



David Bowers.461 called the meeting to order at 3:32 PM

Megan Fitze.1 read the statement of purpose and a portion of the code of ethics

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

Fairness, established procedures and transparency

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1. Minutes from September Meeting

No corrections, minutes approved

3. Dr. Joseph Steinmetz, Executive Vice President and Provost

3.1 Named next Chancellor of U of Arkansas

3.2 Grad school – studied neuroscience – interested in the brain and adaptation; cognitive neuroscience

3.3 Higher education roles – teaching, research, but also administrative – many ways to stay in higher education

3.4 Postdoc at Stanford U; then career at Indiana U (Psychology, Neuroscience, Cognitive science programs)

3.5 Transition into upper administration: facilitating the work of faculty, graduate students, and undergraduates

3.6 Provost role – chief academic officer of the university; manages the academic mission(s) of uni., including regional campuses; library services

3.7 Chief operating officer – chief advisor of President; office of Student Life; office of the CIO report to him

3.8 Shift in graduate school in recent years:

3.8.1 More realization/awareness that there are commitments outside of graduate school / the grad experience; more support for families and acknowledgement that providing a safety net for family and health is important; PhD studies are not just designed to replace academics; market is not the same – limited job openings – better preparation (career advising) for opportunities outside of academia.

3.8.2 Expectations of output has increased drastically – experience teaching and publication record/research and creative activity; hard to balance with family/health and productivity

3.9 Pat Osmer (Dean of Grad School) stepped down to go back to faculty; review of graduate school – review committee that will include student perspectives

3.10 Questions

3.10.1 Alex.25 Appreciates honesty about family/work balance. Changes in administration at U of Iowa>?

Dr. Steinmetz President search – 4 candidates inc. himself, and U of Tulane. Selected IBM exec with no higher ed. experience, from corporate world. Polling results showed low acceptability; regents selected corporate candidate. Concern in higher ed; admin. Positions taken by corporate leaders and politicians. What is a university and what matters – framework not in place + issue of shared governance?

3.10.2 Odden.2 Realization that there are jobs outside of academia; at grad school level there is acknowledgement and initiative; how to get the programs in departments / department culture to support these initiative?

Dr. Steinmetz Need to ensure that grad student outcomes are published on department website

3.10.3 Odden.2 Often hard to track these cases

Dr. Steinmetz There are ways to track these graduates, not so difficult; mandating publication will change the culture

3.10.4 DasGupta.18 Glad you talked about the changes in graduate school. Work expectations (hours) exceed contract, especially for lab-based sciences? Labor requirements?

Dr. Steinmetz Teaching side easier to do: 20-hour rule that is easier to force; research and creative work is what makes candidates competitive; putting a cap on hours may not be useful

3.10.5 Wirza.1 International Student Experience – Last Committee update was July 29th; what are the recommendations?

Dr. Steinmetz Recommendations have been posted online. The first: transitional issues for new international students, both undergraduate and graduate. Services need to be improved. Appoint one person to oversee and coordinate the multiple services and offices that try to address different areas. Initiative to create online content (videos) that students can watch at their leisure instead of receiving the information all at once.

3.10.6 Odden.2 OSU is (quite) centralized. More direct access to staff instead of "tier-one" layer through which all request have to go through. Graduate students tend to be most affected and lose most. How to lobby effectively for services that are responsive to the needs of graduate students?

Dr. Steinmetz How to elevate the status of a graduate student so that it is distinct from that of an undergraduate student; voice that concern. For example, different offices need sections that specifically address needs of graduate students. Office of Academic Affairs – in process of hiring an assistant for Kay W. Assistant will serve as a liaison between Kay and HR, and graduate students will also be represented by this person.

4. OFFICER Updates

4.1. President

Draw attention to four items:

- 4.1.1 How can students get a bus pass when not enrolled for a semester (usually summer). Possible – not as cheap as the regular semester – but not as expensive as general public fee
- 4.1.2 New Speaker Series – CGS co-sponsoring with colleges that have graduate students in them. OSU faculty & graduate students will be involved. Provost agreed to fund this series. Partnering with College of Arts & Sciences. Need delegates from Arts & Sciences to meet with me to brainstorm ideas for speakers. E-mail over the next week to setup meetings.
- 4.1.3 The Grad/Prof student survey – expect next week with a letter from Interim Dean Herness; every three years; pay attention to the survey and encourage constituents to complete survey One concern for funded students is how many hours of work are expected (in "use of time" sections). Adjust response options to increase the maximum to 35+ hours. Under "list of concerns," asks about work/financial concerns. A separate question for graduate students with a GA position on contract and clear communication of responsibilities. Also included are questions about the housing market, resources for graduate students, and career services within the school and individual departments.
- 4.1.4 President Drake will be at November 20th meeting. Will be there to answer questions; as much input as possible from delegate body about issues. **On November 6th at 6:00 PM, there will be an informal brainstorm session in the CGS offices.**

4.2. Vice President

- 4.2.1 Thanks for questions and input during pizza social dinners. November 17th at 3:30 – one more dinner for those who weren't able to attend.
- 4.2.2 Hayes Committee meeting – changed language to focus on cash prizes; flyer that secretary will send out to print and distribute to departments, possibly in mailboxes
- 4.2.3 Grants program – information sessions – hold something similar for the Hayes. An e-mail with the information will be sent out to all graduate students, food will be provided.
- 4.2.4 Printed posters – 2 – one to hang inside and outside building.
- 4.2.5 University Athletic Council representative – felt like an obligatory seat; trying to speak up and would be helpful to include anecdotes and narratives; issue to be voted on – piloting alcohol sales in the Ohio Stadium – sales only available on Suite or Club levels, drinks would have to stay there; cost \$7-9; cannot take to any other level; university does report a portion of sales. Would like to know how policy affects you and what you think of it?
- 4.2.6 Is alcohol sales the main topic?
- 4.2.7 Not the main topic

4.3. Secretary

- 4.3.1 Look out for Tue/Wed news e-mail with event announcement and flyers to circulate
- 4.3.2 Meeting packet/e-mail issues: if not receiving, see me after meeting or e-mail me

4.4. Treasurer

- 4.4.1 Sources of funding: Coca Cola; Student Life (slightly less of \$85000); Global Gateway – Student Life & Academic Affairs; Hayes Forum – Graduate School & Office of Research; Ray – Academic Affairs
- 4.4.2 Ray Travel Award judging complete – thanks to applicant and judges for reviewing the applications; 44 applicants – 40% award acceptance rate over the course of the year
- 4.4.3 Proposal to increase Ray funds (by \$250) brought to last executive meeting; potentially attract more applicants; deliberation at upcoming (November) exec meeting
 - Wirza.1 Can we increase the acceptance rate to 50%?
 - Anderson.2299 Would need a resolution from delegate body to change acceptance rate; would also need to bring it to funding source
 - Bowers.461 Agreement for it to be a prestigious award to receive funds
 - Question: \$12,000 – is this what we spend for meeting food?
 - Anderson.2299 – not only on meetings; also other events that draw from it
 - Tan.229 Question about Student Affairs – approve or deny, any other options?

Anderson.2299 Sometimes “pending” if more information is required

Tan.229 Do you approve full or partial amounts?

Anderson.2299 Can delete items we cannot fund – can approve all funds except certain purchases

Question: Interpreting budget

Anderson.2299: Carry Forward – Money that we have had our discretion

Bowers.461 Fairly unusual that we don’t have to return money that wasn’t spent; CGS historically doesn’t spend all of funds allocated; for example with committee events that aren’t executed and Ray Travel Award winners who find other sources of funding.

Burkhart.20 Questions about Maymester and redesigning summer semester – what does that mean for students?

Wirza.1 Committee of student enrollment and progress – no more Maymester but not yet published

Bowers.461 Maymester was initially a way to facilitate transition from quarters to semesters; main questions are what is impact for graduate students, teaching responsibilities, and status?

Tan.229 3 different plans with different “terms” with varying lengths in each one proposed. How to handle teaching / taking courses under different “plans” or parts of the summer?

4.4.4 Career Development Grant winners – if original receipts have been given to office, anticipate 30-60 days for reimbursement; quicker if winner is employed as GTA/GRA; also depends on international student status

4.4.5 David, Megan, and I serve on CAA (Council on Academic Affairs); meet every Monday; go through applications from organizations for student funding; Dr. J (VP Student Life) talked about initiatives regarding sexual violence and prevent at meeting – asked opinions from faculty, graduates and undergraduates.

4.5. Chief of Staff

Bowers.461 Zac Foste not able to make it; personal situation

5. Committee Chair Announcements

5.1 Diversity & Inclusion

DasGupta.18 can go into Buckeyelink personal information and self-identify as LGBTQ

5.2 SERC

Patterson.694 Helping to circulate a survey on “zero waste” – very informative about recycling – responses due by November 6th

Upcoming event – part of interdisciplinary program on climate change – evaluating own impact on climate change. Look out for RSVP.

5.3 Arts & Culture

Schroeder. “See and Socialize”

Get graduate students to engage with arts & culture events on campus and in the community; but also to highlight events produced by, attended by, and for graduate students. Socialize around the events.

Opportunity to meet people who know about the arts and help connect with.

Saturday, October 31st – MFA Department of Dance Concert – 8:00 PM

November 12th – Theatre performance

5.4 University Research Council

Ashley Weber – how to improve interdisciplinary collaboration; e-mail any ideas

Topic: What are the ethics of charging to publish? Open Access issues. Advise university about allocating funds during this transitional phase.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. Any Delegate Issues and Concerns

6.1.1 Stacey.25 Drafting resolution to stand in solidarity with Iowa (another R1 institution). Get in contact.

Odden.2 During Presidential search – consider “3 categories” – President, Provost, Industry. SAGE / NAGPS – find out other organizations around the country feel?

Bowers.461 Get in touch with Alex.25 and then possibly bring to SAGE/NAGPS

Odden.2 Speaking to international student about health plan changes? Some have been affected and have no other option for health insurance, aren’t sure what to talk.

Alex.25 Poor communicate about changes; lots of missing information

Siripurapu.4 GTAs working more than 20 hours a week

Bowers.461 Spoke with graduate school; want to hear more; “volunteer teaching” demands appear to be unacceptable; speak to Dean Salimbene as option

Puthawala.1 Transition to UHS – recognition that graduate students have families and can register dependents; primary policy owner can go to Wilce but depends cannot use those services; why aren’t dependents given equal access to car? Contact him with similar experiences and thoughts.

Alex.25 Dependent and not able to go to certain places

Odden.2 Wife had to go off-campus ; confusion about who to bill and when payment is due

Odden.2 Faculty won’t participate in some plans because cost controls deemed unreasonable

Puthawala.1 Many glitches and errors common with “off-campus” services as opposed to streamlined university-housed services

Kahn.130 Can we refer this to a committee?

Bowers.461 Yes, Health & Wellness Committee. 2 grad student representatives.

Odden.2 Eugene Holowacz.1 led committee to generate items on Graduate Associate conditions – high-response rate to survey and those items; housing items – answer as fully as possible; representative and coherent data – only possible if we get enough responses

Odden.2 Chief Security Office – Meeting; security practices; restriction if on a visa; stories to share? E-mail him.

Bowers.461 At January meeting, guest coming in to address delegate body regarding security issues.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.1. November Meeting: Nov. 20 Ohio Union, Senate Chambers

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 PM