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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