

CGS Meeting 3/25/16

- General announcements:
- Bowers: Minutes have been approved
- **Senate Elections:**
 1. Fitz: Before meeting to officer announcements, we will be having senate elections on April 22nd, we are accepting applications
 - a. Bowers: describes what senate is, which includes faculty, student governments, and students
 2. Fitz: students should apply and opens up the floor for nominations, if there are any
 3. Nominations: None
- **Delegate Elections**
 1. Election will be online April 22-29, refer to CGS website if you want more info.
All of this will be online
 2. If you are a current delegate, nominate yourself and fill out application, or nominate someone from your department
- **Officer elections:**
 1. **Treasurer: Alex Wesaw.1**
 2. Wesaw.1: comes from city and regional planning, running for treasurer. Is a sole candidate. Ensures that there will be transparency and that everyone's needs are met. Has experience with working with budgets and has served as co-president on American-Indian board
 3. Questions and Answer for Wesaw.1: None

4. Executive session: No comments or discussions

- **Secretary**

1. First nominee: Abdallah Omair

2. PhD in industrial engineer and worked as a TA in Saudi Arabia. Has teaching and consulting experience. Wants to improve academic processes. Knows the role of secretary and outlines these points. An international and graduate student. Did surveys and asked people if they knew what CGS was, if they had been involved etc. Therefore, he brings ways to help CGS and help it reach more students.

Suggestions for CGS: helping students with scientific writing, make mini conferences and connect teaching and research. Have a 1 credit hour course that would be dedicated to volunteer work. Another suggestion: help international students to adjust their lives to American culture.

3. Second nominee: Joachim Bean

4. Masters student in city and regional planning. As an undergrad, was involved in academic affairs. Redesigned CGS website in 2014 to make it more useful and easier for students. Also involved in the major campus events committee.

Understands the role of secretary and thinks previous experience and interests meet up nicely with what he wants to do. Thinks that CGS has problems with communicating to outside students.

- Question and answer session for both nominees:

5. Elhelou.1: asks what are the experiences and work with outside students. Answer from Alomair: has arranged voluntary work for office of international association and organized Taste of OSU for Saudi students. Answer from Bean: connections

- with international students come from his boss and USG experience with the website for international students.
6. Kahn.103: Have you met with the current secretary and have you reviewed the meeting times/able to attend? Answer from Bean: Has not personally met her, but has been in email contact with her. Yes. Answer from Alomair: has emailed with her and understands all the responsibilities. Yes.
 7. MacMaster: CGS is very time consuming, so how will you adjusting your life as a grad student? Answer from Alomair: you manage your time. He has always had things to do and has always done well. Answer from Bean: because he had an intense schedule this year, his schedule will be more accommodating to having time for CGS.
 8. Connolly: How do you plan on opening up CGS to larger student body? Answer from Bean: has surveyed graduate students with process of familiarizing themselves with events, etc campus. Lots of inconsistencies. One of the ways is having CGS go to individual department orientations and have their students become familiar with CGS. Answer from Alomair: go to socialize more, email more, figure out tasks to do to involve outside community.
 9. Antonnucci.21: What have you done to help the committees? Answer from Bean: a little bit, when he was in USG. Answer from Alomair: nothing yet.
 10. Executive session:
 - Vice President
 1. Morton: PhD program from sports management. During masters, was in charge of running events and facility. Likes the idea of teaching and was offered a

fellowship at Ohio State. Currently teaching and cemented idea of wanting to teach. Feels like he could be a good advocate for graduate students and it is important that their voices are heard. CGS is a way to make importance of grad students. Wants to be involved—hasn't been involved previously but wants to be active. Also, wants to put his skills and experience to use and this will be an avenue to put their skills to use. Skillset: able to build relationships and able to work with diverse amounts of people—this has helped him develop philosophy about authentic engagement. Able to recognize other peoples' strengths and how to put those strengths to use. Wants to engage the right groups of people.

1. Tracy: quote by woody hayes. CGS is in the position to propel to a higher level. Wants to create an extraordinary experience for students. Discusses how she has anxiety and hates public speaking, but wants to focus on her strengths. Working on PhD in higher education and public affairs. Values communication, cooperation, and commitment. Has previously worked with Kerry Hodak, Dr. J and office of student affairs. Prioritizes relationships with delegates and senate with one-on-one availability. Wants to follow in the lead of Megan Fitze in the Hayes Forum. Has created the college of education council of graduate students. Will propel graduate students.
- Questions:
 1. Alex.25: Are you familiar of registration and stipends? How can you contribute to more? Answer from Morton: Does not know the answer as of now. His approach would be to sit down with Megan and David to understand better what is going on and will figure out what is needed. Needs more information. Answer from Tracy:

all TAs deserve more money than they are making. Knows that higher ed is going through a lot of issues and trying to change how we fund things. There is no way to just ask for more money. Talking to people, building relationships.

1. DasGupta.18: What is your experience on working with people on campus with gender, etc and how do you deal with conflict? Answer from Tracy: has taught the class of “crossing identity boundaries” and has done research on how to improve engagement of civic engagement. Address the conflict right away and make sure there is dialogue about it and not just debate. Can work with almost anyone because of her personality. Would host a forum if there was an issue. Answer from Morton: involvement on this campus has not been much, but diversity—tried to engage a more diverse group of students to come to our sporting events. Because saw a very monochromatic group of attendees at sporting events. The point wasn’t just to get them to the event, but to ask why haven’t they been involved? Tries to listen and is working on it. You get so much more out of listening and see why there is a conflict. Hear from people and see how this negatively impacts people.
2. Rubera.252: can you talk about how you handle smaller detail projects. Answer from Morton: the compartmentalization that takes place to function. Make sure that everything is blocked out time wise. Answer from Tracy: planned an event where she did a lot of really small details. Planning a conference in general can be very detail-oriented.
3. Tan.279: what if hayes forum send review feedback late, what would you do? Answer from Tracy: setting deadlines earlier than you need them and sending

- multiple reminders. Also call people. Answer from Morton: approach is always early and often. Actually goes to the office of people and doing things in person.
4. Puthawala.1: if you don't end up being VP, how will you put your talents to use?
Answer from Morton: When he sat down with Megan and David, if this doesn't work out, wants to maybe be a delegate or senator. Is anxious to be involved in Ohio State. Even if this doesn't work out, will still be involved. Answer from Tracy: Already applied to senate position and delegate position
 5. Wirza.1: Would you envision something new to add to the body of CGS? Answer from Tracy: Make sure there are volunteers to help with one small committee or project. Help students find why they are passionate and what they can contribute to CGS. Answer from Morton: is there a way to organize ourselves and other people. Recreate the wheel—is this necessary? Where do we need to change things and how do we do so.
 - Executive session:
 - President
 1. David Bowers: Will not speak for a long time, but will just highlight things.
Wants to find alliances and commonalities in the university. Wants CGS to have a sense of their decisions that are impacting others. People liked the pizza dinners that were offered. In terms of internal CGS, advisor says that CGS has been doing better than they've done in previous times.
 - Questions
 2. Wirza.1: what are the consequences of not attending meetings etc? Answer: needs to look into it

3. Alex.25: how will you get a better delegate turnout? Want to encourage to get out and go to the programs where we don't have anybody. Wants to get people involved who are interested in CGS and excited about it.
- Executive session
 - Resolution: the department of public policy has been filled and lost a seat. There was a public affairs person there. Health and Sciences is not on the resolution, will have to consider it for next year. Another question: do large programs contribute to the empty seats in delegate? This is based on enrollment but capped seats at 6. CGS can advertise themselves at the involvement fair. Majority vote on resolution.
 - Resolution: we buy the cgs swag in 2 year increments. Last year, we bought swag for about \$6,000 and that did not hit our books until this year. Therefore, the resolution is to take money from the retreat and speaker series to cover the marketing and communications. No discussion, all in favor.
 - Resolution #7: delegate outreach grants, have elections coming up in a month. Want to shift unused funds to delegate outreach grants if you all would like the opportunity to have them. Question for Wizra.1: how soon can we hear about this? All in favor.
 - Resolution: form a committee to study comprehensive management energy plans. This would give a group of students the opportunity to meet and research more in depth the implications of comprehensive management energy plan and what it holds for the future and report back to the delegate body. This committee will exist for the year of the president (for a year). Basree.1: how will delegates be

selected for this? Send the email to Megan and say you are interested. Ethier.4:
what is the timeline for this committee? This will be done in the coming weeks
and will get back to us in the may meeting or the june meeting. All in favor.

- Resolution: An award for delegates will be named after Collin Odden. Wheeler:
besides asking a lot of question, did he do something specifically notable? He
took a lot of issues seriously. He was extremely involved.
- Grady.15: inquired to Anderson.2299's history with Colin and his interest on the
resolution
- Anderson.2299: Knows and respects Colin, is uncomfortable with naming of
things after people
- Bowers: We have many awards named after others
- Siripurapu.4: What if someone wants to change the name
- Bowers: They may do so
- Kahn: Calls the Questions
- Alex: Seconds
- Motion raised, 4 opposed, 6, abstain. Motion passed unanimously.
- Resloution: 1516: Motion passes uniomously
- Delegate Announcements
- Dasgupta: Call for Volunteers April 14th for Diversity and Inclusion event.