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Bowers.461 called the meeting to order at 3:41 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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

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 January

3. OFFICER Updates

3.1. President

Bowers.461 Marcos Rivera is our CGS representative on the Provost Advisory Committee

Bowers.461 At Senate meeting yesterday, faculty voiced concerns, and this is a significant accomplishment (having CGS rep)

Bowers.461 First Implicit Bias training for certificate was held on Monday; participants seemed very engaged in training and very appreciative; Chair of Senate committee, Diversity & Inclusion, highlighted this certificate and CGS' work.

Bowers.461 Much bigger project than what we had initially anticipated; funds from Student Life to underwrite some of cost; hope to have this programming continue in future years and turn the responsibility of planning/finances to other offices.

Bowers.461 Council on Student Affairs is very important as a senate body – responsibilities for student life; as delegates and officers move forward, can be easy to lose sight of things; important to pay attention to what's happening on CSA – important to ask questions.

Bowers.461 Service Awards – some awarded at CGS and others at graduate school ceremony; nomination form will be available as of March 1st; link on homepage

3.2. Vice President

Fitze.1 Welcome to Research Commons; feel free to explore space; Josh Sadvari left some rooms open so you can look around; quiet space for graduate students to work

Fitze.1 Hayes Graduate Research Forum is next week; still seeking volunteers; link in meeting packet – please pass along – we need some more volunteers – about 50 more people. Portable cellphone charger is given to volunteers. Stop by Union 8:30-12:00 on Feb 26th to hear some of the presentations. Committee has been great; thank you for your work and support.

Fitze.1 One part of the Hayes is a professional development session; personal branding is the theme this year. Begins at 12:15 on the day of Hayes – blurb on CGS website and Guyomar will also send information in new e-mail.

Fitze.1 If there are any events where you would like CGS representative to talk about benefits of being part of CGS – contact me. Can send representative, materials, to help.

Fitze.1 Officer elections coming up; all guidelines are on website.

3.3. Secretary

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3.4. Treasurer

Anderson.2299 Deadline for Ray Travel Award is next Friday, Feb 26th

Anderson.2299 Council on Student Affairs; meeting on Monday; revisions to Student Code of Conduct; if

you have any serious concerns, see me after the meeting. We found out that if you are an employee of OSU, you are a mandatory reporter regarding sexual misconduct.

Anderson.2299 Division of unclaimed funds; State of Ohio treasury website – see packet; search for your name and city where you lived to see if you have any unclaimed funds

3.5. Chief of Staff

Foste.1 Thanks to all who came to the training and to our advisor Kerry Hodak

4. Committee Chair Announcements

5. Guest Presenter

5.1. Vice Provost for Capital Planning and Regional Campuses, Jennifer Evans-Cowley Comprehensive Energy Project Update

5.1.1 **Bowers.461** Earned PhD in regional studies at Texas A&M; “building cities through social media”

5.1.2 **Bowers.461** Teaching and Learning Institute; Comprehensive energy project

5.1.3 **Dr. Evans-Cowley** Overview of Comprehensive Energy Management Plan; think more about energy conservation on campus; increase energy conservation measures in buildings

5.1.4 **Dr. Evans-Cowley** New 4-part process; across Columbus campus; upgrade energy conservation measures in all buildings; significant energy savings and achieve greater sustainability through condensate return

5.1.5 **Dr. Evans-Cowley** Energy supply; opportunities to get better pricing on energy? Ways other than auctions to get better prices.

5.1.6 **Dr. Evans-Cowley** Energy-related research; what can we develop?

5.1.7 **Dr. Evans-Cowley** Are there companies interested in this? 44 interested. Went through RFI process – what ideas do you have for us to achieve our goals? Achieving 25% energy-use reduction; teams suggested that this was feasible.

5.1.8 **Dr. Evans-Cowley** Two community meetings at university; meeting with student leaders and to meetings to find out what questions people have; decision whether we would move forward to next stage

5.1.9 **Dr. Evans-Cowley** Examine what are the opportunities; develop language that could be put into request for proposal; what are the specific energy measures, what would happen to employees?

5.1.20 **Dr. Evans-Cowley** Frequently-asked questions online at oee.osu.edu

5.1.21 **Q:** Is the 25% a total number or is it some other measure?

5.1.22 **Dr. Evans-Cowley** How we measure it has not be finalized; assumption is that we can achieve this percentage at a building-level; within utility system – how we distribute energy; expect to have growth in research and health enterprise; yearly energy savings; ensure that everything we’re building is as energy-efficient as possible

5.1.23 **Q:** What do acronyms RFQ, RFI, and RFP mean?

5.1.24 **Dr. Evans-Cowley** Request for qualifications; request for information; request for proposal

5.1.25 **Dr. Evans-Cowley** Have experts on various areas; spent winter break reading responses to RFIs, evaluating and ranking them; came up with rankings of companies (top, middle, bottom tiers); consensus across the university; similar to proposal review process

5.1.26 **Q:** Statement on page 4 of the proposal is describing a private monopoly. Not responsive to democratic accountability, how do you respond to concerns about this?

5.1.27 **Dr. Evans-Cowley** A bit more complex than saying it’s a monopoly. Contemplating that the energy supply would be as it is now, except they’re the agent purchasing at best price. Currently operate our own utility, many universities do not. Depends when and where they developed (proximity to utilities). Regional campuses, for example, get utilities directly from providers. Faculty advisory group is discussing whether we should operate it ourselves or if it makes sense for a concessionaire to operate it? Investments will have a 30-year lifespan; want a long-term partnership; no incentive for provider changing every few years. Energy conservation: one company would provide oversight; may have access to equipment that they may use; requirement would be that it be market-competitive. As it relates to monopoly argument, clearest example is the utility operation, other pieces don’t quite operate the same way.

5.1.28 **Marcos Rivera:** How would company operate?

5.1.29 **Dr. Evans-Cowley** First option is cash, second is to issue debt (paying interest). Question is whether it makes better economic sense to go with third option – use a concessionaire to use their capital to make that investment, and earn it back over time. Savings could be used to pay profit margin and cost of capital; hope to keep utility rates the same as they have been historically while achieving savings long-term.

5.1.30 **Q:** Concerned about outsourcing and management of utilities, how will it affect the salaries of those people? Tendency is when services are outsourced, money that employees get is less than it should be? Moral or ethics discussion?

5.1.31 **Dr. Evans-Cowley** Council on the Physical Environment is charged with discussing these issues; Alex Wesaw.1 serves on this council as CGS representative; discuss how employees will be treated fairly; second piece, some people have high-demand skills and have options to be elsewhere; offer very strong benefits packages and wages; from Human Resources perspective, have strong interest in retaining talent; more detail about what benefits package and wages look like.

5.1.31 **Anderson.2299** At Townhall meeting, you said that the university will retain the right to choose its

resources, is this correct, non-negotiable?

5.1.32 **Dr. Evans-Cowley** Yes, that is correct, it is non-negotiable.

5.1.33 **Dr. Evans-Cowley** Have interest in pursuing best pricing on renewable energy we can get

5.1.34 **Gambrel** How is energy being purchased through the concessionaire?

5.1.35 **Dr. Evans-Cowley** An auction market; bid to get best prices we can; hope is to get someone with more specialized expertise in energy purchasing; to help us get better prices in whatever we buy.

5.1.36 **Dr. Evans-Cowley** Like a financial advisor, an energy advisor who knows how to invest in resources on our behalf; help make best choices possible.

5.1.37 **Gambrel** Separate from operating utilities?

5.1.38 **Dr. Evans-Cowley** Multiple companies coming together to contribute different areas of expertise to manage our energy portfolio

5.1.39 **Gambrel** Currently have power plants

5.1.40 **Dr. Evans-Cowley** We purchase natural gas from market place, gets delivered to campus, and we manage the distribution. Most of our purchasing is from the market; for example, wind energy from Northwest Ohio.

5.1.41 **Wesaw.1** Why would teams want to do this?

5.1.42 **Dr. Evans-Cowley** We're a single customer and we're reliable; will be around long-term; return is based on capital; financial incentive is on the capital investment; earn return based on improvements made; help us achieve our energy saving goal; a lot of risk in the market place; interest in safe investments – intriguing project for potential investors, could get a return on investment long-term because it is lower risk; still evaluating whether it makes sense for us

5.1.43 **Anderson.2299** Will the Chief Financial Officer of the university be involved in choosing a concessionaire?

5.1.44 **Dr. Evans-Cowley** Board of Trustees would not be involved in decisions about moving forward at each stage; cabinet would make decision. Final decision is in hands of Board of Trustees.

5.1.45 **Anderson.2299** Any concerns about having worked for energy company?

5.1.46 **Dr. Evans-Cowley** Was employed by AEP many years ago; positive because brings expertise; decision isn't in hands of single person.

5.1.47 **Q:** How are we educating the university community?

5.1.48 **Dr. Evans-Cowley** Council on Sustainability has been charged with creating an action plan – how to integrate into curriculum; one of the requirements would be that all buildings on campus be metered. Part of the hope of project is to gather more information to make it publicly available

5.1.49 **Q:** In California, entering into fixed-price contract, any concerns?

5.1.40 **Dr. Evans-Cowley** Because this is a long-term contract, flexibility is key. Maximum control over capital investment decisions; how are we maintaining our reliability; performance measures

5.1.41 **Gambrel** What is the timeline for the decisions that will be made and will we have anymore interaction with this process?

5.1.42 **Dr. Evans-Cowley** Happy to come by any time; at end of the process, announcement will be made to university community at the end of the month about whether or not the project is moving forward.

5.1.42 **Dr. Evans-Cowley** Trying to reach out to community and keep them engaged; advisory committees would be charged with reviewing critical issues and revising language ; decision whether or not we issue an RFP; critical point is if we decide we will issue an RFP – answer big-picture questions

5.2 Kerry Hodak, CGS advisor: BUCK-I-SERVE

5.2.1 During Buck-I-Serve, travel to different locations around the U.S. and internationally to perform 30 hours of services

5.2.2 No costs for trip advisors, small stipend of \$240, would participate in the trip

5.2.3 March 12th-19th; need advisors – six upcoming trips, usually have 1-2 advisors per trip

5.2.4 Role of advisor to help trip leaders

5.2.5 Encourage people in your department to apply; have business cards; ignore deadlines for Spring trip

5.2.6 Summer trips also available

5.2.7 **Anderson.2299** Great experience to see undergraduate learn, interact, and be able to observe learning happening. Great opportunity to meet people, see a new place, and play an important role.

5.2.8 Advisor plays an important role in facilitating trip; many policies and procedures that students have gone through

5.2.8 **DasGupta.18** Do we need to have a driver's license?

5.2.9 Not required. We provide you plenty of support to fulfill duties.

5.2.10 **Q:** Should we contact someone or just do the regular application?

5.2.11 Ultimately will probably have to fill out forms online

5.2.12 **Anderson.2299** Also, it's a substance-free trip, makes it easier to facilitate trip.

5.2.12 Business cards and other materials on table

6. COMMITTEE UPDATES

6.4.1 **SERC Committee:** March 24th, 6-7:30 PM - TED talk discussion with Mr. Todd; catering at this event – support sustainable food change; will send flyers and e-mail after the meeting; please pass along.

6.4.2 Student Health Advisory Committee

Puthawala.1 \$10M fund that university had to subsidize health insurance; funds are low, trying to reduce highly-underutilized benefits or transferring some of the costs to the users; looking for input on these changes; ad hoc committee in next month, see me after meeting to give some feedback or ask questions.

6.4.3 Provost Search Advisory Committee

Marcos Rivera : There have been meetings to address concerns; if you have questions about the search, reach out to committee by e-mail: provostsearch@osu.edu and check out the website () for updates

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1. Act 1516-SP-4 Act Amending the 2015-16 Budget

Bowers.461 Increased cost to Implicit Bias & Diversity Training program

Second

Q: Is the purpose of this to schedule more trainings for those of us not able to get into available sessions?

Bowers.461 Part of what we wanted to do was provide people with meals at sessions; give us access to cover meals for increased numbers of people; gives us access to funds

Q: Does not create additional sessions, just bigger sessions?

Bowers.461: Yes

No further discussion, all in favor, passed

7.2. Act 1516-SP-5 Delegate Apportionment for 2016-17

Bowers.461 Not looking for vote at this meeting; responsible for bringing information by 2nd meeting of term so can vote at third

Fitze.1 Apportionment based on current enrollment; Guyomar sent out resolution and data last night; please e-mail me with questions over the next month

Q: Is the delegate per department or per program?

Hodak.1: It's per unit of representation; it's neither per department no per program; based on historic amalgamation of programs/departments; sharing building/facilities for example; Excel spreadsheet lists administrative units – may be multiple units of representation in a department because university not structured the same way across all programs

Hodak.1: 80% of units of representation coincide with department

Fitze.1: Contact me if you have questions; providing information now so there is time for you to review and for us to make adjustments if necessary

Q: Why is it not done by degree program?

Hodak.1: Because then we would be looking at over 200 seats, when it would make more sense to combine seats for very small programs.

Fitze.1: Have a formula that we reply for proportional representation

7.3. Officer Elections: Vice President Opens nominations

Fitze.1 At March meeting, we will be holding elections – do not have to be a delegate to run for these positions; can only run for one of these positions; opening nomination in a few minutes; need to make nominations through form; all nominations must be received by March 15th at 11:59 PM

Wesaw.1 Move to nominate David Bowers for President for CGS

Bowers.461 Accepts

Holowacz.1 Common for people to nominate themselves

Fitze.1 Welcome to meet with current officers to discuss responsibilities of the role

7.4. Any Delegate Issues and Concerns

Bowers.461 Any questions or concerns from constituents?

Wirza.1 Transition to new summer structure hasn't been made clear; even faculty members are not aware that Maymester no longer exists, for example. Should be distributed, perhaps included in meeting packets, for example.

Wirza.1 Information is available but hasn't been distributed.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

8.1. March Meeting March 25th 3:30 PM Ohio Union Senate Chambers

8.2. The 30th Edward F. Hayes Graduate Research Forum will take place February 26th

8.3. Implicit Bias and Promoting Diversity Certificate program Feb 26th & 27th

The meetings was adjourned at 5:10 PM