



Council of Graduate Students
The Ohio State University

Date: October 20, 2017
Location CGS Office in the Ohio Union

Present: Alex Wesaw, Amanda Montoya, Liz Koss, Tracey Walterbusch, Jennifer Perkins, Chris Pierce, Hoda Hatoum, Deborwah Faulk, Jules Lipman, Dorma Flemister, Auggie Heshmeyer, Matthew Connolly, Anneliese Antonucci, Laura Hopkins, Caroline Mueller, David Bowers.

Absent: Daniel Puthawala, Kaylee Hartman

Meeting called to order at 3:35am

1. Future Meetings (Alex)

- a. The majority of the future executive committee meetings will be held at Sloopy's Diner, in the private dining room, on the first floor of the Ohio Union. We have out grown the office space and this will allow more space to convene.

2. IPPC (Chris)

- a. They have spent three years about the University's intellectual properties and who owns what, they have seen some good progress for graduate students. However, students who are hired through a GTA, are considered staff and thus do not own anything they create for their own course here on campus. Chris was able to help include GTAs who are the instructor of record as faculty so they have similar rights to create textbooks and other educational materials to publish. Chris asked whether or not this should be brought up in the delegates meeting next week.
- b. The executive committee agreed to include this as a committee chair update so that anyone else from other fields can email Chris with any concerns.

3. Senate and Government Relations Committee (Auggie and Jules)

- a. Auggie raised the concern that some delegates and officers feel that they are missing information during the onboarding process to the student government. He and Jules are creating a survey to send out to delegates at a future meeting to help identify gaps in the knowledge of their process. He and Jules would want to have at least 3 weeks for Delegates to take the survey and then compile the results for the next delegates meeting.
- b. Point was raised that all delegates, senators, officers, etc. should all read through the CGS governance documents, found on the CGS website, since those documents outlines how CGS conducts its work.

- c. The committee agreed to postpone this evaluation so that the executive committee can take and then discuss at the next executive committee meeting to share at the December delegates meeting.
- d. Anneliese also raised the idea about putting a suggestion place on the website.

4. Committee Members (Tracey)

- a. The website should be updated with all committee members, if committee chairs feel that the information is inaccurate please let Tracey know. As new people join Tracey will email the member and the chair, as well as updating the website.
- b. Tracey is working on descriptions of each committee as well, this will come soon!

5. Resolution (Tracey)

- a. There was a survey sent to all graduate students asking if graduate students would want the option to opt into a graduate student seating process and/or staying in the student ticket groups for football games.
- b. Tracey presented her draft resolution to the executive committee. The committee reviewed and offered suggestions.
- c. The draft resolution was amended to include equal value and location of tickets as compared to undergraduate students.
- d. This Act was approved by the executive committee with amended changes to be proposed to the delegate body.

6. Hayes Forum (Tracey)

- a. Focused on the Hayes Forum to ensure judges and proctors are aware of implicit biases and to measure whether or not implicit biases are occurring in the judging process.
- b. Focus groups, surveys, and additional forms of measurement will be utilized for the Forum this year.
- c. We currently have 85 judges but we have a goal of 105. We still need judges in the areas of math and physical sciences, business, engineering, FAES, humanities.

7. Goals (Alex)

- a. *Alex asked all committee chairs to send at least two goals for their committee by 10/25 at 5pm to be shared with the delegates in the 10/27 meeting.*
- b. Alex advised the committee chairs that moving forward, after the goals are presented to the delegates, he expects that each committee chair will prepare a brief update on their committee's progress/efforts toward reaching their established goals on a monthly basis and will be included in the delegate meeting packets. These updates should be sent to the secretary Liz at least 10 days prior to the delegates meeting so that they can be included in the delegate's packet that goes out 7 days prior to the delegates meeting.

8. Graduate Dean Search (Alex)

- a. Search Committee is meeting to interview candidates next week. Will then recommend several names to Provost McPherson. More to come.

9. Graduate/Professional Student Board of Trustees Interview (Alex)

- a. Looking for one more person to help with this search.
- b. Generally there are information sessions during the fall semester, applications are due in January, committee members get together in February and has the nominations to the governor's office pretty early spring so that they could be set by June. Therefore the workload is pretty heavy for a concentrated period of time, but it's pretty rewarding.
- c. If anyone is interested in serving as a graduate/professional student trustee and will be here for a few years it's a great role!
- d. Anneliese and Tracey both expressed that they would like to serve on this committee, along with Alex.

10. CGS Website Updates (Alex)

- a. Currently on hold as we wait for IT to be available to service our needs.
- b. A small team has been putting together the changes we would like to see so that we are prepared once IT is ready for us.
- c. If anyone has suggestions please email Liz, Tracey, Matthew, or Alex.

11. Delegates Meeting Food (Alex)

- a. Following the last delegate meeting, it was suggested that we ensure there is a vegetarian option at delegate meetings as well as a possible reduction in the amount of food provided at delegate meetings, including a focus on sides instead of a full meal so that less food is wasted.
- b. SERC is working on creating practice guidelines for CGS involving sustainability and food. They will provide us with options that are within our budget and less waste.
- c. Another concern was raised regarding labeling of food to meet the needs of our delegates with allergies or that are vegan, vegetarian, etc.
- d. GSA and SERC will work together to address this issue.

12. Conferences (Alex)

- a. CGS is sending two executive committee members to SAGE and 1 or 2 executive committee members to NAGPS. These conferences will be addressing public policy issues impacting graduate students, mainly at the federal level, including Title IX, DACA, and lowering student interest rates, to name a few.

13. Attendance (Liz & Alex)

- a. An app called "QR Reader" allows for students to either print out a QR code or use their individual QR code on their phone to scan in for attendance instead of signing into meetings, like CGS has historically done.
- b. Liz will be creating a "How to Guide" for delegates to be trialed with executive committee members next week.

Meeting adjourned at 5:01pm.