



CGS Delegate Meeting Minutes

Date

September 28, 2012

Location

Ohio Union, Senate Chamber

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Meeting Open at 3:31

1. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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 August 24, 2012

MOTION TO APPROVE

Korzan.1 MOTIONS

McMillian.4 SECONDS

MOTION PASSES

1. SUSPENDED BUSINESS

1.1. 3.1. Buckeye Careers

Buckeye Career Services is a great option for graduate students looking for jobs. It is an “umbrella” approach portal web service that is meant to improve the experience. Begins explaining the various branded services under that umbrella, as well as the Buckeye Careers Network. A long term goal is to make it more graduate student friendly. All units are using the Buckeye Careers Network (such as in Arts and Sciences its called ‘FutureLink’). This is different than Career Connection – they provide professional services to students, while Buckeye Careers is more of a job postings forum.

1.2. 3.2. Back Pay Report

Sudislanti.1: Issue is that there are fees assigned because the department did not get the Graduate Appointment late in August, a week or more past the deadline. There is a list of students (12) but we have to have the full correct list. Working with CGS Execs to work with graduate school. We believe it was an error in the system.

Cochran.291: University and Department don't always cooperate – they unfairly place the burden on the people to gather the paperwork to appeal

Odden.2: Fees and Deposits has a policy of its not our error its not our problem. We don't care if its another unit they won't engage in conversation. If your in A&S there is an additional layer – A&S Business Center is between departments and other administration units. These were a delay with the delay. Currently A&S is looking to do electronic signatures directly through the college. It will be a shadow system, and A&S is discussing it further. Fiscal officers attended a meeting Tuesday.

McMillian.4: Knows three people in their department who took months to get fee issues resolved. Student Financial Responsibility form – school empowers themselves and then they can report students to credit agency – and there are no stipulations on it.

Motion to Create Ad Hoc Committee on Fees and Stipends

MOTION TO CREATE AD HOC COMMITTEE

Odden.2 MOTIONS

McMillian.4 SECONDS

MOTION PASSES

3.3. North Campus Report

Odden.2: Buddy Idea between Graduate Students and Undergrads

3.4. Sequestration Report

Cochran.291 – Federal government to us – asks Peine.2 explains Sequestration.

CGS Exec will get this out to delegates via pdf and blog post.

3.5. Stipend Report

MOTION TO MOVE STIPENDS TO AD HOC COMMITTEE

Dourgherty.158 MOTIONS

Curzon.1 SECONDS – Requests Hand Count

**In Favor: 34
Opposed: 13
Abstain: 2**

MOTION PASSES

MOTION TO ADD MEMBERS TO THE AD HOC COMMITTEE

Swift.63 MOTIONS

McMillian.4 SECONDS MOTION PASSES

2. OFFICER REPORTS

4.1. President

Cochran.291: School has been busy, several important topics have come up, and there are others have come up. Delegate Printing program is oh hold. Graduate Student Resources survey has also been put on hold because of feedback from delegate body. Do it with Graduate Faculty and Graduate Student Body to understand what resources they are aware of. Interdisciplinary Grant is moving forward – CultureU is working with CGS to connect people with like interest – while geared toward undergrads, they do give a lot of profits to schools. CGS will receive a check for \$2500 and put together an Ad Hoc committee to determine how that will be spent. We are also approaching several departments to see if they can match it so that we can offer multiple prizes.

Graduate Student Stipend Review:

Sadvary.1: Last year the timeline was built to review stipends – CGS passed a resolution to CU005 supporting increasing graduate student stipends. Our timeline at GCBC is putting together documentation on median and minimum stipends across the university and with other schools in the Big 10 (peer and benchmark institutions). This information is reviewed by GCBC and then passed along to Dean Osmer and Provost Alutto who will then pass along to departments for more feedback. Responses from Department Chairs and data from fact-finding will be made publically available on CGS website. Will start again next year

McMillian.4: What about other Schools and minimums and maximums nationally?

Sadvary.1: They're only public schools were surveying, because we can't get the data from private schools. Emphasizes that the process doesn't want to be turned into a process where the buck is passed along to the department and the university to not increase departmental funds. Finding that balance is crucial.

Cochran.291: We are lucky that we have a lot of power from our size so we have a lot of sway on this issue.

Strang.27: Living expenses here are not comparable to UCLA, how do we look at that?

Sadvary.1: We compare to the Big 10 who are other Midwestern Schools and we look to them as they have comparable living costs.

Cochran.291: Its tough to get this information – and usually its from Provost to Provost.

Schreurer.#: We also use COLA from the BLS because these numbers need to be precise and credible.

Cochran.291: We will put on health and wellness luncheon. University is concentrating on Mental Health this year. Counseling and Consultation services sees more graduate students than any others at OSU. OSU is very serious in addressing it and approached CGS to have a mental health initiative, through the vein of Suicide Prevention. Chief Wellness Officer will be invited, several other Deans of Colleges who this affects the most. Nov. 5 – there is a Council of Deans meeting where there will be a presentation made to them.

Guide Connect Series is coming up on October 3, and already there are 150 RSVPs – it will be in the Union in the Cartoon, and it is a lunchtime activity. Delegates should come to this.

NAGPS National Conference is coming up in November and we are taking people to go. If you are interested please contact Cochran.291 or Kenitzer.1 – we would like to take 10 people or so. Cochran.291 is providing the road tunes en route to Duke.

Fry.22 cannot be here, but she is the champion of Advising Best Practices. It went into the Graduate School handbook as Appendix F. Please, Delegates, familiarize yourself with it.

We pushed hard to get it in the book and now CGS has the responsibility to get the word out on it. Its just a set of guidelines, but we need to work with departments to get them to have their *own* best practices. (emphasis added by Cochran.291). Please take these to your advisor and have an ongoing open conversation.

4.2. Vice President

Sturm.42: Please log into Buckeye Careers to help

Hayes Forum – gotten a lot of e-mails after departments sent out save the dates. Oct 26 – Abstract submission opens, and close Nov. 30. Its under Funding and Hayes Forum.

Elections: Elections opened on Sept 5 and got results back – Talking about open seats. Spring is the heavy election period – in the Fall we do more direct marketing positions

7 elected seats, Two seats pending by placement meaning 21 left open.

Shows last few years of election results – delegate body around the same size this year this year is a bit larger. Asks new delegates to introduce themselves – they do. There are some odd things about our apportionment and we’re looking into it because the last time it happened was four years ago.

Cochran.291: Allie did a good job with elections and filling empty seats. Our elections are not based on Department, they’re based on programs – and that was worked out a long time ago with the ancestors of CGS and the Graduate School. Per our bylaws we are required to do it every year, but its based on Winter Quarter enrollment (since changed in bylaws)

4.3. Secretary

Twitter and Facebook Follow

Send me news.

Questions on Transformational

4.4. Treasurer

2.1. No report.

2.2.

3. OLD BUSINESS

5.1. No Old Business

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. ACT 1213-009 Act Amending the Budget

Smith.5973 as of now there haven't been updates to the figures – but looking at the final number for CSA from Student Fee and the amount from our CocaCola Endowment. Money rolled from Exec to Comm Projects – Money moved

Sulistioadi.1: Delegate – what about the carry forward and did we have too much money?

Smith.5973: That CocaCola amount rolls over regardless, with CSA we use as much as possible and we will get the actual number for the carryover.

MOTION TO APPROVE ACT AMENDING THE BUDGET

McMillian.4 MOTIONS

Peine.2 SECONDS

MOTION PASSES

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1. Chief of Staff

No Report

7.2. Academic Relations

Check out Graduate Student Advising Best Practices.

7.3. Career Development

Deadline October 20 – look out for e-mail from her for judging.

7.4. Delegate Outreach Program

Events ideas are great – keep them coming. Also events have to be on campus. Kegs off the street don't count.

7.5. Diversity and Inclusion

Partnering with UCAT to sponsor event – more info forthcoming.

Organizing Town Hall about Faith and Grad School – towards the end of this semester or next semester, Contact Deb with contacts and ideas

Self Defense Courses in response to crime on campus – looking towards an organization called Impact Safety.

7.6. Governmental Relations

No Report

7.7. Global Gateway Grant

No Report

7.8. Hayes Research Forum

Abstracts open Oct 26, Grad School sent out call for judges e-mail. Go to website to apply.

7.9. Health and Wellness

Contact her with any health and wellness concerns.

7.10. International Concerns

Meeting with organizations dealing with

7.11. Marketing and Communications

No Report.

7.12. Outreach and Engagement

Looking for members – contact her if you want.

CGS Guide Connect Series – please come and support.

7.13. Organization and Elections

No Report

7.14. Ray Travel

Oct 19 is next deadline – please e-mail Porsha to judge – takes a couple of hours.

7.15. Senate Advisory

Fenn.36 if you want to be an alternate contact Ashley.

7.16. Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility

Working with Presidents and Provost Council on Sustainability – also does sustainability summit. Contact Sami Sekar to be on committee.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Report

Meeting ADJOURNS at 5:32