Delegate Meeting Agenda

Date  December 13, 2013 (4th Autumn Delegate Meeting)
Location  Ohio Union, Senate Chambers

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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. DELEGATE ISSUES AND CONCERNS

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   3.1. Minutes from October 18th meeting

4. OFFICER REPORTS (PLEASE SEE ATTACHED WRITTEN REPORT)
   4.1. President  Coy.82
   4.2. Vice President  Crowsley.1
   4.3. Secretary  Lang.279
   4.4. Treasurer  Cichon.8
   4.5. Chief of Staff  Wiggins.106

5. NEW BUSINESS
   5.1. Resolution 1314-AU-009: A resolution in support of Ohio HB 111, Granting voting privileges to student trustee members (draft attached)

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS (PLEASE SEE ATTACHED WRITTEN REPORT)
   6.1. Grants Administration  Sandoval.32
      6.1.1. Career Development
      6.1.2. Global Gateway
   6.2. Diversity & Inclusion  Bryson.53
   6.3. SERC  Mills.532
   6.4. Governmental Relations  Rochman.2
   6.5. Health & Wellness  Deshpande.39
   6.6. International Relations  Dong.209
   6.7. Academic Relations  krygowski.5
   6.8. Communications  vang.18
   6.9. Ray Travel Award  Cichon.8
   6.10. Senate Advisory  Pucker.1

7. DISCUSSION
   7.1. Any other Delegate Issues and Concerns

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS
   8.1. Spring 2014 Semester Meetings and Special Dates
8.1.1. Friday, Jan 10, 2014 CGS Executive Committee Meeting, 3:30 pm, CGS Office
8.1.2. 1st Spring Delegate Meeting: Friday, Jan 17, 2014, 3:30 PM, Union Senate Chambers
8.1.3. Friday, Feb 7, 2014 CGS Executive Committee Meeting, 3:30 pm, CGS Office
8.1.4. 2nd Spring Delegate Meeting: Friday, Feb 14, 2014, 3:30 PM, Union Senate Chambers
8.1.5. 27th Edward F. Hayes Graduate Research Forum: Friday, Feb 21, 2014, Union
8.1.6. Friday, March 7, 2014 CGS Executive Committee Meeting, 3:30 pm, CGS Office
8.1.7. 3rd Spring Delegate Meeting: Friday, March 21, 2014, 3:30 PM, Union Senate Chambers,
   *Election*
8.1.8. Friday, April 4, 2014 CGS Executive Committee Meeting, 3:30 pm, CGS Office
8.1.9. 4th Spring Delegate Meeting: Friday, April 18, 2014, 3:30 PM, Union Senate Chambers
8.1.10. Grad/Prof Spring Reception (immediately following): Friday, April 18, 2014, 5:30 PM, Faculty Club
Delegate Meeting Minutes
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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 September 27th meeting – no objections, passed

3. GUESTS
   3.1. Assistant Dean of Graduate School, CGS Advisor Wallace.150
       3.1.1. Guest did not attend; perhaps have at future meeting.

4. OFFICER REPORTS
   4.1. President Coy.82
       4.1.1. Coy.82 noted in future meetings we will have written reports in addition to
              the agenda and previous meeting’s minutes for delegates to read over. Hope to use meetings
              more for delegate concerns, discussion. In the future, delegates can email Coy.82, or other
              officer or committee chair, if you want more information on a particular item from his/her
              written report.
       4.1.2. We have contacted 5-6 faculty members about serving as faculty advisor –
              all 6 unable to serve. We are still in need of a faculty advisor and would appreciate any input
              from delegate body (please email Coy.82). As a reminder, we already have Kerry Hodak and
              Kathy Wallace as our student life and administrative advisors, respectively, but would love a
              faculty member who has served on senate, but not currently serving, at least Associate
              Professor or above; someone connected to university but without conflict due to other
              commitments. We have tried some emeritus professors, with the thought that these
              individuals may have more time to serve, but that does not seem to be working. If you have an
              Associate or Full professor in mind, once again, please send names to Coy.82.
       4.1.3. HighBall is happening next weekend. We have free tickets for grad-prof
              students (Kerry Hodak here to help people get tickets after the meeting). There are great
              Friday night entertainment activities and Saturday afternoon family activities (costume
              contests, animal costumes). It is near the Short North, past “the cap.”
   4.2. Vice President Crowsley.1
       4.2.1. Regarding fall elections – still working through the technical glitch,
              however we are now in the position to confirm several new delegates. Crowsley.1 read
              through the names of 18 newly elected delegates welcoming them to CGS. Noted that she is
              still working on a few additional positions, but should have fall elections fully wrapped up
              shortly.
4.2.2. Hayes forum – We have been advertising for graduate student abstract, and we have abstracts coming in. Our advisors play a key role in getting judges, and this will eventually be a crucial role of our faculty advisor. If you know faculty members who would be good judges please invite them, can also nominate judges on line. Please also take a Hayes poster to hang up in your department; put in visible place for graduate students. Abstract submission closes on Nov 1st. Judging will begin shortly after. Still looking for volunteers, particularly the day off, please email crowsley. Dong.209 had a question about the acceptance rate – Crowsley.1 said that in the past the acceptance rates varied by field, but could be as low as 20%, with many fields between 40-50%.

4.2.3. Apportionment and IT updates – Have met with IT about various website issues, including updates with Ray Travel award website. We now have external committees assignments appropriately displayed on the website. In addition, the apportionment report is nearly ready; IT will do test run soon so that we are ready for next semester to do the apportionment process.

4.2.4. External committee appointments – We are now full; i.e., all external committee assignments are satisfied. In the future, if we have other opportunities to serve on university committees, Crowsley.1 will let folks know. Please contact Crowsley.1 if you would be interested in serving. Will discuss the external and internal committee requirements more at delegate orientations.

4.2.5. Delegate orientations – once the election rerun is complete, which should happen prior to our next meeting, Crowsley.1 will offer delegate orientations. These brief meetings share more details about how CGS works and what happens in the interim between delegate meetings.

4.2.6. Coy.82 also gave a special thanks to Kerry Hodak (advisor) for her help/advice in figuring elections glitch out; we worked to assure people who had voted in departments where we had already had a delegate were not allowed to vote twice.

4.3. Secretary

4.3.1. Reminded constituents to send her news items and events. Asked delegates to make sure they sign in and let alternates know they should sign in under the name of who they are representing that meeting.

4.4. Treasurer

4.4.1. Senate fiscal – Fiscal has requested a new ad hoc committee to review the budget model; this committee is tasked with reviewing the budget model for the whole university. We went through the whole structure as it currently stands, Cichon.8 noted she would keep everyone abreast as this moves forward. Coy.82 noted these are really important questions and at some point we will want graduate student feedback about what changes may make sense.

4.5. Chief of Staff

4.5.1. No report

5. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

5.1. Grants Administration
5.1.1. Career Development (CDG) - the next round of submissions ends November 1st. Our goal is to have the website up next spring (2014). Coy.82 reminded delegates that the CDG has increased to $350 and to forward on the CGS news editions Lang.279 sends out (which contains the reminders about Ray Travel and CDG)

5.2. Diversity & Inclusion Bryson.53

5.2.1. Had really successful event on September 30 (i.e., connecting with faith in the academy) there were 5-6 panelist representing different faith based groups on campus and how they participate in community service. A reading group has been created based off the event, and one of the attendees has become a member of the Diversity and Inclusion committee.

5.2.2. Next event – Hollow Interactive Documentary (see http://cgs.osu.edu/blog/hollow-interactive-documentary/). There will be a screening and discussion with the director, Elaine McMillion, on 1/16/2014. It is a documentary about life in a dying Appalachian county, McDowell County, and how these rural communities are trying to revive themselves. Bryson.53 is trying to coordinate a corresponding graduate student event with the director later, perhaps a dinner discussion. Can use Google Chrome browser to interact (http://hollowdocumentary.com).

5.2.3. Women in the academy event needed to be pushed back to November. Please look out for updated details. Bryson.53 thanked delegates for forwarding the CGS news/updates so that graduate students know about these events.

5.3. SERC Mills.532

5.3.1. Family emergency not able to be there – Coca Cola grant for sustainability is on blog (http://cgs.osu.edu/blog/coca-cola-student-sustainability-grant/).

5.4. Governmental Relations Rochman.2

5.4.1. Looking for new delegates interested in helping to work on CGS governing documents. Want to clean up constitution, bylaws and standing rules to make more nimble and concise.

5.5. Health & Wellness Deshpande.39

5.5.1. Will be sending out doodle Pole for climbing event (see http://cgs.osu.edu/blog/cgs-climbing-event-at-arc/). It will be held Saturday, 11/2 from 8 to noon at the ARC.

5.6. International Relations Dong.209

5.6.1. We are beginning a professional mentorship program and piloting this idea within the College of Pharmacy. Right now there is a small committee composed of a Graduate Student, the Graduate Studies chair and a faculty member drafting the proposal, then this will be approved by the Graduate Studies Committee. The purpose of the Graduate Professional Mentorship program is to provide a mentor outside a student’s advisor, to help network outside academia. This project is what the international concerns committee is currently working on, but it is not limited to international students; it is career mentorship for all. Once again, focusing on College of Pharmacy currently, but could serve as template for other colleges to follow. Dong.209 noted she is still looking for other delegates to serve on her
committee.

5.7. Academic Relations  
5.7.1. No news – please email with any academic related questions or issues

5.8. Communications  
5.8.1. Reminded delegate’s about funding request - $200 to fund an activity that is department gathering w/your constituents - must be on campus, cannot fund alcohol, geared toward social gathering. Application to apply for funds – CGS website under Communications committee (see http://cgs.osu.edu/blog/delegate-outreach-request).
Delegate question - can the money be used to fund multiple events. Cichon.8 – yes. Cichon.8 and Vang.18 encourage all to apply and take advantage of this opportunity. Kerry Hodak, also noted based on the current rules, could have one event each term technically, money has been “first come first serve,” as thus far it has never been abused. Small.122 asked so you can have more than one? Hodak, Cichon and Vang – yes; as of now only 12 requests out of over 60 delegates.

5.8.2. Still communicating via Facebook/Twitter – please “like” or “follow.”

5.9. Ray Travel Award  
5.9.1. CDG and Ray Travel – next deadline is November 1st – reminded delegate that the Ray travel is up to $750 to present at a conference. There is now a standard committee together to judge the Ray Travel award and this committee will judge all remaining funding periods this academic year (i.e., 3rd and 4th). There are still a few open spots on the committee and Cichon.8 is looking for volunteers, please email if you are interested in joining the committee. Cichon.8 noted it is a really good experience; i.e., if you have gotten the award before it is a good way to give back, and if you want to apply in the future, you get an inside view of how the process works. She noted if you are worried you may apply in the future, you can still join the committee, we can work around this and take you off judging the period you apply.

6. DISCUSSION

6.1. Delegate Issues and Concerns  
6.1.1. Coy.82 briefly discussed the recent OUAB family event, a fantastic pumpkin painting event at Buckeye village – it was great, super cute loads of fun! Coy.82 noted that this showed how much we need to work on programing at Buckeye Village; this community needs our support and we hope to look for additional ways to do some good programming there.

6.1.2. Conrad.245 asked about a graduation grant? Coy.82 noted this was an initiative of the previous administration which they instituted that as a pilot program. Coy.82 noted some of the ethical issues with giving someone an award for materials that he/she could then resale. Instead of continuing the graduation grant, we have chosen to pump up the CDG. In addition, the Business office was uncomfortable with the graduation grant, it potentially violated rules that dictate students should not personally benefit from the student activity fee. There was some discussion about whether the graduate grant could be funded from the Coke grant funds we receive, which are supposed to fund professional development, but doing such
would not seem to be in line with the mission of these funds. Curzon.1 – asked about investigating the fees associated with graduation, e.g., $40 to put dissertation on microfilm. Hopp.8 – asked why should we have to pay for something that is required by the university? Discussion of making dissertation available on ProQuest. Krygowski.5 agreed to look into these issues and fees associated with graduate student graduation.

6.1.3. Crowsley.1 - Hollow Documentary is now on blog

6.1.4. Pucker.1 asked about when the next executive committee meeting will be?

Lang.79 agreed to email everyone the consensus (November 15th).

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.1. Additional Autumn Meeting Dates

7.1.1. Executive Committee Meeting^ November 15th, 2013

7.1.2. 4th Autumn Delegate Meeting November 22, 2013

7.1.3. Executive Committee Meeting December, TBD

7.1.4. 5th Autumn Delegate Meeting* December 13, 2013

^Needed to Reschedule the Executive Committee Meeting on 11/8/13 due to NAGPS Conference

*May be canceled at executive committee’s discretion
Resolution 1314-AU-009
A Resolution in Support Ohio HB 111, Granting Voting Privileges to Student Trustee members

Author: Josh Coy (.82), President
Sponsor: The Executive Committee

WHEREAS The Council of Graduate Students (CGS) is the representative body of all graduate students enrolled in The Ohio State University (established by Article II.1 of the CGS Constitution); and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees of The Ohio State University serves as the highest level of governance for the University; and

WHEREAS shared governance plays an essential role in the strategic actions aimed at fulfilling the University’s purpose and goals; and

WHEREAS the graduate students of The Ohio State University have a vested interest in the future of the institution; and

WHEREAS student members of the Board of Trustees currently serve without voting privileges; and

WHEREAS decisions by the Board of Trustees ultimately affect the future of the institution and directly impact students; and

WHEREAS Ohio House Bill 111 (HB111) has been introduced by primary sponsors Representatives Duffey and Stinziano; and

WHEREAS HB111 would grant voting powers on the Board of Trustees to student members and prohibit student members from being disqualified for receiving financial assistance;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Council finds the actions taken within HB111 to be necessary and appropriate for the health of the University; and

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the Council directs the President of CGS to advocate for this position on behalf of the Council to all appropriate members of the Ohio House of Representatives, Senate, the Governor of Ohio, all relevant committees, and any other Statehouse leadership deemed necessary.

Date Approved __________

Josh Coy, President
The Council Of Graduate Students
The Ohio State University