



Council of Graduate Students
The Ohio State University

Delegate Meeting Minutes

Date: June 27, 2014

2nd Summer 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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1. Minutes from May 23rd Meeting

2.1.1. No corrections; minutes were approved.

3. OFFICER REPORTS (SEE ATTACHED)

3.1. President

Coy.82

3.1.1. Resolution in support of GCBC to increase the stipend by each year was sent.

Also sent them a reminder of the maternity leave issue.

3.1.2. The issue of an additional 10 hours attached to fellowships in a particular department has been resolved. The practice has been stopped completely because it was in violation of the graduate school policy.

3.1.2.1. From this issue we have found that when you have GTA issues, you have to have someone willing to step forward so they can act. Sometimes people come to the grad school and ask to stay anonymous, but then they can't do anything. They won't necessarily have to use your name but someone has to be willing to have the issue brought forward. If there is a GTA issue it is best to talk within your department then take it to the grad school.

3.1.3. Our standing rules for catering are out of date and we will be talking about that.

3.1.4. We might outgrow the Senate Chambers room so we may have to move to another room

3.1.5. Got promotional items on the way to use for CGS. Higher quality t-shirts to get cgs' name out there.

3.1.6. Megan is following up on the technical issue that when you are done with your 9 month appointment students aren't able to get into their accounts; can't check paystubs. This was set up as a standard across the board for security reasons. They are looking into a way to fix this and at least extend the policy.

3.1.7. King ave issue we will talk about.

3.1.8. Kerry hodak was promoted to a new position. Kerry has done amazing work for

OSU and cgs and we surpass most other schools for grad-prof programming so they promoted her to really get the word out there and do more research.

3.2. Vice President

Bowman.979

3.2.1.Appointments to committees have been made. Should have received an automatic appointment email.

3.3. Secretary

Schunn.1

3.3.1.New secretary. Let me know if you have any events or info you would like on the website.

3.3.2.Odden.2 asked if there would be weekly delegate news emails.

3.3.2.1.They won't necessarily be weekly but there will be emails for delegates to send out info to departments. Delegates can also pull relevant info from meeting packets.

3.4. Treasurer

Rochman.2

3.4.1.No new info. Will discuss budget, etc.

3.5. Chief of Staff

Bowers.461

3.5.1.Out of country.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1. Act 1415 SU 005-NAGPS Constitutional Clause

4.1.1.Coy.82- Second read. This goes back to a couple meetings ago we voted to remove ourselves from NAGBCS. We are working with Sage and some other people and working this out. There used to be a clause in the constitution that said we would be involved in NAGBCS. Changed that to make it more general so we can have national representation that CGS sees fit.

4.1.1.1.Odden.2 Moved that we approve. Senney.3 seconded. Majority yes; motion approved.

4.2. Act 1415 SU 006-New Fiscal Year Budget

4.2.1.Rochman.2- Had left out the president's total budget so fixed that. If you have any questions let David know. Last year's budget pooled all the committee operating expenses, but this year in order to get expectations for programming, budgeted for each committee. There is also a pool for anyone who goes over their budget and wants to do a bigger program that needs more money. Overall committee budget is higher and is there for committees to spend.

4.2.2.Increased delegate outreach grant and increased the travel fund for members. Global gateway budget includes what we will get from other sources. Added \$5,000 of our own money in order to help with travel

4.2.3.These are estimates because we do not know how much we are going to get.

4.2.4.Munnely.3 called into question. Second from Gambrel.15. No questions, majority approved, motion passes.

4.3. Act 1415 SU 007-Budget Deadline Bylaw Change

4.3.1.Before the budget had to be put forth in the spring and approved. This just changes the bylaws to make June the meeting that we would vote on the budget. We have to have a budget by July either way. Question by Gambrel.15- As it is written the outgoing treasure writes the budget for the upcoming year? Coy.82 Yes. Gambrel.15- Would it be better to have the past treasurer write the budget for the following year? They might have insight into what was actually spent etc.

Coy.82- The two treasurers should be working together for a couple of months leading up to the change. Cichon.8 (previous treasurer)- We went over the old budget and a lot of training to integrate the new treasurer. Cichon.8 feels comfortable with the new proposed way. Since you make the budget in June the old treasurer would have to stay on until July to do the budget if we had the old treasurer do the budget. But this way the new treasurer can do it after instruction from the old treasurer. Coy.82- Part of the treasurer's duties is the ray travel so they have to have the overturn by now and the new treasurer should be up to speed by this time. Gambrel.15-How required is the transition period? Is it written in? Coy.82 - There is really no way to hold anyone to it. We have a lot of people that would do it and help if needed to get things up to speed. Trying to get the budget in by April or May during school puts pressure on students. Hamilton.879 motions to approve; Bennett.455 seconds. Majority approves, act passes.

4.4. Res 1415 SU 008-Amendment to Current Budget

4.4.1.This is just an amendment to the budget. Food is getting expensive so we are asking for an increase for food at meetings and exec meetings. Meeting refreshments is on the bottom of the second page of the budget. No questions. Brewster.81 motions. Schroeder.650 seconded. Majority in favor, resolution approved.

5. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS (SEE ATTACHED)

5.1.OPEN POSITIONS NEED

- 5.1.1. ACADEMIC RELATIONS** HOLOWACZ.1
- 5.1.2. ARTS AND CULTURE** OPEN
- 5.1.3. COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH** OPEN
- 5.1.4. DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION** CAMPBELL.1651

5.1.4.1.Have handouts for the symposium for the college of social work. This allows poster presentations for research. Extended the deadline to the end of July. Hoping to have about 20 posters. No questions.

- 5.1.5. GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS** OPEN
- 5.1.6. GRADUATE STUDENT HOUSING** OPEN
- 5.1.7. GRANTS ADMINISTRATION** SANDOVAL.32

5.1.7.1.Coy.82- Elizabeth is in California, but she is reading her email all the time. Career development grant is closing today.

- 5.1.8. HEALTH AND WELLNESS** OPEN
- 5.1.9. INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONCERNS** ANDERSON.2299

5.1.9.1.Currently studying abroad.

5.1.10. SENATE ADVISORY

KRYGOWSKI.5

5.1.10.1.Nothing to report.

5.1.11. SERC

FAZE.6

5.1.12. UNIVERSITY AREA COMMISSIONER ODDEN.2

5.1.12.1.Odden.2- Computing at OSU- Possible revision to data policy- This would apply to everyone with a position here. They want to expand the definition to include

everything (including research data, etc). And they added a clause that you have to relinquish the data when they leave the university. There are separate questions about intellectual policy rights and what you own. Mostly an FYI.

5.1.12.2.UAC-Odden.2- There is a king ave issue- This is one of many institutions that asks the city to grant an exception to zoning issues. The developers all say that they are building it for grad students. Never did any research. Continue to say that they are building for grad students. The proposed units are mostly 4 or 6 bedroom units with 2 bedroom units in the basement. The concern is not that it is just not for grad students but it will also cause issues for the area. 160 units being added and a lot of cars to the area with tandem parking. This being built would take precedent and allow others to do similar. So CGS has been asked to make a statement about this (talked about later in meeting).

5.1.12.3.Odden.2- Campus partners- the piece between 8th and 10th ave (where Wendy's was) has been acquired and up for redevelopment. We want to get grad student feedback. Will have more to say later on this. Brewster.81- question- Is this still a proposed revision? Odden.2- Yes, still supposed to come back to meeting

5.1.12.4.Delegate- What can CGS do to work on this institutional data policy? Odden.2- We have seats on committees that can influence it. The committee raised the issues and waiting to see what revisions come back. Whoever is on the committee needs to be there, be vocal, and report back. On totalit grad students are invisible except for the one person on the committee- The programs are for faculty and for undergrads. Just need to have a really proactive and outspoken individual on the committee. You need to be willing to speak up and get our concerns across. This issue would still have to go to senate and we have people on Senate. Himmel.14- A lot of times these things are routed through CAFR. Maybe put this through there to see the implications.

5.1.13. AD HOC ON CHILDCARE

GAMBREL.15

5.1.13.1.Gambrel.15 has started looking into things.

5.1.13.2.Coy.82- Kerry has a lot of info about childcare. Should talk to her.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. 142/160 KING AVE DEVELOPMENT

6.1.1.1.Odden.2- We are asking to write a letter about our concerns. Commissions can't tell the developers no. They are just a recommending body. It doesn't look good when they don't get recommendations. The board of zoning, etc do vote. The city overall is predevelopment. It doesn't hurt to take a stance.

6.1.1.2. Coy.82 Do we want to write a letter? Micen.1- Can you write a draft? Coy.82 Colin, when do we need it by? Odden.2- Two weeks. Coy.82- In this case we don't have time to get a draft out there. Odden.2- They want to rezon it from single family o multifamily. It would be good to do a survey of grad students. Oti.4- Will it just say that they didn't reach out to grad students or also that it doesn't seem like what grad students want? Coy.82- Focus on both- They did not speak with us after multiple offers. They made it very clear they have done no research. What will this do to the area where grad students already live? Tandem parking means in two cars in one spot but the residents will have to pay. So are the residents just going to park on the street Delegate- How can we make statements without doing research? Coy.82- We mostly just don't have time.

Hodak.2- We have a lot of grad students here s we have a pretty good idea that this is not the type of housing that grad students would want. As a body you can make that statement.

6.1.1.3. Pisha.2- What do we want the result to be from this letter? Odden.2- You could say that this is not consequential but this goes into the public record. Oti.4—Can we do a vote to see what the students here think? Delegate- But we don't know the price, etc. Odden.2- Would you live in this type of development? A couple delegates stated they might depending on the price, etc. Hodak.2- It will not be cheap housing. It is going to be new. There is nothing under a thousand dollars for a bedroom apartment.

6.1.1.4. Delegate- Can we word it as we are concerned that this not the type of housing for graduate students, not just say that we do not want it? Delegate- I lived in that area and it is insane. Parking would be a mess.

6.1.1.5. Odden.2- July 14th is the day we would need it by. Odden.2 mentioned that CGS writes a letter to city council to contain the points: The developer did not reach out to grad students or do any research and this is generally not the kind of housing density that graduate students would like to live in. Seconded.

6.1.1.6. Brewster.81- Would Josh write the letter? Coy.82- Colin and I could write it. Odden.2- I could be sued based on the letter. Hodak.2- The letter should come from the president. Delegate- I still think we are just making assumptions. Rate.1 maybe we can all get on board- say that the council has doubts rather than saying that grad students would not like it. Coy.82 We need to vote on whether we do or not want to write the letter. Rochman.2- Collin would need to amend. Hodak.2 Can we write it on the board so people can see the wording? (Coy.82 wrote the wording on the board) Delegate motions; seconded. Majority in favor, motion carries.

6.1.1.7. Coy.82- We need to make sure they realize we are paying attention. Coy.82 will send out a draft via email for review.

6.2. REFRESHMENT STANDING RULE

6.2.1.1. Coy.82- Standing rules can be changed with majority vote. Coy.82 met with Katy who does refreshments at the union. Problem is with numbers 2 and 4 in the rules in refreshment policy. It says CGS can only spend \$6 per person but we have likely been out of compliance for a while. This is for food at delegate and exec meetings. Kerry said we are spending closer to like \$4 at exec meetings so that is not an issue. Need to change that to \$8 per person to keep up with food costs.

6.2.1.2. Delegate motions to increase the food to \$8 per person and not to exceed 10 thousand dollars per year. Bhatnager.16 seconds. Majority in favor, motion passes.

6.3. Any other Delegate Issues and Concerns

6.3.1. Coy.82 Opens floor

6.3.2. Delegate- Parking issue- Was told you cannot pay for it monthly unless you are on a 10 month appointment. Garage passes are almost \$800. DiFranco.33- We have had people who were able to do this while on a 9 point appointment. Delegate may have just gotten wrong info.

6.3.3. Holmes.190- The renewal for parking passes is every year. HR does not process the appointments in time to know that grad students have an appointment. There is no electronic way to prove that you have a contract. Delegate- You should be able to email them your

contract. You might not be able to know what you are eligible for though. Hodak.2- This is a problem in your department, technically they should do this well in advance. - PARKING ISSUE- YOU CANNOT PAY FOR IT monthly UNLESS YOU HAVE A 10 MONTH GTA. GARAGE pass IS ALMOST \$800. DIFRANCO- WE HAVE PEOPLE WHO WERE ABLE TO DO THIS WHILE ON 9 MONTH APPOINTMENTS. Karin- May have just been mistaken information

6.3.3.1.Hodak.2 to Delegate- think that they were giving you bad information. Under terms and conditions it says you only need a 9 month appointment. Delegate will follow up with josh

6.3.4.Hodak.2- Kerry's new job- will be supervising a new coordinator that will do the grad and prof programming. Kerry will do research on the programming. Make better introduction for grad students and make them feel they have resources. Phd students have a 50% attrition rate at OSU and nationally. There is no data saying that those who do not finish are someone different (grades, motivation, etc). Kerry will still advise cgs and interprofessional council.

6.3.5.Rochman.2- delegate outreach grant- new application is on the website. The delegate outreach grant is for delegates to plan an event in your department and that you promote CGS to your department. Up to \$200. Your department can pay for it up front and be reimbursed. Going to be pushing it. David bowers will be the lead on this.

6.3.5.1.Coy.82-We need to work with the departments to include something in orientation. Reach out to your program coordinators. On the website under administration- delegates- application is right there

6.3.5.2.Holowacz.1- you may have to expand who you include in the program if your department has been restructured. There might be more than one delegate for your school/department.

6.3.5.3.Delegate asked- How do we reach out to departments without delegates? Coy.82- you can apply for it to it to go to the other departments. There are currently 41 departments with no representation. Difranco.33- but you can't become a delegate right now. Coy.82- you can become a delegate with a petition. Elections will happen in September. Need to get people interested. Eisenmann.21- Are there handouts? Coy.82- working to get media kits with easels and information about cgs. Rochman.2- highly advise you to co-program with someone in your department. Definitely reach out. Let constituents know they can come to you with program ideas

6.3.5.4.Delegate- what information on flyers? Coy.82- it will have the dates for grants, how to get involved- Also going to make posters with dates so that it can just stay up in the department.

6.4. Micen.1- Represents biomedical research- late registration fees- the fees are \$500-600.

Some of the students did not register in time or did not know they had to register. Is there anything that can be done? Coy.82- run into this before- there are automated emails that go out. The reason that the fee is so high is because the university doesn't get the money from the state. There is a way to appeal this in certain situations. There are forms that you can fill out. Coy.82- it's punitive for a reason- it is on a case by case basis. Hodak.2- University came to cgs when they were first violated. Grad students were the worst – state pays a lot of your tuition. If you do not register on time then university loses out on this money.

Maybe this needs to be better advertised? Grad program coordinators need to remind students.
Coy.82- might be better to go to the grad studies chair.

6.4.1. Sur.16- appealed to the grad school and they said they would refund it.

Hodak.2- there are two sets of fees 100 first and then 500. So depending on which, you might have better luck appealing.

6.4.2. Oti.4- need to emphasize the importance department wide. In some cases students submitted the form but the grad program coordinator did not register. Hodak.2- you can take it to the grad school yourself- get an immediate confirmation.

6.4.3. Holowacz.1- you can send an email grad-schoolregistrationservices@osu.edu mention all the class information. Normally this is enough and the class gets approved. Ferriby.2- it is on the grad school page

6.5. Odden.2- question about communication- can cgs fill the communication gaps? The OSU weekly and there is a cgs section- could we put information here- Hodak.2- can have a statement every single week. Odden.2- There is default text. Maybe we can just change that to make it more interesting. Have it reference the blog and the blog have the weekly/monthly update? Coy.82- need a stronger policy discussed at exec.

6.6. Bennett.455- can't purchase discount tickets over the summer- Hodak.2 -you are not paying the student activity fee over the summer if you're not a student so don't get these perks.- If you are a student you can go to the buckID office to get the privileges.

6.7. Josh closes the meeting at 5:15

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.1. Summer 2014 Semester Meetings and Special Dates

7.1.1. Friday, July 18th, 2014, Executive Committee Meeting, 3:30pm CGS
offices 2088 Ohio Union

7.1.2. Friday, July 25, 2014 3rd Summer Delegate Meeting, 3:30 pm Senate
Chambers, Ohio Union