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Bowers.461 called the meeting to order at 3:31 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Megan Fitze.1 read the statement of purpose

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.

1.2. From the CGS CODE OF ETHICS

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1. Minutes from November

3. Guest Presenters

3.1. Helen Patton, Chief Information Security office

Bowers.461 Brings wealth of experience to position at Ohio State

Patton: Master's Student at Glenn College – relates to the graduate experience

Patton: Understanding why security is important; higher education under attack – significant data breaches; trying to get intellectual property from university research community; working hard to prevent these data breaches

Patton: What is the worst that can happen? Not about credit cards – system in place to replace card and address the problem. Government has introduced legislation that will make it harder to get research grants if from a university that has suffered a breach. Also concerned from a financial aid perspective; can threaten to remove financial aid opportunities. Research with corporate partnerships – less willing to invest in OSU student research if not assured trying to protect against breaches.

Ethier.4: Who is doing breaching?

Patton: Cheaper to steal data than to develop in-house. Tendency to see North Korea, Russia, but intellectual property breach – Chinese government main agent.

Patton: OSU community puts data at risk; two times more likely than other industries; bring your own device. JP Morgan – could not bring own device.

Patton: Network traffic analysis – came across professor's ID / password – logging in on unprotected network; "phishing link" – e-mails asking to click on links; once used information to redirect paycheck to another country by logging into Employee self-service;

Patton: What can we do? "Phishing" training exercise; employees may be in scope as first group; tell people in college/unit that may be phishing; how to manage passwords – sufficient length; mix of different character types and sufficient length; Ashley Madison case – "Paste-Bin" site – over 500 OSU account; not using passwords for different accounts

Question: Is there much evidence that it is helpful to have to change password every 180 days?

Patton: E-mails complaining about the efficacy of having to change password so often – evidence, no it isn't – but for people whose account is compromised (who don't know yet), there is a benefit that is hard to quantify

Patton: Two-Factor project – Duo @ OSU. Token sent to phone/desk – rolling out for all employees, and eventually students.

Patton: Do not transmit sensitive information on public Wifi (OSU or otherwise) – financial information, banking, medical, etc

Patton: Institutional data – private data; take a look at a policy

Patton: Vulnerability management project – multi-year projects

Antonucci.21: Medical center will stop allowing Macs for security reason; is the rest of university heading

that way?

Patton: No, and medical center probably not either. Security is about risk management.

Question: Password keeper apps – how secure are these?

Patton: No perfect technology – but more secure than using one password; better than the alternative; some have been hacked but no major damage

Patton: How many of you have had a letter – “we take your security very seriously but we’ve lost your data....” Twitter hashtag that lists all companies that have been breached.

3.2. Joshua Sadvari, Research Commons Program Manager & GIS Specialist

Bowers.461 Former member of CGS; here to talk about new Research Commons

Sadvari: Why do we have a Research Commons? Library conducted surveys – common theme – graduate students felt they were fighting for space with undergraduate; not enough space to work on research projects or space to use services offered by library besides checking out books/Article Express.

Sadvari: Research Commons is officially open – common space for graduate students. L

Sadvari: Support research at different stages; leverage university services; consultations, referrals, showcasing research. Photo of workshop with CGS – successfully applying for grants – 60 students in attendance. How to get something published in changing publishing environment, including how to avoid predatory publishing? Working with several offices including Office of Research, Writing Center – can find office hours / make a one-one appointment. Referrals – bring partners into space to make them more accessible – refer people to services that may not be offered in space.

Sadvari: Can use “Chat” button to answer questions or put in touch with someone who can

Sadvari: Showcase research of people who win Ray, Global Gateway, Hayes Forum prize, for example.

Sadvari: 3rd-floor of 18th Avenue library. Has more traditional rooms – public research computer room; different project rooms – collaboration connectivity; also have more experimental spaces – brainstorming room; air media connectivity; digital whiteboard that can be annotated; touchscreen tablet; digital visualization studio.

Sadvari: Everything can accessed in some way from the Research Commons front page; have a blog that can subscribe to. Public redirected if trying to use space for “open study”; goal of library is to provide a haven for graduate student work. Take information back to constituents.

Sadvari: Aimed at supporting advanced research – faculty welcome as are undergraduates working on a thesis; project rooms remain open at night, colloquia space – rest is locked. Built a “swipe card” reader on computer – can grant swipe access for after-hours use.

Question: Which rooms need to be reserved and which are first come first serve?

Sadvari: Can use reservation system online; the larger rooms, however, are cannot be reserved directly – contact with project information to make accommodations; 4 project rooms are first come, first serve

Question: How far in advance should reservations be made?

Sadvari: Can be reserved up to 7 days in advance; can also make same-day reservations; room can be reserved for up to 4 hours; can request an extension for up to 2 hours – if no competing reservations for later times. E-mail administrators to setup reservations more than 7 days in advance.

Sadvari: Day lockers also available.

Wirza.1: Do you keep data in computers or is it erased?

Sadvari: We don’t store any. User would have to take responsibility to save data, not save to desktop.

El Helon.1: Are these services offered by other offices?

Sadvari: Trying not to duplicate services. Let us know about technology that your department regularly uses that we don’t have available.

Question: Contract to make (expensive) software available?

Sadvari: Not available right now, but will evaluate those ideas.

3.3. Graduate Student Trustee – Steven Loborec.1

Loborec.1 Purdue university; came to OSU 2 years ago; Health System Administration, Public Health Policy; worked as resident at Wexner Medical Center.

Loborec.1: Board of Trustees meeting today. Student Trustee selection underway – had a mixer today and will be interviewed. 3 representatives from CGS, 3 from IPC, 2 law students, 1 pharmacy student, undergraduate student, staff and faculty member, 2 current trustees. Narrowing pool of applicants to 5 – Governor Kasich makes the final appointment.

Loborec.1: Board approved giving student trustees voting rights; have been working on it for many years (30). Give students an equal (formal) voice.

4. OFFICER Updates

4.1. President

- 4.1.1 Invited to visit with Faculty Council to share report
- 4.1.2 Comprehensive Energy Project – townhall invitation in packet; try to attend if possible
- 4.1.3 First CGS-sponsored program on implicit bias and diversity; unbelievable response – already over estimated number; currently a waitlist; helping us reach more of the graduate population and give recognition to CGS. Special thanks to Debanuj Dasgupta.18 and Zak Foste.1 – a lot of work went into the planning of this program.

4.2. Vice President

- 4.2.1 Updates largely on the Hayes Forum; still waiting to send out results for certain departments
- 4.2.2 Still need judges for the day of Hayes
- 4.2.3 Met with Hayes Committee – recruiting volunteers, for Feb 26th – host a focus group for faculty/judges post-forum to get their insights

4.3. Secretary

- 4.3.1 Draw your attention to flyers in meeting packet – townhall for Comprehensive Energy Management plan – RSVP by Feb 1st;
- 4.3.2 3-minute thesis competition; first at OSU – applications open Feb 1st
- 4.3.3 Arts & Culture Committee organizing FestOval in April; calling for applications

4.4. Treasurer

- 4.4.1 Grants workshop – spoke at workshop in partnership with Research Commons; good attendance
- 4.4.2 CSA updates
- 4.4.3 Delegate Outreach Grant – everyone can apply for \$200 to organize department for department that involves CGS in some way; contact Zak Foste.1; at other universities, have to work for them

4.5. Chief of Staff

- 4.5.1 Go.osu.edu\ibpd : sign-up! Looking for bigger spaces. Still time to sign up and
- 4.5.2 Reception on April 14th – chief diversity officers from around the country and administrators will have a panel

5. Committee Chair Announcements

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. Act 1516-SP-1 An Act Amending the Standing Rules Regarding Delegate Election Timing

- Fitze.1 Changing language from quarter to semester
- No discussion, all in favor, none opposed

6.2. Act 1516-SP-2 Amending Bylaws Section 1.7 Delegate Terms of Service

- 6.2.3 Fitze.1 Delegate term of service currently – begin in summer and conclude in Spring; suggesting to change delegate term to start in Fall and continue into summer; provide smoother transition – elected officers would begin term in summer; university committee appointments begin in Fall; opportunity to those elected in May to come to summer meetings to be “trained” by seasoned delegates
- 6.2.2 Fitze.1 Would take effect immediately; term would extend to summer; or new delegate could take place
- 6.2.3 Creagan.1 Could stay on if graduate?
- 6.2.4 Fitze.1 No, probably have to give up
- 6.2.5 Creagan.1 What if no alternate?
- 6.2.6 Fitze.1 Can petition
- 6.2.7 Eisenman.1 Would there be room for the new people and seasoned delegates?
- 6.2.8 Fitze.1 Should be fine
- 6.2.9 Kerry Hodak – space not large enough for 135 delegates (complete)
- All in favor, none opposed

6.3. Act 1516-SP-3 A Resolution in Support of the Report and Recommendations of the Graduate Associate Compensation and Benefits Committee

- 6.3.1 Kahn.130 seconded resolution
- 6.3.2 Bowers.461 Having CGS support it gives more weight to our voice in meetings
- 6.3.3 Bowers.461 Examines how minimum stipend falls short of livable wage; increase from \$13,500 to \$16,000
- 6.3.4 Connolly.93 A strong appeal that is being made.
- 6.3.5 Alex.25 Would it increase the stipends across the board, not just the minimum?

- 6.3.6 Bowers.461 Would focus on minimum – highest stipends are some of highest in relation to peer institutions.
- 6.3.7 Bowers.461 The rest will be up to departments
- 6.3.8 Alex.25 Has there been any talk of action steps to take if we don't see the result we want?
- 6.3.9 Bowers.461 Great question, don't have anything specific to answer; talking about the need for increase to minimum has been a priority; have been meeting with people, and have been getting neutral to positive response. Haven't formulated a fall-back plan.
- 6.3.10 Niassari.1 Last time the minimum was increased?
- 6.3.11 Bowers.461 Fall 2013
- 6.3.12 Niassai.1 Is there any initiative to have routine increases, every few years?
- 6.3.13 Bowers.461 No. Moved us from near the bottom of ranking (comparative institutions) to lower tier of middle. Begin working towards mandated routine incremental increase, whenever funds are available. Former Provost felt it was a mistake not to have done that.
- 6.3.14 Puthawala.1 Would it affect current graduates?
- 6.3.15 Bowers.461 Yes
- 6.3.16 Kahn.130 Is there any potential impact on loss of GA positions?
- 6.3.17 Bowers.461 Report doesn't go into this, didn't feel it was warranted at this point
- 6.3.18 Wirza.1 Is there any effort to make university cover other fees?
- 6.3.19 Bowers.461 No, but there is an awareness. Not directly addressing trying to control fees. Trying to increase the stipend, that's the focus.
- 6.3.20 Pierce.508 Timeline – when will decisions be made?
- 6.3.21 Bowers.461 Might expect response within 30 days of submitting report; but cannot speculate beyond that
- 6.3.22 Met with Provost and President before committee work; had some questions and concerns about overall costs, but didn't object to anything. Have started to meet with various groups such as Grad Council, will be meeting with student trustees.
- 6.3.23 Loborec.1 Board does have to sign off/approve decisions. Had informational briefing; trustees and CFO, Provost McPherson have heard about it; gaining traction. Looks promising.
- 6.3.24 Alex.25 Support question on fees. Does increase offset fees? Worrysome that schools ranked below us have much better packages.
- 6.3.25 Antonucci.21 Parking fees – many of student fees go to RPAC; should be optional or reduced
- 6.3.26 Loborec.1 Trying to hold fees steady – health insurance came up – Office of Student Life subsidizes health insurance cost for graduate students; would have gone up if Student Life hadn't subsidized some of them
- 6.3.27 Puthawala.1 Reports by United Healthcare – working closely with university to keep cost down; increase in price of medications has caused problems from the insurance side as well; not something the company can necessarily control – costs associated with rising cost of medication
- 6.3.28 Puthawala.1 Do we have any data on how graduate stipend system has been affected in past?
- 6.3.29 Kahn.130 Is this the right forum for this discussion? Not about fees.
- 6.3.30 Bowers.461 Both on whether to end discussion.
- 6.3.31 2 opposed to ending discussions – Puthawala.1 and Alex.25
- 6.3.32 All in favor of passing resolution, none opposed

6.4. Any Delegate Issues and Concerns

- 6.4.1 Schoreder.650 Arts & Culture sponsoring FestOval – occupying the Oval with art and culture. A festival for everyone, not just arts grad students. Propose something – looking forward to applications, share with constituents – deadline is Feb 28th, event schedule from April 14th.
- 6.4.2 Conolly Diversity & Inclusion – “Black Lives Matter” symposium in April; social justice and teaching; consider submitting a proposal on social activism in the classroom; can take down e-mails and submit call for appears; April 4th and 5th
- 6.4.3 Wirza.1 International Affairs – OIA has expressed interest in hosting workshops specifically for graduate students. Perhaps start in the Fall?
- 6.4.4 Sandoval.32 Global Gateway Grant deadline in 3 weeks for students doing summer research abroad; more information online
- 6.4.5 VandenBerg.11 Energy management privatization initiative; open houses; would like connect with people planning to go to one of them
- 6.4.6 Anderson.2299 Had mentioned an issue regarding discussion about stipend changing after first year?
- 6.4.7 Antonucci.21 Haven't brought it to department's attention yet; no one currently at minimum

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.1. Feb. Meeting: Feb 19th Research Commons, 18th St. Library.

7.2. Implicit Bias and Promoting Diversity Certificate program begins Feb 15th at 12:15PM