

Date: September 6, 2019

Location: Senate Chamber- Ohio Union

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Present: e alexander, Pranav Ambardekar, Ali Asghari Adib, Selasi Attipoe, Tyler Beauregard, Aaron Beczkiewicz, Om Prakash Bedant, Jessica Blackburn, Andrew Borst, Qiuchang (Katy) Cao, Steph Charles, Katherine Conner, Paul Consiglio, Robert Dahlberg-Sears, Archit Datar, Ty Drayton, Benjamin Duran, Kat Ellis, Ehsan Estiri, Brandon Free, Jahmour Givans, Jenna Greve, Lindsey Hernandez, Kathryn Holt, Lauren Howard, Audrey Hungerpiller, Sarah Hyman, Kevin Ingles, Jeffrey Kast, Gala Korniyenko, Pouya Kousha, Carly Larosa, Yifan Li, Ho-chieh Lin, Madeleine Lomax-vogt, Emily Lundstedt, Lucas Magee, Matthew Maynard, Rohit Mukherjee, Aviva Neff, Kate Ormiston, Alejandro Otero Bravo, Tricia Oyster, Mark Pauley, Maritza Pierre, Kelsey Pinckard, Ken Poland, Isaac Reynolds, Priscila Rodriguez Garcia, Ashweta Sahni, Conner Sarich, Lena Schreiber, Michelle Scott, Utkarsh Shah, Melika Shahhosseini, Karla Shockleymccarthy, Ryan Slechta, Kye Stachowski, Taylor Tomu, Jorge Torress Espinosa, James Uanhoro, Mitch Vicieux, Leila Vieira, Sarah Walton, Yu Lun Wu, Soroush Zamanian

**Absent:** Luke Andrejek, Harrison Baldwin, Richard Broshious, Yu-chun Chang, Min-Seok Choi, Leah Demko, Coralie Farinas, David Hibler, Kara Johnson, Jungmin Lee, Stephen Lo, Eric Loria, Sarah Scott, Shruthi Shetty, Sundeep Siripurapu, Nithya Sivashankar, Nicole Tchorowski, Jennifer Valdez, Chris Wiegman, Piao Yang

### 1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 3:39 pm

#### 1.1. Statement of Purpose

**1.1.1.** To effectively advocate and program to ensure that The Ohio State University graduate student experience the best it can be.

#### 2. ROLL CALL

2.1. Carmen log-in

#### 3. DELEGATE ORIENTATION

#### 3.1. Student Government Overview

# 3.2. CGS Overview

- 3.2.1. We represent graduate students. Our mission is stated above.
- **3.2.2.** CGS body is made up of delegates (elected by constituents)
  - Responsibilities are to serve on 2 CGS committees, to bring concerns from constituents to the attention of CGS, and to communicate relevant information from CGS back to constituents
- 3.2.3. Senators (elected by delegates)
  - Serve on Senate committees to represent CGS at the university level
- **3.2.4.** Executive Committee (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chief of Staff, Parliamentarian, Committee Chairs)
- **3.2.5.** All delegate meetings and committee memberships are open to any interested grad students (don't have to be a delegate)

#### 3.3. Meeting Expectations

- **3.3.1.** Attendance is mandatory. If you are not able to attend a meeting, you must secure an alternate to attend in your place.
- **3.3.2.** Read delegate packet ahead of meeting and be prepared to vote on issues.
- 3.3.3. Return name card after each meeting.
- **3.3.4.** If you have an issue that you think is relevant to the whole CGS delegate body, bring it up in the Delegate Concerns section (issues with less wide relevance can be reported to an individual officer or committee chair)

#### 3.4. General structure of meetings

3.4.1. Call To Order

- 3.4.2. Roll Call (conducted via Carmen)
- 3.4.3. Approval of minutes from last delegate meeting
- 3.4.4. Officer Reports
- 3.4.5. Committee Chair Reports
- 3.4.6. Special Order Items (Delegate Concerns)
- 3.4.7. New Business
- 3.4.8. Announcements
- 3.4.9. Adjourn

# 3.5. Robert's Rules (Khamees.5)

- **3.5.1.** Robert's Rules are based on parliamentary law from England. In CGS portfolios, everyone has gotten a pamphlet detailing Robert's Rules please read this to familiarize yourself with the procedure.
- **3.5.2.** In general, we will adhere to what has been written on the back of the name cards. In cases where discussions get heated, Rania will step in to make sure that we are following Robert's Rules.
- **3.5.3.** No-one may speak until they are recognized by the chair (Post.144).
- **3.5.4.** We must meet quorum (1/5<sup>th</sup> of delegate body present, counted at the beginning of the meeting) in order to discuss and vote on business. All delegates and committee chairs get one vote each. In cases where a committee chair is not a delegate, that still have a vote when present at meetings but cannot send an alternate to vote in their place.
- 3.5.5. All discussion must be relevant to the motion on the floor
  - Members may speak only twice about a motion
  - Alternate between pro and con sides during discussion
  - A majority is needed for a motion to pass (50%+1)

# 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### 4.1. Minutes from June 7, 2019

- **4.1.1.** Reynolds.992 motioned to approve the minutes.
- **4.1.2.** Motion was seconded by Ingles.27.
- 4.1.3. Minutes approved.

# 5. OFFICER INTRODUCTIONS & REPORTS (as submitted in Delegate Meeting Packet)

#### 5.1. President (Post.144)

- **5.1.1.** All our committees now have chairs.
- **5.1.2.** One important issue that will be relevant this year is graduate housing on campus. An announcement will be made this semester about additional housing to be added.
- 5.1.3. Another important issue this year is stipend levels, rights, and responsibilities of GA-ships. There is a Senate level committee that deals with this, but we will likely be discussing these issues at delegate meetings as we want to make sure that we are bringing informed and relevant questions and discussion points when we go to this committee.
- **5.1.4.** One goal this year is to improve the visibility of CGS across campus (working with new Marketing & Outreach committee).
- 5.1.5. All delegates should fill out the form in their portfolios to get 24/7 access to the CGS office.
- **5.1.6.** Would love to have coffee with all delegates if there is an issue you would like to talk about, please reach out to him directly.

#### 5.2. Vice President (Bauman, 193)

**5.2.1.** Worked on committee placements over the summer. Delegate elections are ongoing, and we are hoping to fill the remaining seats in the next few weeks.

# 5.3. Treasurer (Haynes.242)

- **5.3.1.** Important Reminders: If you are hosting an event or buying something, there is a 3-4 week lead time for submitting requests. If you don't give this time, your request will be automatically denied.
- **5.3.2.** Original itemized receipts are needed.

- **5.3.3.** If there is any marketing request needed, add 5-7 weeks to the lead time because it has to go through OSU's marketing office. For anything like this, please work with the Marketing & Outreach Committee.
- **5.3.4.** For any travel, 45-day notice is needed and there are particular booking companies that must be used.
- **5.3.5.** Purchasing forms (needed for anything!) should be turned in at the treasurer desk in the CGS office.
- **5.3.6.** Delegate outreach grant applicants should be sent to both Haynes.242 **AND** Brandl.8.
- **5.3.7.** Zamanian.2 points out that the delegate outreach application listed on the website says 2017-2018. Haynes.242 is working on getting an updated form that is editable.
- 5.3.8. Reynolds.992 asks where the time delay is occurring and if there is a way to speed up the process. Haynes.242 clarifies that the long lead times are necessary because everything has to go through the university's business office where it is double checked for compliance with state and federal law, and that the money is being appropriately spent as allocated on student events. Post.144 encourages delegates to talk to their chairs if they want to plan an event.
- **5.3.9.** \$651 out of \$3200 was used of the delegate outreach grant budget last year. We want to better utilize this available money.
- **5.3.10.** BucklExperience is being put on in collaboration with IPC and USG. The referral form is open now so please submit nominations- open until October 20.
- **5.3.11.** There is a desperate need for Ray judges this funding period so please volunteer your services if you available to judge ASAP.

# 5.4. Secretary (Light.109)

- **5.4.1.** Career Development Grants have been awarded for funding period 2. The next application deadline is November 1. Judges will be solicited from the delegate body as needed.
- **5.4.2.** Think about what changes you would like to see in the CGS website that would make it more accessible and user-friendly.

### 5.5. Chief of Staff (Brandl.8)

**5.5.1.** Working on meetings with all student government entities so that we can improve the communication and collaboration between organizations, especially on issues that affect all students.

# 6. COMMITTEE CHAIR INTRODUCTIONS & UPDATES (as submitted in Delegate Meeting Packets)

- 6.1. Academic Affairs (Ingles.27)
  - **6.1.1.** Goal: Increase retention of under-represented student
- 6.2. Arts & Culture (Holt.351)
  - 6.2.1. Goal: Host an inter-disciplinary symposium focused on the arts
- 6.3. Delegate Relations (Sarich.6)
  - **6.3.1.** Goal: Attendance at the delegate retreat
  - 5.3.2. Delegate retreat is Saturday, September 28th from 9am to 3pm. Please RSVP in the email survey.
- 6.4. Diversity & Inclusion (Peak.43)
- 6.5. Government Relations (Lomax-vogt.2)
  - 6.5.1. Goal: Increase the communication with state and local government and OSU administration
- 6.6. Graduate Student Affairs (Pauley.66)
  - 6.6.1. Goal: Provide support all other committees and address issues
- 6.7. Health, Wellness, and Safety (Clott.1)
- 6.8. International Student Concerns (Estiri.1)
  - **6.8.1.** Last year, we negotiated with Student Legal Services to offer services for international students this service was launched over the summer. The committee also put on a film series entitled Love and Sexuality in the Middle East.
  - **6.8.2.** Goal: Talk to people in the writing center to improve the services available to grad students.

# 6.9. Marketing & Outreach (Rodriguezgarcia.2)

- 6.9.1. Increase CGS visibility and accessibility of resources
- 6.10. Senate Advisory (Szkoda.1)
- 6.11. SERC (Larosa.15)
  - **6.11.1.** Goal: To emphasize working synergistically with other environmental groups on campus

# 6.12. External Collaborations (Alexander.979)

6.12.1. Goal: Assess the needs of grad students in terms of our rights, services, resources, advocacy.

# 6.13. Housing & Family Affairs (Uanhoro.1)

- **6.13.1.** Goal: Create a task-force that can represent grad students and make recommendations to the university about housing needs.
- 6.13.2. Committee is actively recruiting new members right now!

#### 7. SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS

# 7.1. Delegate Concerns

- 7.1.1. Shah.1285 shares that graduate students have no job security and are not protected in cases of family emergency. He suggests that CSG create a protection fund to help students who are in danger of losing their stipend. There is no leave policy in the grad student handbook.
  - Post.144 has a meeting with President Drake next Monday to discuss holiday leave and the leave policy in general. Supports a formal resolution – issue is referred to GSA and AA committees for future investigation.
  - Hungerpiller.1 states that graduate school wont grant leave in cases of bereavement.
- 7.1.2. Safe Ride Service is now outsourced to Lyft (runs 9pm to 3am) and CGS should review the data at the end of the year before the contract is reviewed for next year. The change was voted on by USG and CGS should have been involved in this conversation.
  - There are concerns about safety now that the rides are no longer associated with OSU.
     We are going to be talking to Jay Casey, administrator of this program. This issue has been referred to HWS and GSA committees already.
  - Important concerns are whether the 10,000/month cap is going to meet the need and although the advertised price is \$2 or less per ride, this has not been realistic.
- 7.1.3. For CGS awards (Ray, CDG, GGG), there seems to be a pattern of lagging behind deadlines.
  - Haynes.242 agrees that things are kind of a mess- the biggest problem is that the judging system requires that applications are judged by the same number of people. The goal is that awardees will be notified well in advance of their travel, which requires a long leadtime. There are possible changes to be made this year.
- 7.1.4. Shahhosseini.2 states that she had a friend who did not receive any Buckeye Alerts during the recent incident on campus. There was no safety training included in the orientation for those people who began grad school prior to the 2016 incident.
  - Issue referred to HWS committee.
  - Run, Hide, Fight educational video is on the OSU Office of Safety website. There is also a special training for teachers and/or GTAs.

# 8. NEW BUSINESS

### 8.1. Senator Vacancy Nominations

# 8.1.1. Nominations opened, run by Buamn.193

- No nominations made.
- People can apply between now and the next meeting.
- Slechta.3 points out that the open senator seat will be on DELIT (Distance Education, Libraries, and Information Technology).
- Alternate will be appointed until that position is filled.

# 8.2. ACT 1920 AU-007: An Act Establishing the Position of Deputy Treasurer

# 8.2.1. Discussion:

- Post.144 describes that the goal of this is to relieve some of the workload faced by the
  treasurer in order to improve internal accountability and help things progress more quickly,
  especially with regards to meeting deadlines. Additionally, this position would help CGS
  audit university offices and departments.
- Beauregard.13 brings up that allowing the treasurer to appoint their own deputy might make it easier for a treasurer with bad intentions to get away with mis-management.
- Slechta.3 wonders whether this is necessary to be added to the by-laws and whether the
  treasurer can just unofficially appoint someone. Post.144 clarifies that similar to Chief of
  Staff and Parliamentarian, this position would not be required but could be filled as
  requested by the treasurer on a year by year basis.

- Greve.41 says that because they are not a voting member and other exec members, it seems like.
- ShockleyMcCarthy.2 suggests that instead of adding a position, we could focus on auditing CGS financial processes to streamline things and reduce workload for the treasurer.
- Givans.2 motions to extend discussion by 5 minutes.
- Motion seconded by Shah.1285.
- Motion passes.
- Sarich.6 states he has no problem with the creation of an official position. If the treasurer needs help, he should be able to get that help.
- Dahlberg-Sears.1 worries that losing a delegate to this position might be a concern for years when the delegate body is small.

#### 8.2.2. Questions:

- What is meant by the "other duties" listed in the act. Post.144 says this could mean almost anything but would be focused on financial matters.
- Why should a delegate appointed to this position resign their delegate seat? Post.144 states that this is the procedure in place already for Chief of Staff and Parliamentarian and we would like to remain consistent.
- **8.2.3.** Ingles.27 moves to return to the previous motion (voting on the act).
- **8.2.4.** Motion seconded by Givans.2.
- 8.2.5. Motion passes.
- 8.2.6. Act is voted on.
- 8.2.7. Act passes.

#### 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 8.1 Next meeting is October 4th, 2019 @ 3:30pm, location Cartoon Room (3rd floor, Ohio Union)
- 8.2 Advertise BucklExperience!
- 10. Meeting adjourned at 5:16 pm.