



Present: Jacky Anderson (ALT), Luke Andrejek, Ali Asghari Adib, Selasi Attipoe, Tyler Beauregard, Om Prakash Bedant, Jessica Blackburn, Mary Byrne, Qiuchang (Katy) Cao, Steph Charles, Min-Seok Choi, Alec Clott, Paul Consiglio, Austin Cool, Robert Dahlberg-Sears, Archit Datar, Ty Drayton, Benjamin Duran, Story Edison, Micheline Fahrback, Brandon Free, Elizabeth Galko, Jahmour Givans, Lindsey Lawson, Kathryn Holt, Audrey Hungerpiller, Sarah Hyman, Jeffrey Kast, Pouya Kousha, Carly LaRosa, Jungmin Lee, Yifan Li, Stephen Lo, Madeleine Lomax-Vogt, Eric Loria, Raven Lynch, Lucas Magee, Tori Magers, Aviva Neff, Kate Ormiston (Connor Mahler), Alejandro Otero Bravo, Tricia Oyster, Ryann Patrus, Mark Pauley, Miguel Pedrozo, Kelsey Pinckard, Avi Pokala, Ken Poland, Isaac Reynolds, Priscila Rodriguez Garcia, Conner Sarich (ALT), Erik Scaltriti, Lena Schreiber, Michelle Scott, Sarah Scott, , Utkarsh Shah, Melika Shahhosseini, Shruthi Shetty, Sundeep Siripurapu, Ryan Slechta, Kye Stachowski, Lindsey Stirek, Nicole Tchorowski, Philip Tice, Taylor Tomu, Jorge Torres Espinosa, James Uanhoro, Jennifer Valdez, Mitch Vicieux, Leila Vieira, Derek Walton, Sarah Walton, Daniel Williams, Yu Lun Wu, Piao Yang, Soroush Zamanian, Megan Zib

Absent: e alexander, Pranav Ambardekar, Aaron Beczkiewicz, Andrew Borst, Yu-chun Chang, Jorge Clavo Abbass, Katherine Conner, Amanda Deighen, Kat Ellis, Jenna Greve, Lauren Howard, Kevin Ingles, Arsh Kumar, Ho-chieh Lin, Ruonan Lin, Emily Lundstedt, Matthew Maynard, Rohit Mukherjee, Maritza Pierre, Zeltzin Reyes, Ashweta Sahni, Karla Shockleymccarthy, Preeti Singh, Nithya Sivashankar, Aaron Snelgrove

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. ROLL CALL

2.1. Carmen log-in

3. President Drake- Q & A

- 3.1. OSU is a member of the Association of American Universities along with 65 other research-intensive universities. Last year, OSU granted more degrees than ever before, and the undergrad graduation rates were also higher than ever. OSU has been working to overcome the gap between tuition costs and the amount of aid a student receives from the state of Ohio.
- 3.2. Recently, OSU created the University Institute for Teaching & Learning. Its original purpose was to provide training for faculty to help them become better instructors. In 2019, this office expanded to also provide services to grad students and 400 grad students participated in programs last year. 575 grad students attended GTA orientation last year. The university is interested in any feedback from students about these programs in order to improve them.
- 3.3. Haynes.242 asked what is being done to improve diversity at the graduate student level and make sure the university is inclusive for these diverse students while they are pursuing their degree.
- 3.3.1. Young Scholars Program is one such one that has been helpful in increasing the numbers of under-represented populations. The best way to push forward systemic change is to diversify the faculty of universities.
- 3.4. Protest group speaks on behalf of Buckeye Village (BV) and they present Drake with a petition with 200 signatures against this move by the university. They want to know what plans are in place to create permanent student housing at OSU. They point out the University Village (UV) rent subsidy is only being offered to current BV residents and BV has not taken new residents for 2 years. There is also no provision for new students beginning at OSU to take advantage of this subsidy at UV.
- 3.4.1. Buckeye Village being torn down and that land being used for other things has been in the plan for 10 years. It was determined that the cost of building new housing to replace Buckeye Village was going to

increase the rent there to a level that was untenable for grad students, even with subsidies provided by the university. The university wants to put together a working group to look at the needs and accessibility issues faced by students with families.

- 3.5. Kousha.2 asks what other kind of support the university is planning to provide for students moving to UV other than financial accessibility. For example, UV is not currently a family-friendly environment.
- 3.6. Givans.2 asks how graduate students can actually bring their concerns to Drake and the central administration.
 - 3.6.1. The ways to go about that are to use the avenues of communication that already exist through student governments. Students can also talk to people in the Office of Student Life, who meet with Drake on a weekly basis. Starting next year, there will also be another senior Student Life admin who will be focused on graduate student concerns in particular.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. Minutes from November 8, 2019

- 4.1.1. Dahlberg-Sears.1 motioned to approve the minutes.
- 4.1.2. Motion was seconded by Givans.2.
- 4.1.3. Minutes approved.

5. OFFICER REPORTS (as submitted in Delegate Meeting Packet)

5.1. President (Post.144)

- 5.1.1. The graduate ombudsperson position will hopefully be established by the beginning of next academic year. The plans are being presented for approval to the University Senate.
- 5.1.2. Post.144 will be meeting with the fiscal officer from Student Life about the extreme length of the reimbursement process.
 - Uanhoro.1 asked whether it would be possible for money to be given to students up front rather than operating on a reimbursement basis. It's unlikely that the Student Life Business Office would approve that change because their system operates completely on a reimbursement protocol. Teresa and Kerry are meeting with the Business Office next week also to talk about issues with CGS grants specifically to see how this process can be streamlined.
- 5.1.3. Post.144 met with Susan Basso about stipend recommendations (to be finalized at the end of December). Also talked about the GGA issue to make sure those positions remain the same.
- 5.1.4. There may be some changes to the orientation process for graduate students in the future. We may be invited to convocation, for example.
- 5.1.5. Post.144 is working on a mid-year feedback form to gather information about CGS operations from delegates to see where we are meeting expectations and where we are falling short.

5.2. Vice President (Bauman.193)

- 5.2.1. Hayes Forum abstracts have been closed and we were able to get enough judges. Still need judges for the day of the conference so nominate your professors!
- 5.2.2. Delegate petition process is still open.
- 5.2.3. Elections are coming up next semester (first one is officer elections at the March meeting). Encourage your peers to run for these positions because word of mouth is the best way to fill delegate seats.

5.3. Treasurer (Haynes.242)

- 5.3.1. Currently working with the business office to go over all the purchases CGS has made so far this year. There is still some funding left for delegate outreach grants. When you apply, make sure you send the forms to both brandl.8 and Haynes.242.
- 5.3.2. 9 people were selected as BucklExperience winners. The program will run again in the spring.
- 5.3.3. Deputy Treasurer position will need to be filled in the spring

5.4. Secretary (Light.109)

- 5.4.1. The Career Development Grant application window for the third funding period closed November 1 and 12 winners were selected.

- 5.4.2. The CDG committee met at the end of the November and has decided to make some updates and clarifications to the rules and guidelines for the award. Any applicant may only win the CDG once per fiscal year and a maximum of three times per graduate degree.

5.5. Chief of Staff (Brandl.8)

- 5.5.1. There is a cross-governmental implementation committee focused on diversity and inclusion that is seeking interested members.

6. COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES (as submitted in Delegate Meeting Packets)

6.1. Delegate Relations (Sarich.6)

- 6.1.1. CGS will be hosting a party open to all grad and professional students on January 17th (location and time to be announced soon).

6.2. International Student Concerns (Estiri.1)

- 6.2.1. There have been complaints about the services offered to graduate students by the Writing Center on campus. The committee is working on communicating with this office but has run into difficulty getting them to see our perspective. Any international students who have had issues or experiences with this, please send these testimonials to estiri.1.

6.3. Graduate Student Affairs (Pauley.66)

- 6.3.1. Michelle met with the Office of Institutional Equity about the “U Got This” sexual harassment training to discuss how it may be problematic. The committee would like to create a feedback survey that can be shared with the delegate body and their constituents.
- 6.3.2. Hoping to have a rep from this office (OIE) attend the January delegate meeting.
- 6.3.3. Pauley.66 and Post.144 met with Administration and Planning to understand the timeline and agreement between OSU and Lyft because the answers received via email about this partnership were not satisfactory. We are still pushing for better answers and data about the long-term feasibility. If you are using this service and are being charged more than the advertised rate, please pass on these experiences to the GSA committee.

6.4. Housing & Family Affairs (Uanhoro.1)

- 6.4.1. If you are interested in being part of the working group, please email uanhoro.1. This group will discuss and make recommendations to the administration about the needs of students with families.

7. SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS

7.1. Delegate Concerns

- 7.1.1. Cool.208 asked whether the undergrad GE requirement changes are going to affect GTA appointments and availability.
- The prediction is that there will not be any major effect. There will be another listening session coming soon and you can also submit feedback online at oaa.osu.edu → GE Implementation Committee.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1. Resolution 1920 AU-008: A Resolution Requesting That the Ohio State University Subsidizes the Expenses of Buckeye Village Residents Who Continue into Academic Year 2020-2021 at University Village and Provides Facilities in Line with The University’s Key Values

- 8.1.1. Siripurapu.4, author of this resolution, explains that although UV rent will be subsidized for students who are moving from BV, there are other expenses currently covered by BV that will not be included at UV. Also, any future students would be paying the full UV rate and would not receive any university subsidy. The buses currently used by UV are also not accessible for handicapped people or people who may need to transport large items like strollers.
- 8.1.2. **Questions:**
- Cool.208 asks whether the UV expenses listed in Appendix A is the current rate or the subsidized rate?
 - This is the current UV rate. The subsidized rate has not yet been published.
 - Stirek.1 points out that it might fill in the gaps some for the university to provide funding for programs to create the sense of community that is being lost with BV.

- Pauley.66 asks what the plan is for the current BV buses once that route is discontinued.
- Shah.1285 points out that CGS should not be endorsing subsidies going to a private entity. Can we add a statement to this resolution to this effect?

8.1.3. Discussion:

- Holt.351 asks whether this is the battle that we should be fighting because many BV residents are still fighting to keep BV.
 - This resolution was written with the assumption that this move is happening, and we want to protect students when it does.
 - Shah.1285 suggests that we should add a statement expressing that we are not advocating for students to be moved from BV at all.
 - Vieria.31 points out that the rates listed are not accurate as of this year. Also, when she visited UV for a tour, they advertised that heat, trash, and water will all be covered.
 - Patrus.1 points out that the language in Line 34 should be amended to say “not accessible to people with disabilities” rather than “handicap friendly”
 - Motion passes.
 - Stirek.1 proposes an amendment to add “Whereas the Buckeye Village Community is being broken up without any attempt to maintain the support and culture of said community” and a final bullet point to Therefore Be It Resolved, saying “create programming funded by the university to support community-building and community services such as day care”
 - Motion passes.
 - Shah.1285 motions to amend the resolution to add a clause that states that CGS does not endorse the demolition of BV.
 - Siripurapu.4 clarifies that we have already stated our position on this when we passed Resolution 1920 AU-006 at our last meeting.
 - Motion rescinded
 - Beauregard.13 motions to amend the resolution to include a “whereas” clause stating that we are opposed to BV demolition but recognize that the university has decided to move forward anyway and a “whereas” statement stating that CGS does not endorse the university subsidizing a private entity.
 - Estiri.1 suggests adding this language to the end of the resolution instead of the beginning because it is not germane to the main point of the resolution.
 - Motion to amend “does not support” to “opposes” in this amendment.
 - Motion passes.
- 8.1.4. Estiri.1 moves to extend discussion time by 5 minutes.
- 8.1.5. Motion does not pass.
- 8.1.6. Shah.1285 motions to reconsider motion to extend discussion.
- 8.1.7. Discussion time extended by 5 minutes.
- 8.1.8. Discussion continued:
- Datar.10 asks what the current status of day care services are.
 - The center is at BV and will stay open after demolition.
 - Larosa.15 asks whether there is a transportation plan between UV and this day care center.
 - This is part of the conversation but has not been decided.
 - Givans.2 asks why we would want to take a stance on privatization in one clause here rather than in a separate resolution. Motion passes.
- 8.1.9. Amendments are proposed to fix typos in the resolution and correct the rental rates listed in Appendix A and referenced in Lines 22-26.
- 8.1.10. Resolution is voted on.
- 8.1.11. Resolution passes.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

8.1 Next meeting is January 10th, 2019 @ 3:30pm, Room 348 Drinko Hall

10. Meeting adjourned at 5:33pm.