



Council of Graduate Students
The Ohio State University

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CGS Delegate Packet October 2017

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1.1. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

- 1.1.1. 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 2nd Autumn Semester Meeting (September 29, 2017)

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- 9.1. December 1, 2017 – 4th Autumn Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union
- 9.2. January 12, 2018 – 1st Spring Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union
- 9.3. February 2, 2018 – 2nd Spring Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union
- 9.4. February 23, 2018 – 3rd Spring Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union
- 9.5. March 23, 2018 – 4th Spring Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union
- 9.6. April 13, 2018 – 5th Spring Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union
- 9.7. May 11, 2018 – 1st Summer Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union



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10. CALL TO ORDER

10.1. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

11.1. Minutes from 1st Autumn Semester Meeting (September 1, 2017)

- 11.1.1. Request to amend the minutes.
- 11.1.2. Secretary agreed to make changes.
- 11.1.3. Motioned to approve minutes upon changes made.
- 11.1.4. Motion approved.

12. GUEST PRESENTATIONS

12.1. **Parking Update: Mark Evans, Associate Vice President – Office of Administration and Planning & Bill Mifsud, Concession Manager – Facilities Operations and Development**

- 12.1.1. Evans summarized the parking updates: We are currently on the second phase of the parking plan. On Sept 1st changes occurred so that more students are using the Carmack lots and more shuttles were added, this has been going on for the last two months now. For the medical center there is a new peak schedule for the buses. This has been recently extended until 9am at a 3-minute frequency to address need. There will be additional changes impacting traffic in the future, however they are being conscientious of events and waiting until after commencement before making some major traffic closures and are aiming to complete this part of the project before students arrive back in August.
- 12.1.2. Evans currently is receiving approximately 150 emails daily with comments and suggestions and they are doing what they can to implement suggestions.
- 12.1.3. Evans and the team are working with the city to make sure the traffic lights are updated and that there are officers managing all signals at busy times and times of change.
- 12.1.4. Wheeler.1008 asked about the peak med center route hours stating that in the afternoon there will be 3 buses piled up from the med center but then the other bus routes slow down.
 - Evans explained there are 13 buses during shift changes, campus loop south and north have 5 buses, there is also a North express and West campus and his understanding is that it's gone from a 30 minute to a 15 minute loop. He said they are working on adjusting

the traffic signals with the city to help with the timing of everything as well.

- 12.1.5. Wan.96 raised the concern that when there is a transition with the bus drivers it may be impacting the timing of the schedule.
- Evans said they are aware and are trying to work on this.
- 12.1.6. A question was raised regarding the hub that has been built and how there are now cops and security guards helping people cross the street by the RPAC and whether or not this will be the permanent solution.
- There are multiple security officers helping with the processing, there are signals that have been purchased and have not arrived yet but they will be the permanent solution.
- 12.1.7. Wemore.1 raised the question about the effect of these closures on regular campus parking. Currently students are having difficulty finding somewhere to park because others are having difficulty parking and moving into campus parking.
- If you arrive between 10am-3pm park at remote or off-site parking, Buckeye lot and Carmack lots, and then shuttle in.
- 12.1.8. Mansui.2 suggested allowing 4 people to share parking passes again so that people could drive to work together in one car and open up additional spaces instead of driving separately.
- Evans agreed to bring this back to the office and look into this as an option.
- 12.1.9. Whitaker.405 asked how many parking places have been eliminated and brought back.
- Evans explained that 300 spaces were removed and an additional 1900 spaces at the pollo lot because 2200 spots were allowed to be removed without penalty. Other closures are happening now (a couple hundred at the athletic district) – the university is looking at additions of small lots 20-40 per lot and expanding Carmack to add up to 1400 additional spaces. This aligns with the plan to move towards a walking campus and moving parking outside of campus.
- 12.1.10. Wattawa.21 asked about the ratio of passes sold and spots available.
- Evans explained that since people are moving in and out and the parking spaces are turned and used multiple times they sell more passes than there is parking – public parking may overturn 3-5 times.
- 12.1.11. Sirida.1 asked whether there is a limit on parking passes.
- Evans said as many as people are buying are sold, there is no limit or cap.
- 12.1.12. Clot.1 asked has there been any discussion about using passes for public parking while the construction is going on.
- Evans said he has not heard that recommendation yet
- 12.1.13. Bean.240 asked about bus rapid transition system to move traffic along.
- Evans said he can bring this suggestion to transportation.
- 12.1.14. Perkins.2442 raised the concern that when trying to park in the stadium lot, the lot often is closed for random events, For example 50 spots were closed for foundation parking members recently.

- Evans said it's the same for the Schottenstein and they are having conversations to identify where events are happening, when, what parking will be utilized, and what they can do. There should always be a notice posted. They are also working on trialing some tracking systems for parking.
- 12.1.15. Montoya.29 raised the concern of the inaccuracy of the current tracking systems saying they are open when they are not.
- Evans said that currently it doesn't account for the disability parking passes, but campus parc has invested money into updating that so they can better track it. Changes will be made based on color coding for the new passes
- 12.1.16. Wheeler.1008 asked whether or not any of the suggestions made today will be utilized at all or whether campusparc's for profit status impedes them making any of these changes.
- Evans suggested we bring in campusparc to field some of these questions.
- 12.1.17. Puthawala.1 raised the safety concern of other construction on the north side of campus with limited traffic signals to monitor these traffic changes.
- Evans stated the mid block crossing is not a signalized crossing, those are not supported by the city or the University so they are working to install the flashing light systems. The University and campus partners and the city have been conversing about how to make these cross walks better and safer.
- 12.1.18. Evans raised the point that he was able to address Stone's question and allocate certain student parking based on her feedback to reiterate that they are taking feedback seriously and doing what they can to implement our suggestions.

12.2. Student Wellness Center: Bryan Hoynacke, Assistant Director – Financial Wellness

- 12.2.1. Thanked delegates for their service and attempts for change at the University.
- 12.2.2. Student wellness center serves ALL students and wants to better serve graduate students, they manage the scarlet and gray foundation program and they are making efforts to reach out to graduate programs and speaking to various students in the graduate school. He said they have forms and would love to come speak to other graduate students if anyone is interested.
- 12.2.3. Evans also emphasized the focus on health wellness.
- 12.2.4. The best day to come visit is Wednesday's because Bell the wellness golden retriever is there!
- 12.2.5. They offer wellness coaching and everything is free and confidential!
- 12.2.6. The only thing you'll have to pay for is condoms but it's cheap - 25 condoms and lube for \$5.
- 12.2.7. Alcohol and drug prevention services are also provided, as well as a party smart website for additional information.
- 12.2.8. They also have a collegiate recovery unit for students who struggle with addiction, if you know someone please send them.
- 12.2.9. Nutrition coaching is available and one-on-one coaching is available.
- 12.2.10. Additionally, HIV/STI testing is available totally free for all students in the multicultural center.
- 12.2.11. Mindfulness and meditation is offered for wellness
- 12.2.12. Also looking for wellness coaches – if you're interested please let them know!
- 12.2.13. There is the opportunity for the Student Wellness Center to offer presentation on sleep, safe sex, health, wellness, etc.

- 12.2.14. Financial health and wellness coaching is also available through the Student Wellness Center, this includes information about how to manage student loans, what are your goals, how are they connected to your finances, how can we help you get there. He wants more graduate students in these numbers!
- 12.2.15. Stevensguille.1 asked about how the students' confidentiality is protected?
 - Anything written down or saved digitally is within the OSU system – computers, locked files in the office, etc. Bryan said nothing is shared unless there is permission from the student.
- 12.2.16. A delegate raised the concern about filing for taxes with fellowships.
 - Bryan explained he doesn't have experience as a CPA but he can direct you to resources and free tax clinics. Additionally he stated he's been hearing this on campus and said he'd like to develop something for graduate students

13. OFFICER UPDATES

13.1. Treasurer

- 13.1.1. Stevensguille.1 raised the concern that \$3000 is an unnecessary budget for an executive retreat. Secondly, compared that sum to the sums given as total budgets for each committee. He noted that currently international students do not have legal coverage through the student legal aid offered to domestic students. Money allocated for a retreat could be better used for directly helping the student body we are nominally elected to serve, a significant portion of which does not enjoy the benefits of citizenship. Hence the mention of lawyers for international student affairs. And that given a the cost of some of the other committees, whose work-particularly diversity and inclusion-is very valuable, the retreat money could cover any discrepancy between the committees' budgets and what is needed for their good work.
 - Wesaw.1 said that the retreat is funded through the allocation from the student activity fee and there are very few things that they can use this money on (development of the organization which is where the executive retreat comes into play as they focus on development and goals).
 - Wesaw.1 also said it can be reallocated if it isn't spent – diversity and inclusion went over \$4000 for an event.
 - Montoya.29 clarified that they got another \$5000 for this event after the budget had already been created.
 - Stevensguille.1 requested re-opening the discussion on the budget.
 - Hodak.2 recommended following the order of the meeting.
- 13.1.2. Whittaker.105 raised the concern that it is helpful to see the 1718 budget.
 - Montoya.29 said this is the last time you'll see last years budget and soon you'll see the new one.
- 13.1.3. Clarification was also requested regarding voting on the budget.
 - Montoya.29 stated it's in June.

13.2. Secretary

- 13.2.1. Career Development Grant is open! Applications are due November 1st.

13.3. Vice President

- 13.3.1. We need Ray judges! Please review the CGS website for more information.
- 13.3.2. Nov 1-15th I will be out of the country on honeymoon.

- 13.3.3. Walterbusch.1 requested to nominate faculty judges with a PhD to judge the research being presented.
- 13.3.4. Someone asked a question about an erroneous acceptance that was sent out for a delegate
 - Walterbusch.1 asked if they could talk personally
- 13.3.5. Faieta.7 asked about whether we have to talk to the nominee before suggesting them.
 - Walterbusch.1 said you can nominate them and they aren't required to participate until they accept.

13.4. President

- 13.4.1. Introduction to the chief of staff – Anneliese Antonucci.21

13.5. Chief of Staff

- 13.5.1. Introduction
- 13.5.2. Requested any suggestions for goals and development to bring them to her.

14. COMMITTEE CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 14.1. None

15. OLD BUSINESS

- 15.1. None

16. NEW BUSINESS

16.1. ACT 1718-AU-04: An Act Amending the 2017 – 2018 Delegate Apportionment for the Council of Graduate Students (Amendment to ACT 1617-SP-03)

- 16.1.1. This Act was motioned for approval
- 16.1.2. Freudenburg.2 seconded
- 16.1.3. Gumper.1 asked what our contribution is to this nationwide political statement?
 - Wesaw.1 explained that CGS is the student body at the national level and this issue impacts some of our students, so this allows us to advocate for this issue with the University.
- 16.1.4. Freudenburg.2 commented on the statistics and asked for specific numbers of the impact for Ohio State
 - Wesaw.1 said there were around 40 students that could be impacted by this issue and it may not be beneficial to add this information into the Act due to the low numbers.
 - Hodak.2 said that the University doesn't necessarily know because they don't have to disclose that information and sometimes families are impacted by it so out of respect for people's privacy it may be better to keep it broader.
- 16.1.5. Entertained a motion to approve the resolution
- 16.1.6. Wesaw.1 took it a vote – everyone voted for it to pass.
- 16.1.7. Motion from the floor
- 16.1.8. Kinley.1 moved to open the resolution
- 16.1.9. Buehler.352 seconded
- 16.1.10. Bean.240 asked about whether or not this has been discussed with the board

of trustees

- Wesaw.1 said not yet, but pathways have been developed to get to that point
- 16.1.11. A delegate thanked the delegate body for this movement and further explained that this language has impacted her and her family's lives.
- 16.1.12. A motion was made to amend line 21, specifically the states included, because there are actually 5 and not 4 as currently listed.
- 16.1.13. Caliva.1 seconded
- 16.1.14. Wesaw.1 took it a vote – everyone voted for it to pass.
- 16.1.15. Caliva.1 questioned line 45-46, specifically she asked about whether or not we would remove Columbus day or not?
- Wesaw.1 explained this Act calls for a holiday recognizing indigenous people, not necessarily effecting Columbus day
- 16.1.16. Wheeler.1008 asked whether or not this would add indigenous people day to the calendar? Would this cease Columbus day?
- Wesaw.1 said that reconstitution of Columbus day means yes it would cease Columbus day.
 - Wheeler.108 suggested changing the schedule so that it still is observed the Friday after Thanksgiving.
- 16.1.17. Givens.2 asked whether or not the University will have to follow this since Columbus day is a federal holiday
- Hodak.2 said I don't know if it would impact federal law – it's probably based on state law because they don't recognize other federal holidays. She believes that the University would be able to acknowledge indigenous people day, but they would probably still need to keep the contractual agreements to allow staff and faculty to have off Friday
- 16.1.18. Caliva.1 strongly supports the content
- 16.1.19. Motioned to approve.
- 16.1.20. Act approved upon discussed changes of states.

17. Delegate Concerns

- 17.1. A delegate raised the concern of Ohio residency for tuition as a graduate student asking for such personal information and questioned whether there is anything we can do to help streamline this process and protect student's privacy further.
- 17.1.1. Gumper.1 suggested a draft resolution to give the power of graduate students to advocate on that.
- 17.1.2. Allen.1545 said they check bank statements to make sure you aren't receiving large gifts and you aren't leaving the state so perhaps we can raise the concern of them keeping this information for long periods of time and the potential for security breaches like Equifax
- 17.2. Gumper.1 is on the parking advisory committee – send her parking suggestions!
- 17.3. Pierce.508 recommended bringing campusparc in.
- 17.3.1. Cantonwine.2 saw that they were limiting parking passes on campusparc website despite what we are hearing from the University about them continuing to sell.
- 17.4. Kinley.1 raised the concern about fees for COTA, student activity fees, and the gyms that

she doesn't use.

- 17.4.1. Wesaw.1 said that this is an ongoing conversation and some things are mandated.
 - 17.4.2. Hodak.2 said everyone can opt out of the student legal fees, and if you are a distance learner and all online then you could opt out of all of those fees.
 - 17.4.3. Wesaw.1 said that they can look into that and see if there's something we can do.
 - 17.4.4. Freudenburg.2 recommended that the overall graduate student compensation conversations should include these fees.
 - 17.4.5. Mueller.352 raised the concern that she had to pay up front for these fees instead of spreading it out over four months which is difficult and she wasn't sure why this had occurred.
 - 17.4.6. Wesaw.1 said they can bring this concern up but he believes this was supposed to be a departmental concern.
 - 17.4.7. Hodak.2 said there is going to be a new student information center so it'll integrate all of our systems into one beautifully working thing (hopefully), but also reiterated that the department is responsible for those things.
 - 17.4.8. Hodak.2 also said be sure to check statement of account and make sure your payroll deduction is coming out properly because sometimes there's a glitch and you may be double paying.
 - 17.4.9. Hodak.2 reiterated that you should not have to pay up front and that you could talk to your department about these concerns.
 - 17.4.10. Pierce.508 – recommended compensation and benefits looking into getting some numbers to reflect how often these services are being used since that may help when we're having these conversations.
 - 17.4.11. Wesaw.1 said this is being considered and that's a great point.
- 17.5. Wheeler.1008 shared overall wellness tips about how you can get free condoms and lube at Ohiv.org.
- 17.5.1. Mueller.352 shared that Stonewall Columbus has free condoms as well.
- 17.6. Remore.1 raised a departmental concern about a grant for travel reimbursement that everyone applied for in July or August and only 1 person has been reimbursed. It takes months and months to get reimbursed in all of Arts and Sciences, which is a concern for students.
- 17.6.1. Young.2278 also had the issue of reimbursement taking months and recommended everyone be really careful because you need to protect yourself with this – be careful with your spending, make sure you're using credit cards with your name on. Keep meticulous copies of receipts.
 - 17.6.2. Gumper.1 questioned whether or not you can get preapproval which helps speed things along (about a month in her experience).
 - 17.6.3. Remore.1 said they are doing that and still facing the issue.
 - 17.6.4. Mueller.352 is having similar issues in a different area of Arts and Sciences
 - 17.6.5. Pierce.508 recommended sending this to a committee.
 - 17.6.6. Wesaw.1 delegated this concern to the Graduate Student Affairs committee and stated that this can be brought to the attention of folks at higher levels during his meetings.

18. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 18.1. October 27, 2017 3rd Autumn Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union Senate Chamber

18.2. Meeting adjourned at 5:31pm

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: W. Alex Wesaw, President
DATE: October 20, 2017
RE: President's Report

Dr. J

I hope that everyone welcomes Dr. J and her team to the delegate meeting. There will be time for questions and answers, so please make sure to come prepared with questions.

Retreat

On September 29 and 30, several members of the Executive Committee attended CGS' annual retreat. Over the two days, we participated in team building activities and then worked together on setting goals for each of the internal CGS committees. We'll be sharing the goals each committee has established for themselves in a presentation at the 10/27/17 delegate meeting. I was very pleased with the ideas the committee chairs had for the work that they wish their committees will be working on this year and I look forward to hearing your feedback.

Graduate School Dean Search

The Search Committee has met twice now and is working toward interviewing several of the candidates that submitted letters of interest for the Dean of the Graduate School search. Essentially, the process is for the solicit candidates, interview candidates, and then recommend 3-5 candidates to Provost McPheron, who will then make the final decision. As I find out more, I'll make sure to update everyone.

Chief of Staff & Graduate Student Affairs Committee Chair

Originally, I thought that the Chief of Staff and the chair of the new Graduate Student Affairs (major issues) committee could be led by the same person. But, given all of the issues these roles are taking on, we made the decision for Anneliese Antonucci to serve CGS, this year, solely as the Chief of Staff. Dorma Flemister (.10). has agreed to take on the GSA committee chair position. I think Dorma will do great and am looking forward to having him on the Executive Committee.

CGS Website

Over the summer, we began talking about updating the CGS website with OSU IT. In order to maintain some momentum, I have asked Liz Koss, Tracey Walterbusch, Matthew Connolly, and Anneliese Antonucci to serve on a task force devoted to working with this project. Currently, they are looking at other OSU/non-OSU websites to generate ideas about features they would like to see on an eventual-new CGS website. If you have ideas, feel free to reach out to any of those people or myself.

In closing, if you have concerns or comments that you will feel free to visit me in the CGS Office (2088A Ohio Union) or send me an email (wesaw.1@osu.edu).

Alex

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Tracey Walterbusch, Vice President
DATE: October 20, 2017
RE: Vice President's Report

Vice President Report

- **Hayes Forum:** Hayes Forum is on March 2, 2018. Please put it on your calendar.
 - A call has been made for judges and we already have 75 judges, last year we had around 96 judges. The committee has made a goal to get 105 judges this year. **We need your help to exceed this number. Please nominate one of your faculty members to be a judge for the 2018 forum:** <https://cgs.osu.edu/hayes-forum/>
 - The abstract application is now open and closes November 10th. Please share the application information with your department: <https://cgs.osu.edu/hayes-forum/submission-information/>
- **Orientation:** Thank you to those of you who attended the Orientations. We hosted our makeup orientation on Sept 29 at 2:30 p.m. If you were unable to attend either orientation, please reach out to me with questions or concerns at Walterbusch.1@osu.edu
- **Committees:** The website is up to date with all committee assignments. Please contact me if you do not see your information on the website: <https://cgs.osu.edu/committees/>
 - You should have received an initial contact from your CGS internal or external committee chair by this point. Please send me an e-mail if you have not heard from your chair.
 - If you are serving on external committee, don't forget to submit your committee report here: https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8csOIMBon6L0gux
- **Communication:** I sent an e-mail to department chairs and faculty with the information for each of the delegates in different departments. If a faculty member reaches out to you, please follow-up with them to share relevant CGS information!
- **Feedback:** Please don't hesitate to reach out if you would like to set-up a formal or informal meeting. Please e-mail me at walterbusch.1@osu.edu.

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Amanda Montoya
DATE: October 20, 2017
RE: Treasurer's Report

Ray Travel Award

The third funding period for the Ray Travel Award opened on September 15th. If you are planning on traveling in January through March, please consider applying for the grant, and sending out information about the grant to your constituents. Please encourage your constituents to come if they are interested in applying for the Ray or any of the other funding opportunities through CGS. The following are the deadlines for the Ray Travel Award for the 2017-2018 Academic Year.

Funding Period #3

Application deadline: November 1, 2017 (Window to apply opens September 15, 2017)

Conference dates: January 1, 2018 - March 31, 2018

Funding Period #4

- **Application deadline: February 1, 2018 (Window to apply opens December 15, 2017)**

- Conference dates: April 1, 2018 - June 30, 2018

Also, if you are not applying for the Ray Travel Award this period please consider judging to learn more about how to prepare your application in the future and to add to your resume!

The 90/91's are not in for September yet, so there are no budget updates at this time.

Thanks,
Amanda Montoya

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Liz Koss, CGS Secretary
DATE: October 20, 2017
RE: Secretary's Report

Secretary Report

The Career Development Grant is due November 1st, please be sure to share with delegates. Also if you are interested in judging please let me know!

Additionally we are piloting a QR Reader option for signing into delegates meetings in the future. Currently executive members are trialing and we will develop "how to guide" for downloading and using the QR Reader, but this will be discussed at our next meeting! We're excited to have a more efficient way of tracking attendance that could be located on our website for data collection and for constituents to review if interested.

Thanks,
Liz Koss, MOT, OTR/L
CGS Secretary

Council of Graduate Student Resolution 1718- AU-003

A Resolution Regarding Football Seating for Graduate Students

Author: Tracey Walterbusch, Vice President for the Council of Graduate Students

Sponsored by: Executive Committee

WHEREAS The Council of Graduate Students (CGS) is the representative body of all students enrolled in graduate programs at The Ohio State University (established by Article II.1 of the CGS Constitution); and

WHEREAS the Athletic Council considers changes to the graduate/professional student ticketing options for football for the 2017-18 academic year; and

WHEREAS CGS requested further review and consideration of any changes to said ticketing policy; and

WHEREAS Athletic Council under this advice is now considering changes for the 2018- 2019 academic year; and

WHEREAS graduate students should have the same opportunities as undergraduate students; and

WHEREAS there are unique concerns of the graduate/professional student population as it relates to game day behavior and conduct in Ohio Stadium; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 2018-19 Ohio State Football ticketing process should include an option to allow graduate students to opt out of the regular seat assignment process to be assigned tickets of comparable ticket value and location reserved for graduate/professional students; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that CGS calls upon Athletic Council representative to relay and advocate this position; and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that CGS calls upon Athletic Council to adopt a policy that maintains graduate/professional students the opportunity to receive tickets based on the ranking system and provides them the option to opt into a reserved graduate/professional seating section with tickets of comparable ticket value and location.