



COUNCIL OF GRADUATE
STUDENTS

Executive Committee
Meeting Minutes

November 18th, 2022
Location: Virtual via Zoom



Attendance

Executive Committee Members Present:

Jorge E. Clavo Abbass, Katie Conner, Michelle Scott, Nathan Grizenko, Gordon Goodwin, Mary Griffith, Carrie Anne Thomas, Elena Cruz-Lopez, Peter Carrera, Om Prakash Bedant, Charlie Mace, Isobel Bowles, Yang Du, Mary Griffith, Amrita Sen, Karla Shockley McCarthy, Bill Wang

Executive Committee Members Absent:

Alissa Geisse



01. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Meeting called to order at 4:15pm
- b. Statement of Purpose
 - i. To effectively advocate and program to ensure that The Ohio State University graduate student experience is the best it can be.

02. OFFICER REPORTS

- a. President's Report
 - i. January Delegate Meeting Special Guest: President Johnson
 1. Will be announced at Delegate Meeting
 2. CGS Delegates will be able to ask questions in advance
 - a. This will allow the President's Team to prepare ahead of time and to come up with data and key points
 - ii. Other Ideas for speakers
 1. Academic Dishonesty information/workshop with COAM
 2. Sustainability leadership and collaboration via Amrita
 - iii. Bringing Back the World Cafe - guided activity to identify values, principles in large group format
 1. No date is established but may be a "mid-year" check-in
 2. Allows for reflection on progress as an organization
 3. We may be doing this in December
 - iv. Planning on following up on several initiatives with OIA, marketing analysis, housing, etc.
 - v. Quality of Life Initiative posed by the President related to stipends, cost of living, appointments, access to resources for health, wellness, academics, etc.
- b. Vice President's Report
 - i. Please respond to Katie if you don't hear from her by end of the weekend
 - ii. Hayes is moving forward
 1. Deadline is extended due to mess up with website
 - iii. If Chairs want to sit on the ad hoc ethics committee, let her know!
- c. Treasurer's Report
 - i. Ray judging is moving along well! Only 2 more people
 - ii. Working on budgeting and spending reports/carry over of finances from previous year
 - iii. Mid-year updates for delegates at the next General Meeting
- d. Secretary's Report
 - i. Has been working on updates to materials for CDG; changes made to website
 - ii. Working on catching up with reimbursing past winners
 - iii. Finalizing judging for period 3 funding
 - iv. Will send out powerpoint and folder links for reports in an email!



- e. Parliamentarian's Report
 - i. CGS individuals may be appointed to review Free speech policies
 - ii. Not currently language around faculty resignation
 - 1. You basically can email anyone and say, "Hey, I'm resigning!"
 - 2. There need to be parameters around resignations and the rules and policies that make them legitimate.
 - 3. The goal is to iron out language to outline these parameters.
 - iii. Faculty attrition has been more prominent over the last year or so
 - iv. Issues around equity in compensation and pay among full professors
- f. Strategic Communications Director's Report
 - i. Newsletter went out recently!
 - ii. Title, date, deadlines, short blurbs for events can be sent to Mary to be included in the next or upcoming newsletters
 - iii. Footer information needs to be updated

03. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

- a. Academic Affairs
 - i. No Report
- b. Arts and Culture
 - i. Art and design students are selling cards/ornaments
 - ii. School of Music has concert coming up on December 2nd at 7:30pm
 - 1. Same day as general meeting
 - 2. Elena to share more information about ticket cost
- c. Government Affairs
 - i. Local budgets for Columbus and Franklin County
 - 1. Increased amount for housing, social services, infrastructure
 - 2. Recycling to be weekly
 - ii. Full proposal for budget
 - iii. Issues 1 and 2 both passed
 - iv. ACLU HB 315 Statement from May: also lists supporters and opposers
 - v. HB 454 Hearing - gender-affirming care for minors
 - vi. Student debt forgiveness: Biden Administration to continue advocating for this program
 - vii. Respect for Marriage Act
 - viii. Semesterly newsletter: goal deadline for distribution by February
 - 1. Committee will reconvene to update specific topics
 - ix. OSU votes holds workshops on voter education and participation
 - 1. May be something we could do in exec
- d. Graduate Caucus
 - i. No Report
- e. Graduate Student Affairs
 - i. Premenstrual product access
 - ii. Collaborating with Bill for more data collecting initiatives on parenting, grad students with families/children
 - iii. Academic affairs collaboration with concerns regarding GTA work assignments, unfair expectations
 - iv. Swag items for graduate student appreciation week



- f. Health, Wellness, and Safety
 - i. Health center issues should be taken to the Health and Wellness Committee
 - ii. If you come to OSU and need meds filled, you have to be seen by their psychiatrist first.
 - iii. CCS, Wiles, Insurance parameters and to what extent students have or should have access to services at OSU
 - iv. CGS World Cafe
 - 1. Concept: Bringing forth an idea in a casual, informal context; to promote engaging/collaborative dialogue
 - 2. Purpose: To realize CGS as a community of scholars making meaningful connections, who feel that they belong, and have a sense of purpose
 - 3. Guidelines:
 - a. People are allow to convey ideas in an form or medium
 - b. Groups are mixed up multiple times to promote engagement with multiple people
 - c. The “Harvest” = Gathering information through guided questions
 - 4. Folder in teams has more information on this!
 - 5. Goal is to disseminate information and then host another Cafe to find out if we’ve made changes/progress. We also need to know what is on delegates’ minds now and how we can do better.
 - v. February may be the best time for World Cafe since the President will be joining us in January
- g. Housing and Family Affairs
 - i. Partnerships for focus groups and gathering data on housing since survey put on hold
 - ii. Recommends contacting a department early on if you’re interested in working with them on various surveys and initiatives
 - iii. Off-campus housing and Nesterly
- h. International Student Affairs
 - i. English Language Resolution
 - 1. We’re revising the resolution
 - 2. Met with Om to discuss advocacy issues
 - 3. Email Yang if interested
 - ii. Jorge to set up OIA meetings
- i. Membership Wellness
 - i. Not Present; No Report
- j. Research and Data Operations
 - i. Discussion for combining surveys or initiatives to collect data regarding compensation/payment, housing, student life, academic affairs, etc.
 - ii. Jorge to send out data from last year’s University survey
 - 1. Isobel requested to share this information at an upcoming meeting
 - iii. Thank you to Isobel for making the survey
- k. Sustainability and Environmental Responsibilities
 - i. Reduction in landfill waste contribution initiatives
 - ii. Zero-waste campus goal by 2025
 - iii. Working on scheduling meetings



04. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Next Executive Committee Meeting: January 6 at 4 p.m.

05. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Meeting adjourned at 5:12pm

Submitted By,

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