



Delegate Meeting Minutes

Date November 30, 2012 (4th Fall Delegate Meeting)
Location Ohio Union, Senate Chambers

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MEETING OPEN AT 3:35 PM

STURM.42 (Vice President) welcomes and then reads statement of purpose.

1. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

STURM.42: 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 October 2012 Meeting

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES

DELEGATE MOTIONS

DELEGATE SECONDS

MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

3. SUSPENDED BUSINESS

3.1. Special Guest: Patrick Osmer, Dean of the Graduate School

OSMER: I only mention that because I had a general goal, but things happen the world is changing. Opportunities will come along. I saw this week a national survey about the world we're living in and how its impacting Higher Education. It was about attitudes in this country towards universities. I got several things out of it and I've come to the same conclusions myself – people think we have the best system of universities in the world, but we all have to be looking out to make sure we stay competitive by making changes.

That is why I'm very interested in working with Graduate Students and the Graduate School. Some part of your work will probably be some international work. There are lots of opportunities, and one of the items about the strategic plan is to recruit broad categories of students and really try to recruit them. We've done that in San Paulo Brazil with plants, it enhances research opportunities but also talent opportunities

We're looking out for the proper career development for graduate students in the outside world. Develop your thinking about your future career throughout graduate school, and work to network, make contacts. That is something we're trying to provide through career services, and a few of the other strategic initiatives that we have.

What is the graduate school? What does it do? We provide services from welcome ceremonies, then the welcome fair, and its not actually recognized very often, but we're the college of record for your studies. There are a lot of requirements at different levels, but we like to centralize them and let units and departments handle smaller qualifications.

We also ensure that you don't run into any problems with your degree because at the end we have to make sure that you have simple things, like enough credits to graduate. Our total staff is 22 people and we really manage those things with 10 of those. We have to enforce the rules though to ensure the integrity of degrees and programs. Sometimes its not always good, but we try to be fair. We also try to be advocates for students and take this role very seriously.

There is a power imbalance between students their programs and advisors. You need those things and sometimes problems arise. We're very glad to work with CGS on the Graduate Advising Best Practices Handbook. If it's not in your departments book, please let us over at the graduate school know. Additionally we administer the university fellowship programs. We provide direct support to students and finally we work with GCBC to work to raise the minimum stipends.

I hope I made clear that its about strengthening education and making sure you all have great careers.

OPENS FLOOR FOR QUESTIONS

DELEGATE: Are there any outreach for small businesses?

OSMER: The programs themselves often have contacts. There is an industry liaison office with the Office of Research. There has also been talks to connect recent graduates with startups. Who better to do that then recent graduates.

DELEGATE: Could you elaborate more on projects internationally. I heard you mention Shanghai, [China].

OSMER: We are starting from zero with this. We have identified one in Shanghai, one in Mumbai, and one in Brazil. The University of Technology in Brazil is a great place. We've had a long research standing collaboration, and now we're looking at inquiries from Guam and Brazil, hoping for something in India. There is also a number of health sciences people in Ethiopia and Turkey too.

DELEGATE: Regarding advisor/advisee is there any specific grievance procedure?

OSMER: Yes – they provide protection and with a population of over 10,000 students we have issues with some human relations. If there are cases of serious grievance there is a formal policy on both research and graduate side that involves legal affairs. We are quite strict on rules and guidelines with grants and procedures.

STURM.42: A lot of good feedback from Alternative Career Day. Is there any other ideas or programs?

OSMER: That's what we're here to talk to you about. I don't have direct things, but I'd like to work with CGS on improving the resources and making them more visible, because right now we can only reach so many people. Hope to improve reach via electronic tools and build connections between employers and OSU's side. We need to turn it into more action and we want to build this with CGS. We intend on building on the rich heritage we have, where we did third frontier, and we're very open to those types of projects.

Ben Stu Trustee: You discuss your role on integrity of programs how do you continue to do that and sponsor new e-programs?

E-Learning is the new program, but we have been involved and we support, how do we go from MOOCS into graduate degrees? And I don't think its sorted out. We have some online programs already and we're moving toward doing things in different ways and working to improve them. As new programs and answers emerge we'll keep building on them. In terms of graduate expectation there is an importance of tools on campus, and the elections helps to improve the experience on campus. The interactions of people are very effective.

Very happy to work with CGS! Thanks for having me.

3.2. Sequestration Update

PEINE.2: Federally right now nothing is happening, not any closer right now and still looking at across the board cuts. NAGPS meeting went well, 42 people asked for my slides. OSU legal is the only school outside of UC system that is doing anything. They really break down funding if it happens and they took it back to their schools and now schools are looking to improve. So we've started a dropbox to collect data for each state. We have had three times where people have gone for NAGPS on the hill. There is a lot of open discussion and dialog on the impacts. We have legislative action days coming up in a couple weeks, and that's after January. We want to strategize and if you can call the week

If you can try to get appointments with their aids or them when you get home that would be fantastic. Tell personal stories and this is why it is important globally and how its important for our state. We've dropped off petitions to Sen. Rob Portmans and another Ohio legislator to bring it to attention of senators.

In my Committee Report I'll talk about bringing Stivers and Tiberry onto campus and talk to them about their work. More updates to come on that.

Nationally we have a good push, but its up to congress at this point. There is also a 42 point platform on our Legislative Agenda at NAGPS

KENITZER.1 sign sequestration petition.

3.3. Graduate Student / Associate Vacation Policy

STURM.42 there is no standard on vacations policies and the chemistry delegate brought it to our attentions. Just wanted to open the floor and discuss it.

NAHAR: a couple of weeks ago there were concerns brought to him and there is no polity on vacation in the department handbook and it gives too much power to the advisor. There isn't anything in the graduate school handbook and it comes from the Human Resources. I went to look at other university handbooks and many have policies like OSU's. Purdue gives 20 paid vacation days. GA Tech gives 14 paid days. Why does OSU not have a paid vacation policy?

KUZAWA.1: I've held several appointments – as an instructor when there is no teaching there is not class. And now as a employees at the university libraries there is an expectation that she would be working during break, however the Library is getting rid of GA's and putting them as staff. However there is no policy and I had never known about this issue.

DELEGATE: So in your department there are no breaks?

NAHAR: For us there is always work if there is a semester or not

DELEGATE: So you're expected to work over breaks, because my department doesn't

DELEGATE: It varies even between departments and in departments. Based on your advisor.

DELEGATE: It depends on what you do to, if you can do it remotely, but if they allow you to do it.

FENN.36 But if this happens then what about those who have lab time and our role

DELEGATE: We have people that work a set number hours a week, but they make the same amount of money but don't turn in time sheets.

DELEGATE: In my department you turn in a form. They put you down as a 50%

MCMILLIAN.78 We have different labs and different procedures and if you institute a structure it could hurt science, specifically science in my department.

SADVARI.1: GCBC could look into it.

DELEGATE: Would anything in advising best practices go in there?

STURM.42: That could be useful

4. OFFICER REPORTS

4.1. President

No Report

4.2. Vice President

No Report

4.3. Secretary

No Report

4.4. Treasurer

SMITH.5973 No major changes expect a column to CSA fund, refreshments

MOTIONS TO ADOPT BUDGET

MOTION STRANG.27

SECONDS FENN.36

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

5. OLD BUSINESS

No old business for this meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

No new business for this meeting.

7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1. Chief of Staff

NO REPORT

TBD

7.2. Academic Relations

NO REPORT

Fry.228

7.3. Career Development

Funding 1 update: Plan on sending out notifications this week

Hartwell.19

7.4. Delegate Outreach Program

Weber.460

Continue to sent proposals. Still money left. You're eligible for \$200 to cosponsor event, it could be department meetings, orientations, what we've done in previous years and what were doing next year. Fill out an online form and fill out a statement about why its important.

7.5. Diversity and Inclusion

Kuzawa.1

D&I is interested in starting personal safety program on campus, and we have been in contact with Impact Safety, who is more than just physical and provide other things. Most safety thing son campus is sexual assault. OSU PD has a limited amount, that's women exclusive. Wellness Center focuses on physical self-defense. This would be limited to 50 participants at \$300 or \$6 per person. We want to offer this several times to provide these for a lot of people. OSU PD's are limited to 16 participants. I think this would be great to partner with no place for hate and maybe have small focus groups or brown bags to discuss identity, for example last year

we had incidents related, and there could be conversations about that and where do we go.

- 7.6.** Governmental Relations TBD
NO REPORT
- 7.7.** Global Gateway Grant TBD
NO REPORT
- 7.8.** Hayes Research Forum Sturm.42
CGS is hosing a new health and wellness fair its in the cartoon from form 11 to 1:30 on Monday. Dr. Marsh will be giving a speech and then there will be 45 minutes to discuss goals and shape key takeaways
- 7.9.** Health and Wellness Volpe.26
NO REPORT
- 7.10.** International Concerns TBD
Met with USG reps and Columbus 2020 that tries to connect business to other nonprofits. This is to help international students try to get jobs. Some businesses aren't familiar with business visas and sponsoring people. if you're an international student and have any concerns please talk to him. In January meeting with OIA on resources for international students. If you have topics pass along.
- 7.11.** Marketing and Communications Kenitzer.1
NO REPORT
- 7.12.** Outreach and Engagement TBD
NO REPORT
- 7.13.** Organization and Elections TBD
NO REPORT
- 7.14.** Ray Travel Smith.5973
NO REPORT
- 7.15.** Senate Advisory Fenn.36

FENN.36: Heard a lot of subcommittees are trying to put money into their funds.

GADEPALLY.1 broke it into pots and some of its going to subcommittees

REINKE.12: The billion dollars is a rough number, its not exactly a billion, and there was \$485 from parking and \$500 from Century Bonds. There is also money from Huntington partnership. Its over a billion, but its mostly been pushed into generic pot.I'm the Graduate Student Trustees: BOT makes all major decisions, but it doesn't mean a lot of time is spent at that level. Big strategic investments of through the BOT level, BOT is Dr. Gees boss and bob Schottenstein is the top of the university. I don't represent graduate students and there are two charter trustees, and those two are out of out of state people, and sometimes instead of having a governor decide the others.

Behind closed doors through most trustees, but for students it happens in public. Students apply and then there a paring down and then there is interviews and the government appoints one of us. I don't represent your concerns, but I represent the state of Ohio. When we make the decisions they are for the benefit of the university, and I don't represent, but I offer perspectives of Graduate Students. It is a two-year term and am in my first year.

I can't vote on issues by state law. We vote on committees, but not on the main board. In those meetings we have exec session where we talk about strategy for the university and matters that can't be handle

MCMILLIAN.78: Did you vote for Gordon Gees pay increase?

REINKE.12: There is base pay and incentives packages.

MCMILLIAN.78: Can you explain how the sales of assets impacted the increase in pay?

REINKE.12: It was seen as a success, it was one on a list of many accomplishments, so it was considered a positive.

MCMILLIAN.78: So there weren't specific triggers in terms of building the endowment?

REINKE.12: The exact measurements are in the public record so you can look those up. In the past they used to be more vague but now they're being refined.

7.16. Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility Sekar.7
Environmental Convergence Seminar has moved to January.

7.17. Delegate Issues and Concerns
NO DISCUSSION

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:02