



Council of Graduate Students
The Ohio State University

Delegate Meeting Minutes

Date: May 26, 2017

Location Senate Chamber, Ohio
Union

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1. CALL TO ORDER:

- Wesaw.1 called meeting to order at 3:31pm.

1.1. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

- 1.1.1. Wesaw.1 read the Statement of Purpose: *"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 April:

- Wesaw.1 stated that the meeting minutes that were sent out with the May meeting packet were actually the March- instead of the April- minutes. The April minutes will be included in the June packet to approve, along with the May minutes. Both will be reviewed at the June meeting.

3. Officer Updates:

3.1. President's Report:

- Wesaw.1 stated that the officer's transitioned on May 8th. You can check out their biographies and the roles on the website now. Hopefully after this weekend the executive committee personnel can be updated as well.
- Wesaw.1 stated one update: Kaylee Hartman will be the parliamentarian for the upcoming academic year. She will start in August and will attend every meeting and will be a non-voting officer. She will be giving trainings around the start of the new year on Robert's Rules of Order.
- Wesaw.1 stated that he has made several committee chair assignments. He stated that he and Walterbusch.1 are working on committee assignments, so he asked anyone that is interested in joining a committee please email Wesaw.1 with those interests. It's a great way to give back and learn about what's going on across campus.
- Wesaw.1 stated that there is a request from the University's libraries to attend a stakeholder meeting on June 8th. They are looking for 10 graduate students to take part in a focus group to discuss how the University libraries can better meet our needs as graduate students.
- Wesaw.1 stated that another initiative that Tracey is spearheading is the update of the website that will likely take all year.

3.2. Secretary's Report:

- Koss.31 introduced herself as the new CGS Secretary.

4. Committee Chair Announcements:

- Connolly.93 stated that the Marketing & Communications committee is cool and it would be good

to join.

- Hopkins.774 stated that the Health and Wellness committee is working on some stuff over the summer for the fall and thanked everyone who attended the last event.
- Pierce.508 stated that there are no new updates for the Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility committee and is excited about some upcoming work they'll be doing this summer.

5. OLD BUSINESS:

- Wesaw.1 stated there was no old business.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- Wesaw.1 stated that there was an issue getting these out in the last meeting packets due to the transition between secretaries, but according to the Bylaws we can review the legislation today because they were submitted to the Secretary, they were just accidentally left out of the Delegate Meeting Packet.
- Wesaw.1 asks the delegates to decide whether they would like to review and pass it today or if they'd like more time to review and we can discuss it in June.

6.1. Meetings Legislation:

- Legislation was discussed, Pierce.508 moved to approve the legislation, Caliva.1 seconded, and this legislation was passed unanimously.

6.2. Standing Committees Legislation:

- Wesaw.1 stated that this legislation contains the committees that he is proposing, including a few different new committees. Academic Affairs, Graduate Student Affairs, and Senate Advisory and Government Relations are all new committees.
- Wesaw.1 provided some background information around these new committees: the undergraduate school is looking at restructuring the general education curricula and requirements for students. Many graduate students teach these courses and receive funding for this, so this is a piece of legislation they would want to pay attention too how it impacts graduate students specifically. They have had this committee in the past, so he proposes we bring it back. The graduate student affairs is a new committee proposed due to the issue with housing for graduate students but he wants it too also cover other issues that may arise in the future for graduate students. This will be a major issue committee. The last thing to note that is different is the Senate Advisory and Government Relations committee. The Senate Advisory is the committee made up of all of the elected Senators and Wesaw.1 is proposing that we combine this so that someone that is not a Senator and is interested in local and state wide legislation that teams up with the Senate advisory to address these issues. One issue that may be discussed would be freezes on tuition for graduate students (undergraduate students have this freeze, but this does not apply to graduate students).
- Damico.43 asked for a point of clarification: please define standing committees.
- Wesaw.1 explained these are set committees for the year, not ad hoc committees that we make for the year that have an expiration date. These standing committees do not have expiration dates.
- Polite.3 motioned this legislation, Pierce.508 seconded, and the legislation was unanimously approved.
- Wesaw.1 showed everyone the current chairs. He stated that there are no chairs for the new committees we just voted in yet. And that Hoda Hatoum is taking on the international student concerns committee for next year.

6.3. Any Delegate Issues and Concerns:

- Dentzer.3 stated an issue with Canvas that has been raised before and no one really has an answer, so I'm going to try to raise it again. She's with history and they use a lot of PowerPoint's and class materials on Canvas, but they have a 500 megabytes restriction.
- Pierce.508 asked if there is anyone representing CGS that are on any external committees that could represent this problem?

- Wesaw.1 stated that the distance education and learning committee chair may be able to address this once we have a chair for them.
- Hodak.2 stated that over the summer we could reach out to the Office of the Chief Information Officer and management for Canvas and reach out to Academic Affairs from the Senate committee that still meets over the summer and they may be able to help address this. We would probably have better luck with multiple different directions.
- Pierce.508 stated we should ask the delegates if there are others that are having those issues?
- Koss.31 stated that occupational therapy also had this issue.
- Dentzer.3 stated that there are ways around it, but she wants to be able to have everything centrally located on Canvas.
- Bean.240 stated there are questions regarding west campus parking changes. There have been some emails that went out, but there is some lack of information. We need more details on bus frequency and times, this information is not online yet and I have tried contacting transportation and have not heard back yet. Also, what is going to happen to those who already park on west campus that have student permits can they still park there? From what I understand they can, but I'd like more guidance on what that's going to look like for them.
- Eichaker.1's alternate stated there are going to be a lot of changes for students, medical staff, and researchers with the medical construction, parking, and bus scheduling issues.
- Hodak.2 suggested having campus parc come in and have a presentation so we know where the student commuters go and where the med center remote parkers go.
- Cantonwine.2 asked for updates regarding the football graduate student tickets.
- Wesaw.1 stated that Walterbusch.1 is the point of contact for this but he believes this is still under discussion.
- Hodak.2 stated that they may still implement this new option for the fall and that this would be an option, not a requirement for students. For example, when it's time to complete group seating you could choose to sit in the graduate student section or sit by your rank. This started because some graduate students have mentioned that they may buy two tickets (for themselves and their spouse) but bring their kids instead and have complained about hearing inappropriate language when sitting near undergraduate students. It is believed that there may be less inappropriate language if there was a section for graduate and professional students specifically. Walterbusch.1 is working on finding out exactly where the seating would be and she doesn't know if they've come to a conclusion yet. Hodak.2 said her guess is that this will be an option when you do your seating sections.
- Wesaw.1 stated that he will look into it and find out more once Walterbusch.1 is back from vacation.
- Hatoum.9 asked a question about the immigration ban going to Supreme Court and whether this was a good or bad thing for immigrant students.
- Pierce.508 stated the whole thing is not a good thing.
- Wesaw.1 agreed that it's not a good thing in general, but stated he didn't really know how to answer that question. He said given the trend of the ban having been struck down over and over again that it is a good sign.
- Wesaw.1 suggested that Hatoum.9 can take on this issue with her committee (International Student Concerns).
- Hatoum.9 asked how long the supreme court takes?
- Eichaker.1's alternate stated it could take years.
- Bean.240 stated that he believes the last chance it was blocked was a good sign.
- Wheeler.1008 stated that the Supreme court doesn't have to see all cases, but they likely will because the President issued this ban.
- Hodak.2 confirmed he was correct, but it's likely that they will see it and decide whether or not it should stay in play. If they rule in favor or if they think it's an unconstitutional order. The fact that it was 10-3 is a pretty strong case, but the Supreme Court will likely have some kind of hearing on just that issue (but they won't make a decision on the underlying issue) so there's still a long way to go on the final answer.
- Lo.208 asked for clarification about whether or not the Senate Advisory Government Relations

committee member would be paying attention to these issues.

- Wesaw.1 said yes, they could take a position on it and work with international student concerns on these types of issues.
- No other issues were discussed.

Motion to adjourn meeting. Caliva.1 motioned, Cantonwine.2 seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:06pm

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.1. June Meeting: June 23, 2017 3:30 PM Interfaith Prayer Room on the 3rd Floor of the Union.