



CGS Executive Meeting Minutes

Present: Stephen Post, Sarah Light, Rania Khamees, Kevin Ingles, Carly LaRosa, Conner Sarich, Libby Bauman, DaVonti' Haynes, Mark Pauley Ehsan Estiri, Ty Bender, Alec Clott, Priscilla Rodriguez Garcia, James Uanhoro, E Alexander

Absent: Maddy Lomax-Vogt, Blake Szkoda, Kathryn Holt, Jack Brandl

1. President's Report

- 1.1. New Deputy Treasurer (Ty Bender) introduced
- 1.2. Andrea Davis will be taking over as the chair of Diversity & Inclusion
- 1.3. Our next delegate meeting will be held in Moritz 348 rather than the Senate Chambers. With this change, we may be able to return to larger meal service during meetings because of the difference in price for off-campus catering versus catering in the Union.
 - Khamees.5 suggested that we should try to pick something that will not have a lot of packaging waste. A buffet style might be best to still be mindful the concerns about food that SERC introduced last year.
- 1.4. There is an Ethics & Value survey that will be sent out by the Provost's office. CGS worked with this office to develop and implement this survey and ensure that it reaches the greatest majority of graduate students. The purpose is to re-evaluate whether the values of graduate students align with the current stated values of the university.
- 1.5. Last year, there was research and scholarship funding distributed from the Energy Academic Collaboration Council within the Graduate School. There was a meeting to evaluate how that money was used in the first year (8 fellowships, 20 GA-ships, 10-20 research scholarships). There is some unallocated money still left and another round of scholarships and fellowships will be offered this academic year.
- 1.6. Current OSU employees are offered a housing incentive through Campus Partners and we would like graduate students to be included in this program.
- 1.7. In meetings with the Provost, we learned that there was an increase in graduate student enrollment. Digital Flagship was also discussed and there is no plan to include graduate students in the next few years (some GTAs are already being provided with iPads for certain courses).
 - There is a consensus that grad students don't necessarily want iPads but we should receive something. One option would be a waiver for the Technology Fees that are currently charged. This will be a topic of conversation in the next delegate meeting.
- 1.8. There is now a \$20,000/year emergency fund that has been established for graduate students by Student Advocacy and the Graduate School. The limitations and policies are still being decided and CGS is hopefully going to be involved in this conversation.
- 1.9. The homecoming parade will be held on October 4th after our delegate meeting. Please stay and participate if you are able!

2. Vice President's Report

- 2.1. We have new delegates and they will be distributed to the committees that most need members. Any committee can add external non-delegate members at any time. There is a formal application process on the website but it is not really policed.
 - If any committee chairs encounter problems with the delegates on their committees who are not participating as required, they should get in contact with Sarah Light.109 and Libby Bauman.193 so that we can officially record this. Delegates are required to participate in the committees to which they are assigned.
- 2.2. There are 6 applicants for the vacated Senator seat and nominations are still open.

3. Treasurer's Report

- 3.1. CGS has spent \$49,383 so far this year, the majority of which has gone to the Ray and CDG. Our monthly cost for the website has dramatically increased and we are negotiating the cost with Student Life and looking into switching the host site to Academic Affairs.
- 3.2. The Buckl Experience nomination period is still open, and applicants are needed!!
- 3.3. The Diversity & Inclusion Committee is partnering with University Dining to host a monthly Diversity Dialogues lunch series centering on various topics including Being a Women in Academia, Intersectionality of Being a Minority and Gay in Politics, Leadership as a Minority, Leadership & Disability, etc. 10-15 students will be allowed to register for each event and dates will be released soon.
- 3.4. In partnership with USG, we will be hosting a Diversity campaign in February/March. We will also be working with The Wexner Center for the Arts for this and there will be an all-day photoshoot November 20th to create materials.
- 3.5. Apply for Delegate Outreach Grants! They are \$200 each and you can receive multiple grants per year. This pool of money has been vastly under-utilized in previous years.
- 3.6. There is now a Calendar associated with the Exec GroupMe which we can all add events to. This should be used to schedule any meetings in the CGS offices so that we can avoid any conflicts.

4. Secretary's Report

- 4.1. The schedule for collecting updates and distributing the delegate meeting packets will be changed slightly. Updates will be requested 2 weeks prior to the delegate meeting and should be uploaded to the respective Committee boxes. A reminder email as well as the link to the new packet will be sent out to the delegates the Monday before a delegate meeting rather than the preceding Friday.
- 4.2. We are working on putting together a "How To" document that will help delegates determine who is the appropriate person to talk to if they have a concern they would like addressed or if they have important announcements to share.
- 4.3. Any updates, news items, announcements, etc. that you would like to be included in the monthly CGS newsletter should be sent to either Sarah Light.109 or Stephen Post.144. This newsletter will be sent out the Tuesday following a delegate meeting.
- 4.4. In November (date TBD), there will be a website focus group meeting held to determine where the major problems are and how the website can be made more efficient and user-friendly. Small changes can be made by the secretary but large-scale re-organization will require working with the Student Life IT Department.

5. Committee Member Agenda Items

- 5.1. Delegate Relations:
 - The 2019 delegate retreat will be held Saturday, September 28th. There are 50 people registered currently. Any leftover retreat money will be reallocated to this

committee as it did not originally have a budget. There are plans to do another fun delegate activity later in the year and potentially a large graduate student party in the winter.

5.2. Housing & Family Affairs:

- The committee is looking into the availability of graduate student housing at OSU as compared to other benchmark universities. There will be some important updates coming in November.

5.3. External Collaborations:

- The committee will be working with the Government Affairs Committee to focus on benchmarking research so that we can begin to lobby and conduct a campus services audit in the spring. The major issue currently is a lack of understanding of the pros and cons of unionizing and we need to be better informed in order to make smart decisions.

5.4. Graduate Student Affairs:

- The committee is still looking into whether the switch to Lyft Ride Smart is good in terms of safety and cost.
- There are some issues with the way that the mandatory online sexual assault training is framed and lots of the language included is very triggering for those who have a history. Also, there is a lack of direct information about who the contact people and offices are on campus for those who need assistance.
- There is a need for a career fair tailored for grad students specifically.
- RUOK Buckeyes- advertise in the next CGS newsletter.

6. Old Business

6.1. None.

7. New Business

7.1. None.

8. Open Floor Announcements

8.1. Next delegate meeting October 4th, 2019 @ 3:30 PM – Moritz 348

9. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.