

## **CGS Delegate Packet February 2017**

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Council of Graduate Students  
The Ohio State University

Delegate Meeting  
Agenda Feb. 24 2017  
2nd Spring 2017  
Delegate Meeting

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

1.1. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

*To effectively advocate and program to ensure that The Ohio State University graduate student experience is the best it can be.*

1.2. From the CGS CODE OF ETHICS

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING**

**3. GUEST SPEAKER:**

**Dr. Monica Moll, University Public Safety Director**

**4. Officer Updates**

- 4.1. President
- 4.2. Vice President
- 4.3. Secretary
- 4.4. Treasurer
- 4.5. Chief of Staff

**5. Committee Chair Announcements**

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

- 6.1. Consideration of Immigration Resolution
- 6.2 Opening of Nominations for CGS Officers 2017-18
- 6.3 Delegate Concerns

**8. ANNOUNCEMENTS: NEXT MEETING OFFICER ELECTIONS March 31, 2017**



President Bowers.461 called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm.

**Purpose Statement:** To effectively advocate and program to ensure that the OSU graduate experience is the best it can be. – Read by VP

**Guest Speaker: Bruce McPheron**

When I interact with grad student organizations I keep learning from the questions that are asked. Over the last year, we have worked on increasing the minimum level of graduate stipends. The low minimum levels were not well distributed across the universities. We have not dismissed the recommendation to keep increasing the stipends from time to time. We have asked to set up a committee to draw up compensation plans for grad students.

**Housing** – President and I are committed to work towards having affordable housing for the grad students. We made a mistake with the Buckeye Village (BV) situation – we did not announce our plans. BV 2.0 plan is slightly better than our previous plans. The larger questions that is facing us is - what is the demand for grad family housing. There will be a committee that will look into the demand aspect for grad housing. Lack of huge waiting list at BV could have been because of the lack of quality housing.

**Finance** – There will likely be a lot of change at both the state and federal level with respect to finance. OSU's budget has been built on the bedrock of being a public university. The baseline support comes from State funding and student tuition. That is not a sustainable method.

**Partnership**- I wasn't around when the decision regarding parking were made. That is still one of the hot topics for conversation across university. We should find a way to make partnership that agrees with our core values. We made half a billion dollars by entering into a partnership for the parking. Energy management is the scenario where we can benefit from having partnership in managing energy. We have sustainability goals for energy. Any relationship that we have should meet the same sustainability goal or more. Each discussion should be built around this fact.

**Q&A Session**

Wheeler.1008 – Purpose of university is to find new ideas and disseminate that. Would you consider that the purpose of the university is also to look after the well-being of student, faculty and staff? A lot of students and others have not liked the subcontracting of parking and hence we do not have the confidence that our well-being will be taken into consideration for the energy management plan.

A – We would want to focus on the well-being of the people. I would like to think we are considering all the same elements. Some employments could be at stake with the change, like what had happened with the parking situation. We have assured that that will not be the case with the energy management.

Anderson.2299 – I heard your name being associated with the Teaching & Learning (T&L) institute. What is it and how is it different from UCAT and the department of T&L and how will it benefit grad students?

A – It was a joint effort. It is an overarching entity to ensure that OSU becomes a world leader in teaching. We had many institutes that were working to this effect. So in addition to looking at making students better teachers and learners, the focus is to have better scholarship for T&L.

Similar effort was done in Penn State where there would be transcript reflecting the T&L aspect.

Q – What is your vision for campus wide conversations?

A – Nationally 20 per of PhD grads end up in tenure track position. Another 20 per are involved in academic setting but others are involved in other jobs. I have asked Scott Herness to have campus wide conversations to understand how to prepare the grad students to take up academic jobs. We will first think about that and understand and then build a program to ensure that the students are prepared.

Swati Vijaya– Intl grad students are failing the ESL tests and are being limited to grading jobs. How do you explain the discrimination when you claim in your orientation about being a global university?

A – I can't explain it as u have introduced me to a situation that I was not aware of. We have been having some conversation about ESL. Let me follow up with some data.

Q – The area to the north of OSU is set for major renovation and building. Will that new area be used for grad housing similar to BV?

A – (Jennifer) – Owner of the lot is considering alternative plans but that is not in partnership with OSU. We need to have a strategic plan.

Connolly.93 – What could the university be doing better to create more tenure track jobs as more and more grad students are enrolling. Right now the burden of teaching falls on adjunct faculty.

A – Met with faculty leaders and spoke about some of these questions. A huge difference between tenure and non-tenure track professors is that you are being advised by tenure track professors. Non-tenure track are only involved in teaching and involving them for other activities is not a part of their job. We need to have more discussions about this with the leadership.

Q – University is stern about the energy management and has not involved the students in any part of negotiation.

A – We are not negotiating anything. We are slow in gathering the relevant data. Our next step is to release the request for proposal (RFP). Within a short period of time we will have clarity whether we want to go for the next step. Much of fall semester was spent in going through various drafts to reflect on our values and requirements.

### **Approval of minutes**

The minutes from the November meeting were presented and were approved unanimously after suggesting the following edits.

Edits:

Resolution 1617-FA-002 - It was approved and the resolution was amended.

Resolution 1617-FA-003 – Amendment to include visa status had passed unanimously and the resolution was also passed unanimously.

### **Officer Reports**

#### **President's Report**

- I have been having meeting regarding the BV situation. Student Life (SL) has begun the process of having a discussion with the grad student body about the situation. I strongly encourage you to let people know about the invitation to take part in the discussion. Place a priority on getting a word out about it with the constituents.
- I have contacted the new chief of public safety to address the concerns that are being raised about the safety following the November incident. She will be addressing the delegate body during the next meeting. Having somebody watch a 6 min video does not answer the questions that we have.
- On track with GCBC committee. We will have a survey out about 20 hour working stipulation.

## **Vice President's Report**

- Welcome back! Make sure to read the agenda
- Haye's forum is on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. We still need faculty judges – nominate them
- We need volunteers from 7 am to 3 pm.
- Please fill the committee feedback form. Email directly to me if you have some time sensitive concerns.
- Apportionment – name changes were made. Need feedback on numbers. We are looking for over or under-representation.
- Elections for officer position will be open from this semester
- By Feb 4<sup>th</sup> the notifications will be sent out to the students who are selected to present.

## **Treasurer's Report**

- Ray Travel Award applications and career development grant is due Feb 1<sup>st</sup>
- Global gateway grant application is due march 1<sup>st</sup>
- Workshop on grants is scheduled for Feb 13<sup>th</sup> at research commons

## **Committee Chair Reports**

### **CEMP committee – Hatum.9**

Please email if you want to join the committee.

Gave an overview of the committee's activities.

### **Arts and Culture - Schroeder.650**

Showcasing Romeo and Juliet tonight.

Coordinated a post-show interview/talk. Another show is in the books.

### **Health and wellness Committee – Hopkins.774**

We have a survey that you should share it with your constituents.

### **International Student Concerns – Wirza.1**

Event with OIA - Global engagement film series – Japanese film and a discussion.

### **Student Legal Services – Anderson.2299**

We are sending a survey out in March

## **New business**

- Form ad hoc housing committee  
This is going to be an important issue for next few years and make this a standing committee (next leadership). Inter professional students would like to partner up with CGS to deal with this issue. Anybody interested in being a part of that committee should email VP or president. Schroeder.650 seconded the motion to form the ad-hoc committee.  
The motion passed unanimously.

## **Delegate issues and concerns.**

- Delaney.1 - Can we get a better understanding about diversity in grad school both national and international? Some of the students of color and women are not feeling well supported and have to seek support from outside the campus community.
  - Phase 2 conversations is talking about diversity and inclusion. There is going to be a survey on this later in the semester.

- Wheeler.1008 - Concerned about public education in Columbus. Students from low income areas are not being actively engaged in science and tech via demonstration and experiments from college faculties –
  - Office of social change is trying to something about it
  - There's a group called scientific thinkers – college students get to do some scientific experiments with the students.
- Concerned about the quality of orientation here. It is not as informative. Information regarding insurance and OPERS is not provided.
  - Kerry made note of that
- Perkins.442 – Closing of parking near the med centers to make space for park has been a concern. Where are they supposed to park?
  - There is a CGS representative on parking committee and VP will get you in contact
- Velez.71 – Fellowship grad students are not considered as an employee of the university and are not given space to work or conduct studies. Some steps have to be taken to correct that.
  - Some fellowship students are not being given access to software or equipment.
- Anderson.2299 – We should be participate in the on-going discussion about BV as this is an issue that concerns future grad students too. We should be cooperative with the leadership regarding the BV situation.
- Question by a constituent - Why doesn't tuition fees cover all aspects of student fees?

President Bowers.461 adjourned the meeting at 5:22 pm.

It's been a busy month. I think the best way to structure this month's update is under 5 headings:

- Immigration
- CEMP
- Housing
- Compensation
- CGS transitions and opportunities to lead

Before getting into those major headings I wanted to take a moment to recognize the work of many of our committees. I was in the office a little past 7 the other morning, preparing for a Code of Student Conduct Review Committee meeting and bumped into Laura Hopkins as she prepared for a Health and Wellness meeting and the upcoming event that they're planning. Deborwah Faulk and Diversity & Inclusion committee are in the midst of a crazy busy term running sessions for our certificate program. If you haven't yet signed up either for the full certificate program or just one of the workshops I strongly encourage you to do so. We have already gone passed 300 registrants, or one and a half times the participants of last year's program! The committee has also been instrumental in some of the events surrounding Hidden Figures on campus. SERC is working on a way to raise awareness about how "recycling" the wrong stuff ends up creating more trash. Both our grants committees and Hayes committee have been working away. And you have learned of much of these things (I hope) through the e-newsletter that Matthew Connolly and Mar/Com committee have created.

### **Immigration**

The weekend following the new Executive Order was a time of great concern especially when we received word that the spouse of a fellow graduate student was being held at JFK in New York. The three student government presidents met that Sunday evening and issued a joint statement expressing our shared concern that the action by the federal government appears to go against values that we as Buckeyes hold dear, including those of academic freedom, self-expression and family. Since then I've been working with the office of Student Life as well as the Office of International Affairs to put together at least one CGS co-sponsored session for all those with concerns about impacts of new immigration policies I've also worked with the university's office of governmental affairs to explore whether the university might broaden its response. At the February meeting we will ask the delegates to consider a resolution expressing continuing concern with and attention to this important issue.

### **Comprehensive Energy Management Plan**

As we discussed at the last delegate meeting, the pace had been different than had been anticipated last Spring. The ad hoc committee on CEMP was able to meet after the January delegates meeting, but before the announcement last week that the RFP had been issued. As some of us have discussed in the past several days, the language in the announcement didn't layout a clear plan for involving the university's shared governance structure, the Senate, as a part of the decision process. This surprised many of us and over the next several days I have scheduled meetings seek clarification on this point as well as to begin organizing advocacy for an opportunity for a proposal to come to Senate should that not be part of the administration's current plan. I expect to have some more clarity on this by our February Delegate meeting next week. I hope that our CEMP committee will be able to meet at least once

between now and our March meeting so that we can be prepared for possible response to a proposal in March if necessary.

### **Housing**

After a few months of our/my making multiple requests for a summary report regarding lead found in pipes of some apartments, the university has issued a report. It details the process of testing, the numbers of water taps found to have actionable levels and the actions taken to correct the problems. It generally answers the questions that I had, but because it was only recently released, I'm waiting to hear from our Health and Wellness committee to be certain that it answered all the questions we were seeking clarity on.

Construction project removing part of Buckeye Village and the university's search for what's next for student family housing: In terms of the upcoming construction project, representatives from Administration and Planning as well as Student Life are now holding regular meetings at Buckeye Village. I continue meeting with Jay Casey and Dr. J and continue to urge that as much thought and care as possible be put into the demolition and construction process. I've also continue to share that specific concern with various bodies on campus, including Grad Council. It is certainly a concern to which leaders are now sensitive to, but I believe it will be important, as summer comes and construction begins, for CGS to do what it can to ensure residents' needs are addressed. Another aspect of this project is that the university is not offering housing to incoming students with families for the upcoming Fall and quite possibly for the following year as well. I have put a great deal of effort into working to see whether a viable temporary alternative exists, and while I have nothing concrete report at this time, my latest idea hasn't yet been dismissed. More to come.

As many of you are aware we were all surprised a couple of weeks ago to learn that an RFP had been issued seeking private developers to partner with the university on a potential replacement for Buckeye Village. Upon learning new of this development I immediately met with Jay and Dr. J via a conference call to gain some information about what they were thinking, as well as express concern both at how the RFP came to be issued without our knowing they were thinking of it, and more importantly to raise questions about whether such an alternative would be an adequate replacement for Buckeye Village.

In terms of grad/prof housing more generally, in addition to working with IPC to get our joint ad hoc committee formed, we've been working with Student Life to invite students to listening sessions for the purpose of Student Life reps hearing broadly from students about housing needs. There are two more sessions scheduled. Please attend one and encourage your constituents to do so as well. Ohio State has not generally provided much in terms of graduate housing, and in the past several years the trend had been to step away from some that it had provided. We have a rare window of opportunity to make a difference for future students.

### **Compensation**

GCBC will be meeting soon to approve this year's report and recommendations. The draft continues to call on the university for a \$750/year increase in the minimum stipend over each of the next 3 years. In looking over the statistics for this year, it's gratifying to see not only all the people who received raises as a direct result of the minimum being raised, but also to see that this year saw large numbers of GA appointments at higher stipend levels also receive increases.



At long last the highly anticipated graduate and postdoc compensation work group is set to meet in the next couple of weeks. While GCBC is a standing committee of the Senate, this work group has been called together by the provost to assist in developing an overall philosophy of compensation. I was asked to serve as a part of the work group and will report back to CGS as I learn more.

As we've discussed over the year, CGS is aiming to gather information regarding programs' official policies regarding graduate student duties and the procedures for implementing and regulating such policies. Matthew Connelly and I (with our GCBC hats on) met with the director for the study of student life about the construction and deployment of the survey. We have an initial draft and are on target to have it released and data collected by the end of this term. Assuming that the full committee approves, the survey will come from GCBC. If that doesn't prove workable, it will come from CGS.

### **CGS Transitions**

After this update, I only have 2 more left as your CGS President. While I end each update with an expression of thanks for allowing me to serve, even with the 22<sup>nd</sup> iteration the phrase is not rote, I truly am grateful. The opportunities for me to learn, grow, and in a few small ways make an impact on this institution have been tremendous, but the best part has been the incredible folks I've met who make up CGS. Thank you for caring enough to be a part of that, and for caring enough about our fellow students to make the time to be a part of CGS!

At the February meeting nominations will be opened for officer positions, President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Please give serious consideration to running for office. If you have even the slightest sense that you'd like to be more directly involved, even if you're concerned about time commitments or job demands, please reach out and talk, or email, with one of us officers. I don't know many people who like standing for election—in fact I was a bit nervous about the “none of the above” vote when I ran unopposed—but we need people who want to do this sort of thing. Though the time demands differ a bit between and among the positions, all of the officers have the opportunity to work closely with each other and to be as involved as they can be with issues of particular concern.

As always, thanks for allowing me to serve as your president!

*David*

## Vice President Report

- Hayes Forum is on March 3, 2017. I need your help with two things:
  - Please nominate at least two faculty members to be Hayes Forum judges:  
<https://cgs.osu.edu/hayes-forum/judges-information/>
  - Please think about volunteering! I need help on March 3, 2017 from 7 a.m.- 3 p.m.
- You should have received an initial contact from your committee chair by this point. Please send me an e-mail if you have not heard from your chair.
- Apportionment information will be provided in this upcoming meeting. I will share with you the number of seats for each area. This will just be preliminary information in order to get your initial thoughts on the number of seats.
- Please start considering if you would like to run for elections for next academic year or would like to serve the Council of Graduate Students in any way. Please let me know if you would like more information about any of the opportunities or have feedback or suggestions for next year. Please visit our website for a snapshot of the positions:  
<http://www.cgs.osu.edu/get-involved/>
- Please don't hesitate to reach out if you would like to set-up a formal or informal meeting. Or if you have any feedback for me.

**Council of Graduate Students**  
**Account Balances - Budget vs. Actual**  
 July 1 through January 1, 2017

	<u>Jul '16 - Jan 17</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>Income</b>		
Coca Cola Carry Forward	14,532.13	16,000.00
Coca Cola Endowment	15,500.85	14,000.00
CSA Carry Forward	8,646.92	7,500.00
CSA Student Activity Fee	77,664.43	77,000.00
Global Gtwy	5,000.00	10,000.00
Global Gtwy Carry Forward	6,572.41	3,000.00
Grad Sch.--Hayes	9,000.00	9,000.00
Grant NAGPS Hosting	0.00	5,000.00
OAA Ray Travel	35,000.00	35,000.00
OAA Ray Travel Carry Forward	15,616.16	10,000.00
OR Hayes Endwmnt	10,000.00	10,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>197,532.90</b>	<b>196,500.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
<b>1000 President's Projects</b>		
1100 Discretionary	0.00	1,000.00
1300 Inauguration	0.00	1,000.00
<b>Total 1000 President's Projects</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2,000.00</b>
<b>2000 Vice President</b>		
2100 Hayes	124.47	28,000.00
<b>Total 2000 Vice President</b>	<b>124.47</b>	<b>28,000.00</b>
<b>3000 Committees</b>		
<b>3100 Exec</b>		
3110 Retreat	2,916.80	3,000.00
3120 Awards & Rec	0.00	500.00
3130 Exec Disc	0.00	602.00
3140 Comm. Disc.	0.00	3,000.00
3150 MarCom	1,189.01	10,000.00
3160 Speaker Series	0.00	4,000.00
3100 Exec - Other	0.00	5,000.00
<b>Total 3100 Exec</b>	<b>4,105.81</b>	<b>26,102.00</b>
3301 Grants Admin	0.00	500.00
3340 Arts & Culture	180.00	3,000.00
3400 Del OutReach Grnt	1,000.00	3,700.00
3410 Communications	0.00	1,000.00
3500 Div & Inclusion	0.00	3,000.00
3510 International Concerns	870.00	3,275.00
3610 Ray Trv Grant Adm	0.00	500.00
3611 Ray Award Receptions	0.00	2,000.00
3700 Grad H & W	0.00	2,500.00

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 July 1 through January 1, 2017

	<u>Jul '16 - Jan 17</u>	<u>Budget</u>
3710 SERC	0.00	2,000.00
3800 Org & Elect	0.00	500.00
3900 Senate Advisory	0.00	0.00
<b>Total 3000 Committees</b>	<b>6,155.81</b>	<b>48,077.00</b>
<b>3300 Grants Admin Funds</b>		
3310 Career Dev	3,693.90	12,000.00
3320 Global Gtwy	13,500.00	15,000.00
3330 Ray Travel Award	19,161.99	50,616.00
3300 Grants Admin Funds - Other	0.00	0.00
<b>Total 3300 Grants Admin Funds</b>	<b>36,355.89</b>	<b>77,616.00</b>
<b>4000 Office Equip</b>		
4100 Copier	0.00	500.00
4200 Equip.	0.00	400.00
4300 Furn.	0.00	0.00
4400 Supplies	97.01	1,000.00
4500 Telephone	0.00	1,650.00
4600 Technology	4,557.00	8,000.00
4000 Office Equip - Other	0.00	65.00
<b>Total 4000 Office Equip</b>	<b>4,654.01</b>	<b>11,615.00</b>
<b>5000 Administrative</b>		
5100 Student Life Init.		
5120 Fall Event	0.00	0.00
5130 Spr. Event	0.00	0.00
<b>Total 5100 Student Life Init.</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
5300 Mtng. Refreshments	6,055.05	12,500.00
5400 Org. Dev.	181.22	500.00
5410 Travel	1,256.61	12,500.00
6000 Prkng Passes	3,745.92	4,685.00
5000 Administrative - Other	36.96	0.00
<b>Total 5000 Administrative</b>	<b>11,275.76</b>	<b>30,185.00</b>
<b>8000 PY Encum</b>		
8100 Career Dev.	0.00	500.00
8200 Global Gtwy	0.00	500.00
8300 Ray Travel Award	0.00	3,000.00
8000 PY Encum - Other	0.00	1,000.00
<b>Total 8000 PY Encum</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>5,000.00</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>58,565.94</b>	<b>202,493.00</b>

**Resolution 1617-SP-001**  
**A Resolution Opposing Recent Executive Order Barring**  
**Immigration**

WHEREAS The Council of Graduate Students (CGS) is the representative body of all graduate students enrolled in The Ohio State University (established by Article II.I of the CGS Constitution); and

WHEREAS on January 27th, 2017, President Donald J. Trump issued an Executive Order effectively suspending “nearly all travelers” on passports from Iraq, Syria, Sudan, Iran, Somalia, Libya, and Yemen from entry into the United States of America,

WHEREAS little or no evidence of past current or future threat from citizens of these countries, nor was any other reasoning offered for the banning of citizens of these 7 countries,

WHEREAS this Executive Order does not explicitly protect foreign nationals with approved visas issued for the purpose of pursuing higher education,

WHEREAS this Executive Order further states that “at any point” citizens of additional nations may be submitted for similar treatment,

WHEREAS The Ohio State University has more than 6,000 international students as part of its community,

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Council of Graduate Students at The Ohio State University expresses its opposition to the aforementioned Executive Order, and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that we affirm the University’s commitment to international students as expressed in President Michael Drake’s recent letter to the University community and we ask that the University explore all reasonable options to oppose this Executive Order or any other such orders which, with similar apparent arbitrary intent, similarly threaten access to our shared pursuit and sharing of knowledge

## ISCC February Meeting package

The International Student Concerns Committee is currently working on the following projects:

- In collaboration with Grad School and OIA, incoming international students will receive a series of emails on different kinds information, among other things: a welcome letter from the Dean of Grad School, visa and immigration paperwork, housing, COAM, Counseling and Consultation services, and campus involvement. The committee had suggested that the information regarding grad/family housing to be revised to reflect the changes at BV (i.e. grad/family housing is currently not accepting new application)  
<https://housing.osu.edu/living-on-campus/family-housing/>  
In addition, the committee ensured that CGS information and website link be included in the campus involvement information.
- The committee followed up with Grad School on revising the information on ESL exemptions in Graduate Handbook. The 10/28/ 2016 meeting notes:
  - The current wording on the website:  
<https://gpadmissions.osu.edu/intl/english-proficiency.html>  
**Exemptions**  
Applicants who are citizens of or who have **received a bachelor's degree or higher** from one of the following countries are exempt from the English proficiency requirement: Australia, Belize, the British Caribbean and British West Indies, Canada (except Quebec), England, Guyana, Ireland, Liberia, New Zealand, Scotland, the United States and Wales.
  - Grad School will be revising the problematic/ambiguous wording on Grad School Handbook (bolded above). The phrase needs to be removed and/or clarified by explicitly mentioning the language tests OSU takes as exemptions.
- The committee has been working on the 3-5 minute video edits project on various legal topics international students should be familiar with: driving in Ohio, leases, scams, personal safety, how to deal with police, etc. The videos are expected to be archived on the CGS/ISCC website for future use.
- The committee reviewed the updated OIA website and International Student Handbook and made the following suggestions:
  - (1) Making the 2016/2017 International Student Handbook easily accessible on the OIA website. It is currently not accessible without performing separate searches from OSU homepage.

- (2) Revising the wording regarding obtaining Ohio driver's license to explicitly mention "Ohio-issued" phrase in the Handbook, from "It is illegal to drive without a valid driver's license" (p.30) to *"It is illegal to drive without a valid Ohio-issued driver's license"*  
<https://oia.osu.edu/pdf/StudentHandbookPagesOnline.pdf>
  - (3) Accommodating the practice driving space use for international students who have the driver's license from other states and wish to continue to drive in Ohio due to different test requirements in the other states.
  - (4) Posting the information on the availability of the practice driving space on the website/the Handbook/flyers.
- The committee continues to explore possible solutions for international students with multiple last names. We have contacted the office of ASCTech and were informed that the problems are due to character limits set by the software. We proposed that ASCTech, admission, and related offices to consider putting up some guidelines for these students to chose a culturally preferred last name in their communication throughout their career at OSU.
  - In collaboration with Fisher College's career office, the committee is at planning stage to host a career session for international students in April. We will have a panel of speakers to give career information and workshop.
  - RUOK? Day: Buckeye Campaign Against Suicide (March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, flyer attached)

## Possible Help with Tax Prep Questions

Student volunteers from Fisher's Masters of Accounting program are helping with free tax preparation assistance at 303 East 6th Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, 43201. These are on Fridays roughly from 5 pm to 8 pm and on Saturdays from 10 am to 2:30 pm and the last session will be on Saturday, March 4th (three more weekends available). Reminder: These clinics are not equipped to help international students (other sites in Franklin County provide that service), and students must call 2-1-1 to make an appointment ahead of time.

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**The Office of International Affairs in collaboration with the University Payroll Tax Office will be hosting three tax help walk-in sessions on the following dates:**

Monday, February 20th from 1:30-3:30 in Enarson 160

Friday, March 3rd from 2:00-3:30 Enarson 160

Thursday, March 15th from 2:00-3:30 Enarson 160

Representatives from the University Tax Office will be on hand to provide help with the Glacier Tax Prep System and answer general questions about the tax return process. Students planning to attend these sessions should have their individual Glacier record completed and bring the following documents:

- W-2 forms (if you were issued one),
- 1042s forms (if you were issued one)
- Any other tax documentation you received for 2016
- Passport
- I-20, DS-2019 or I-797
- I-94 (available at [www.cpb.gov/I94](http://www.cpb.gov/I94))

The Office of International Affairs will also be holding walk in hours for students in need of a "no employment letter" for their Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) applications on the following dates:

Monday, March 27th from 10AM-12PM

Thursday, March 30th from 2-4PM

Tuesday, April 4th from 10AM-12PM

Friday, April 7th from 2-4PM

Thursday, April 13th from 10AM-12PM

Monday, April 17th from 2PM-4PM

Students planning to attend these sessions should bring the following documents:

- Completed W-7 form
- Passport
- I-20 or DS-2019
- I-94 (available at [www.cpb.gov/I94](http://www.cpb.gov/I94))

Please note, OIA can only assist with issuing the "no employment" letter and cannot answer any specific tax



Performance  
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Ohio Union



Prizes      Food  
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# RUOK? DAY

3.2.2017

3:00 - 7:00 pm

Resources around the Community

**U**niversity: what OSU has to offer in the mental health arena

**O**rganization: passionate advocates about mental health

Become **K**nowledgeable about mental health in different cultures

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# Open Engagement Series #1

## Roundtable Discussion with Arts and Community Organizers

Have you been thinking about a career in the arts sectors?  
Does your research/work intersect with...?:

- #Community projects and services
- #Working with diverse populations and groups
- #Organizing arts projects
- #Performing and visual arts
- #Library services—organizing/curating arts exhibits for the libraries
- #Networking within the arts
- #Museums

Come and join us for a roundtable discussion with Dr. Shoshanah Goldberg-Miller and Ken Aschliman to learn more about your future in the arts. We will also address concerns based on current political development and their impact on a career in the arts.

### Dr. Shoshana Goldberg-Miller

Dr. Shoshanah Goldberg-Miller (Ph.D., The New School) specializes in creative economic development, cultural policy, arts entrepreneurship, and nonprofit management. She will talk on the ways that cities use arts and culture in planning. Her expertise on policy theory offers us a starting point to discuss the impact of current legislation on the arts sector and the implications of that on the job market.



### Ken Aschliman

Ken Aschliman is the exhibitions coordinator for the OSU Libraries. He served as director of ROY G BIV Gallery for Emerging Artists, taught at the Columbus Museum of Art, Ohio Craft Museum, and Columbus College of Art & Design. He received his BFA in Fine Arts and Minor in Art History from CCAD in 2011.



*This event is sponsored by CGS  
Arts and Culture Committee*

**Feb 27, 6-8pm**  
Brutus Buckeye Room,  
Ohio Union, 3rd floor

*The event is open to the public. Light refreshments and snacks will be served. Please RSVP by Feb 21st by emailing to [mueller.377@osu.edu](mailto:mueller.377@osu.edu)*