



## CGS Executive Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Stephen Post, Sarah Light, Blake Szkoda, Rania Khamees, James Uanhoro, Alec Clott, Kevin Ingles, Carly LaRosa, Ehsan Estiri, Jack Brandl, Conner Sarich

**Absent:** Kathryn Holt, Maddy Lomax-Vogt, Libby Bauman, DaVonti' Haynes, Demondre Peak, Mark Pauley

### 1. President's Report

1.1. All attendees are introduced.

1.2. Already decided committee chair appointments:

Senate Advisory- Szkoda.1  
Grants Administration- Sarah Light.109  
Arts and Culture- Kathryn Holt.351  
Government Affairs- Maddy Lomax-Vogt.2  
Health, Wellness and Safety- Alec Clott.1-  
International Student Concerns- Ehsan Estiri.1

New committee chair appointments:

Academic Affairs- Kevin Ingles.27  
Housing and Family Affairs- James Uanhoro.1  
Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility- Carly LaRosa.15  
Delegate Relations- Conner Sarich.6  
Graduate Student Affairs- Mark Pauley.66  
Diversity and Inclusion- Demondre Peak.43


Committees that still need chairs:

Marketing and Outreach  
External Collaborations

1.3. All committee chairs should have received an excel document listing all delegates who will be a part of their committee for this year. This documents also lists the rest of the committee chairs and other delegates that sit on all external committees. We still have 60 open delegate seats and are hoping to fill 30-40 of them. The new application deadline is at the end of August and elections will be held early in the semester for these open seats.

1.4. \*Information to be kept internally for now\*



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- 1.5. A resolution was passed last spring to not change the wording and definition of GAAs, which currently don't have any educational value attached to their associateship and tend to be in more administrative roles. Potential changes that were suggested would result in a switch for GAAs to hourly pay rather than salaried pay. There may be some GAA roles that should be re-evaluated and transitioned to a regular employee rather than a student employee, meaning that they would lose their tax deductions for their tuition and any benefits associated with being a student. Post.144 has been in contact with Matt Yoder (HR for Grad School) about this recently and there remains a lot to be discussed, especially as the CGS delegate body was not in agreement about what should be done when this was discussed last year. Conversations about GAA roles will be happening this fall, likely when Dean Bertone attends a CGS delegate meeting.
- A larger conversation within CGS is warranted to get on the same page before we meet with the higher-ups.
- 1.6. Undergrads who currently work in the CGS office will take on some responsibilities of updating and managing CGS' social media, which will be helpful as we still do not have a Marketing and Outreach Chair.
- 1.7. Post.144 attended a workshop over the summer and talked to OSU representatives about several important issues including the financial barriers faced by graduate students and attracting under-represented groups to the student and staff body of OSU.
- 1.8. August 24<sup>th</sup> is tentative date for the executive retreat. Our next exec meeting is already scheduled for the 23<sup>rd</sup> so this meeting may move to Saturday instead to be combined with the retreat date. We will not be going anywhere overnight but will do a full day of activities somewhere in Columbus.
- Khamees.5 suggested doing something fun like zip lining and team-building activities.
  - There will be a full delegate body retreat this year so we would like to save some money to make this more feasible. This retreat will hopefully take place in late September after people have had a chance to meet with their committees.
  - The purpose of these retreats is to get to know each other and to outline goals for CGS for the upcoming year.
- 1.9. The Graduate School wants 5-10 graduate students to attend convocation as observers to determine whether grad students should be included in this event in the future. There is a second event called Columbus Welcome the same day that is also looking for 5-10 grad students to act as ambassadors. These will both happen on August 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Sarich.6 states that convocation is a corny affair and grad students will not like it and aren't likely to attend.
  - Post.144 will be recruiting volunteers to attend these events, particularly those who

are incoming graduate students.

- 1.1. Post.144 has been emailing programs that do not currently have a delegate to attend their orientation events and speak about CGS for a few minutes. He will be emailing the exec committee for help with this as some events are overlapping.
- 1.1. To keep in line with resolutions passed about food waste and in an effort to reduce the budget of the exec committee, we will likely not be holding meetings at Sloopy's anymore as the bills can be expensive. In the future, we will be choosing less expensive options like ordering pizza or subs.
- 1.2. Do grad students want ipads like all incoming freshman receive courtesy of the Digital Flagship Initiative? At this point, grad students are left out.
  - Khamees.5 points out that grad students likely won't be interested in ipads but maybe there is something else that could be offered. A voucher or credit toward a Tech Hub purchase would be better as most grad students will likely need to buy/replace a laptop within their tenure at OSU.

## **2. Committee Member Agenda Items**

- 2.1. None

## **3. Old Business**

- 3.1. None.

## **4. New Business**

- 4.1. None

## **5. Open Floor Announcements**

- 5.1. Next delegate meeting **September 6th, 2019 @ 3:30 PM** – Ohio Union Senate Chambers
- 5.2. Estiri.1 shared an announcement that Student Legal Services will now be offering immigration services for international students starting in August.

## **6. Meeting adjourned at 4:53pm.**