senate

October 25th Meeting: Attended

Committee on Academic Misconduct

No formal meetings for this university wide committee but only have to preside over hearings based on case volume

Summary of important activities from your committees, and anything important that you feel should be added to the CGS agenda/that delegates should know about:

Nothing big to add from the case hearings, they are anyway confidential, and cannot be discussed. If you would like specific information or thoughts, concerns, and/or ideas that the delegates would like to talk about, plz let me know, I will be happy to listen to their thoughts and come up with viable solutions.s

Name and Senate Seat: Chris Wiegman, Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

Committee(s): University Senate Committee on Intellectual Property, Patents and Copyright (IPPC)

October Meetings Attendance Record:

CGS Delegate Meetings

October 5th Meeting: Attended

University Senate

October 25th Meeting: Attended

IPPC

No Meetings Held (Since recent Oct 5th election)

Summary of important activities from your committees, and anything important that you feel should be added to the CGS agenda/that delegates should know about:

Nothing to add to the agenda. Was hoping to meet to head of IPPC committee Dr. Jim Fowler at the Senate meeting however I didn't catch him so will get in reach out early next week to inquire about committee meeting schedule.

General:

Fall 2018 is my first semester serving as a Senator, in addition to serving as a delegate. In the first meeting of the year senators were shown a presentation about reporting protocols for sexual harassment and assault. There were discussions after the meeting among the Graduate Student Senators about the responsibilities of GA's in various settings regarding mandatory reporting. I believe it would potentially be advisable to devise some means of refreshing GA's on their responsibilities in regards to mandatory reporting per OSU policy. Additionally, in the meeting CGS's resolution on Native People's Day was passed.

Committee Work:

The majority of my work on Senate to date was in service on the fiscal committee. This committee meets twice a month, with its associated sub committees meeting on the alternate weeks. I serve on the college finances subcommittee, which is tasked with overseeing the finances of the academic colleges that make up the university (as opposed to support offices such as Facilities, Operations and Development). Below I have included the duties and responsibilities of the Fiscal Committee as defined by university governance documents

Duties and responsibilities

The committee shall have full access to all fiscal documentation necessary to perform the following functions:

- (1) Review, on a continuing basis, the fiscal policies and resources of the university;
- (2) Advise the president on the alternatives and strategies for the long-term and short-term allocation of university resources consistent with maintaining the missions of the university;
- (3) Analyze resources and budgets from an overall university-wide perspective;
- (4) Analyze resources and budgets in detail for centrally supported vice presidential units;
- (5) Advise the president, in the event of an imminent financial crisis, whether a determination of financial exigency is warranted; and
- (6) Report annually to the faculty council and the senate on the budgetary and fiscal condition of the university.

I've included this somewhat detailed description because I feel this committee is crucially important and I am the sole graduate student representative and wanted to be clear on the broad purview of this committee. I welcome questions and input from all students as I undertake to begin to digest the large volume of information associated with the committee.

In particular, the senate College finances Sub-committee is currently reviewing the *principles* that govern fund allocation to the various departments. Once those principles guiding allocation have been set, we will begin the budget allocation. While the details of budget allocation are extensive and beyond the scope of this report, I am happy to meet with any interested delegates to go over the material specifically (contact me at pierce.508@osu.edu).

Name and Senate Seat: Sam McWhorter, Arts

Committee(s) you are on: CGS Health and Wellness Committee, Senate Council on Enrollment and Student Progress

October Meetings Attendance Record:

CGS Delegate Meetings

October 5th Meeting: Attended

CGS Health and Wellness Committee Meetings

October 5th Meeting: Attended

University Senate

October 25th Meeting: Will Attend (tomorrow)

Senate Council of Enrollment and Student Progress

October 2nd Meeting: Not yet elected to position of Senator

Summary of important activities from your committees, and anything important that you feel should be added to the CGS agenda/that delegates should know about:

As I am new to both the role of CGS Delegate and Senator, this month has been getting used to the swing of things. I do feel as though I have picked up quickly and am now in touch with all the right people regarding success in both of these roles.

The only update I have is from the Health and Wellness Committee. We are planning a Spring Wellness Event and in the process of choosing a campus location and making sure we have all the funds we need. Potential room for committee collaboration to make it more comprehensive for the graduate student body!

1 **ACT 1819-AU-001**

2 **AN ACT TO MODIFY THE CGS DELEGATE ATTENDANCE POLICY**

3 Authors: R. R. Slechta.³ (Governance Committee Chair), K. M. Caliva.¹ (Governance
4 Committee Member), M. D. Ziemann.² (Delegate for Classics), B. P. Whitaker.¹⁰⁵
5 (Parliamentarian)

6 Sponsor: CGS Ad Hoc Governance Committee

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8 **Section 1:** The purpose of this act is to simplify and clarify the delegate attendance policy
9 outlined in CGS' Standing Rules.

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11 **Section 2:** The section the Standing Rules titled "CGS Delegate Attendance Policy" will be
12 struck and replaced with the following:

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14 **CGS Delegate Attendance Policy**

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16 In order to effectively advocate for graduate students, it is necessary that delegates or their
17 alternates regularly attend delegate meetings. CGS has adopted the following operating
18 procedures:

- 19 1. Delegates or their alternates are expected to attend all CGS delegate meetings. As a
20 matter of professional courtesy, delegates are encouraged to notify the Secretary in the
21 case that absence cannot be avoided.
- 22 2. In the event that neither a delegate nor the delegate's alternate attend two CGS
23 delegate meetings in a row or three CGS delegate meetings in an academic year, the
24 Secretary will send a reminder letter to the delegate requesting their attendance, and a
25 copy of the letter will be sent to the Chair of the delegate's Graduate Studies Committee.
- 26 3. In the event that neither a delegate nor the delegate's alternate attend three CGS
27 delegate meetings in a row or four CGS delegate meetings in an academic year, the
28 Organization and Elections Committee will take any appropriate steps to remove the
29 delegate. Following removal, the Secretary will notify the Chair of the former delegate's
30 Graduate Studies Committee of the position vacancy.

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32 **Section 3:** This act will take effect immediately.