



Present: Alexander, Jacky Anderson, Luke Andrejek, Ali Asghari Adib (ALT), Selasi Attipoe, Tyler Beauregard, Aaron Beczkiewicz, Jessica Blackburn, Andrew Borst, Richard Broshious, Mary Byrne, Qiuchang (Katy) Cao, Yu-chun Chang, Steph Charles, Min-Seok Choi, Jorge Clavo Abbass, Alec Clott, Katherine Conner, Paul Consiglio, Austin Cool, Robert Dahlberg-Sears, Archit Datar, Amanda Deighen, Ty Drayton, Benjamin Duran, Story Edison, Kat Ellis, Brandon Free, Elizabeth Galko, Jahmour Givans, Jenna Greve, Lindsey Lawson, Kathryn Holt, Lauren Howard, Sarah Hyman, Kevin Ingles, Jeffrey Kast, Pouya Kousha, Arsh Kumar, Carly LaRosa, Jungmin Lee, Yifan Li, Ho-chieh Lin, Stephen Lo, Eric Loria, Emily Lundstedt, Raven Lynch, Lucas Magee, Tori Magers, Rohit Mukherjee, Alejandro Otero Bravo, Ryann Patrus (ALT), Mark Pauley, Miguel Pedrozo, Maritza Pierre, Kelsey Pinckard, Avi Pokala, Ken Poland, Zeltzin Reyes, Isaac Reynolds, Marie Rineveld, Priscila Rodriguez Garcia, Ashweta Sahni, Conner Sarich, Erik Scaltriti (ALT), Lena Schreiber, Michelle Scott, Shruthi Shetty, Melika Shahhosseini, Karla Shockleymccarthy, Preeti Singh, Sundeep Siripurapu, Ryan Slechta, Kye Stachowski, Lindsey Stirek, Nicole Tchorowski, Philip Tice, Jorge Torres Espinosa, James Uanhoro, Jennifer Valdez, Mitch Vicieux, Leila Vieira, Derek Walton, Sarah Walton, Daniel Williams, Yu Lun Wu, Piao Yang, Megan Zib

Absent: Pranav Ambardekar, Om Prakash Bedant, Audrey Hungerpiller, Ruonan Lin, Madeleine Lomax-Vogt, Matthew Maynard, Aviva Neff, Kate Ormiston (Connor Mahler), Tricia Oyster, Sarah Scott, Utkarsh Shah, Nithya Sivashankar, Aaron Snelgrove, Taylor Tomu, Soroush Zamanian

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 3:33 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. Dean Alicia Bertone- Q & A

- 3.1. All programs will need to submit information for a degree audit coming soon. This information will be incorporated in the OSU app to help students keep track of their degree requirements as they are met.
- 3.2. Reynolds.992 asked about the federal court case dealing with survivors of sexual assault. There is skepticism from students that claims will be taken seriously, and we would like to know what steps are being taken to address these problems.
- 3.2.1. The Office of Institutional Equity was opened about a month ago and this is a platform where students can anonymously submit any complaints and they will be reviewed by this office.
- 3.2.2. There was a Campus Climate survey in 2017 that gathered information from students about misconduct and harassment. The numbers have been published and are in line with our peer institutions.
- 3.3. Haynes.242 asked about the Graduate School's plans to increase and maintain diversity within graduate student and faculty populations.
- 3.3.1. The message being broadcast to graduate programs is that they need to identify areas where they lack diversity and set specific goals to fill these gaps. Fellowship application guidelines have been changed to ask for justification about each student and how they fill these gaps in the programs.
- 3.3.2. Soon there will be an anonymous survey going out that will ask students to evaluate their graduate programs. Any program must submit a remediation plan to address any metric in which they receive a poor score.
- 3.3.3. Pinckard.6 points out that even within a diverse population, we need to foster a culture that prioritizes inclusivity. Conner.280 asks about specific ways the grad school is planning to offer support and resources to programs that are struggling to gain diversity and be inclusive.

- 3.3.4. Greve.41 asks what specifically is being done to address diversity amongst faculty, especially as these positions do not turn over rapidly. There is a new staff position focused on graduate student professional development to help students be successful in applying for faculty positions.
- 3.3.5. Drayton.18 asks to clarify what the grad school is calling diversity. Dean Bertone answers that there is a range of metrics: race, ethnicity, gender, location background, adult versus young student learners, first generation college students. She points out that this is why the grad school is asking each program to look at their own student population to identify the areas where they are lacking diversity because it may not be the same in different programs.
- 3.4. Uanhoro.1 asks what Dean Bertone's response is to the statement put out by CGS about Buckeye Village. She responds that student housing is a benefit that may influence a student's decision to attend OSU and the Grad School is an advocate of this opportunity existing on OSU's campus.
- 3.5. Lo.208 asks about progress being made to identify problem advisors and impose consequences on them. Dean Bertone says that this survey that will ask students about their programs will help to provide more data to help programs identify those faculty. It's possible that through this mechanism, programs can document problem advisors and the grad school can revoke their graduate advisor status so they can no longer have graduate students.
- 3.6. Haynes.242 asks whether there is funding within the graduate school that can be allocated to CGS grant funding or other grants hosted within the Grad School. Dean Bertone answers that in meetings with Office of Research, the Graduate School advocates for other units and offices to provide funding but there is no money within the Graduate School itself for these purposes.
- 3.7. Conner.280 voices concerns that the GE updates are going to result in reduced availability of GTA positions. Dean Bertone says that research already done has indicated that this will not be the case.
- 3.8. Deighen.1 asks how the grad school is helping to protect students against tuition increases. The college of medicine recently increased per semester tuition by \$2000 for nursing students. Students who were struggling to meet this demand were given bridge funding.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. Minutes from October 4, 2019

- 4.1.1. Beuregard.13 motioned to approve the minutes.
- 4.1.2. Motion was seconded by Dahlberg-Sears.1.
- 4.1.3. Minutes approved.

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

5.1. President (Post.144)

- 5.1.1. The financial and HR website changes are going forward soon. Other changes are happening in 2023.

5.2. Vice President (Bauman.193)

- 5.2.1. Kindness committee is seeking a CGS representative.
- 5.2.2. Hayes Forum needs faculty judges, specifically from the Arts and Humanities.

5.3. Treasurer (Haynes.242)

- 5.3.1. We are being refunded for the website costs soon so our budget will be back on track.

5.4. Secretary (Light.109)

- 5.4.1. The Career Development Grant application window for the third funding period closed November 1. Winners will be notified by the end of the month. There will be a meeting of the committee at **4:30pm on Wednesday, November 20th in 134 Biomedical Research Tower (BRT)** to discuss the application and judging process and talk about any updates or changes that would make the grant more successful. All delegates are welcome to attend and anyone who has thoughts to share, please send via email.
- 5.4.2. Website improvements are ongoing with a main focus on making the organizational structure more intuitive to make information easier to find and reducing the redundancy of information.
- 5.4.3. There will hopefully be a meeting soon with Matt Page and others from the Graduate School to discuss transparency of fellowships and ways to increase awareness about the tax situation for students with

fellowships.

5.5. Chief of Staff (Brandl.8)

- 6.1.1. There is a cross-governmental implementation committee focused on diversity and inclusion that is seeking interested members.

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

6.1. Delegate Relations (Sarich.6)

- 6.1.1. HAPPY HOUR after the meeting at Formaggio!

6.2. Diversity & Inclusion (Davis.5688)

- 6.2.1. The Diversity Dialogue Series has launched! There are lunches scheduled for the rest of the year and many of them still have open spots.
- 6.2.2. Working with WOSU to launch a diversity campaign in collaboration with IPC and USG in February.

6.3. External Collaborations (Alexander.979)

- 6.3.1. Meeting with Dr. Jordan next week to discuss a needs assessment. Any issues that should be included in this conversation should be sent to Alexander.979.

6.4. International Student Concerns (Estiri.1)

- 6.4.1. The Docu-night series launched and will happen the first Thursday of every month at 5:30pm in Hagerty Hall.

7. SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS

7.1. Delegate Concerns

- 7.1.1. Dahlberg-Sears.1 points out that students are still waiting for months to get reimbursed for research and conference travel.
 - Mukherjee.110 shares that his department has recently changed their policy about conference travel and now students receive money ahead of time so this may be a possible update other departments can make.
- 7.1.2. Beauregard.13 conveys that grad students are required to have a certain number of credit hours over the summer but there is not good availability of helpful or interesting classes.
- 7.1.3. Conner.280 asks if it is possible to get a microphone for future delegate meetings.
- 7.1.4. Shahhosseini.2. points out that the winners for funding periods 1 and 2 of the Ray have not been updated on the CGS website.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1. Resolution 1920 AU-004: A Resolution Requesting Additional Information and Transparency Regarding the Recent Hiring of Mr. Clinton Woods by the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

- 8.1.1. LaRosa.15: CFAES recently hired Clint Woods as the Director of Strategic Partnerships. This person has a long history of dismantling environmental regulations and protections. The resolution is calling for more information from the college about why this person, whose values don't match those of OSU, was hired over many other qualified candidates.
- 8.1.2. **Questions:**
 - Sarich.6 asks if IPC or USG are working on similar resolutions.
 - The answer is yes.
- 8.1.3. **Discussion:** None
- 8.1.4. Williams .6571 moves to vote on the resolution.
- 8.1.5. Motion seconded by Magee.113.
- 8.1.6. Motion passes.
- 8.1.7. Resolution is voted on.
- 8.1.8. Resolution passes.

8.2. Resolution 1920 AU-005: A Resolution for the Establishment of an Assistant Dean of Student/Director of Graduate and Professional Student Life Within the Office of Student Life at the Ohio State University

- 8.2.1. Haynes.242: At the university level, particularly in the office of student life leadership, graduate

students are under-represented. USG's advisor sits on the leadership team for student life and so they have a direct relationship with the administration while CGS does not. This resolution calls for the office to hire more staff that will deal directly with graduate and professional students.

8.2.2. Questions:

- Greve.42 asks whether this resolution is asking for a new person to be hired or simply moved to a new position.
 - The answer is yes, we don't want them to simply give someone a new title. We need more manpower.
- Galko.2 asks about the feasibility of instituting this new position in the 2020-21 academic year.
 - In meetings with the office, they have agreed with this timeline so it should be able to be pushed through for then.
- Scott.1445 asks what department will pay for this position.
 - This person would reside within and be paid by the Office of Student Life.

8.2.3. Discussion: None

8.2.4. Dahlberg-Sears.1 moves to vote on the resolution.

8.2.5. Motion seconded by Singh.996.

8.2.6. Resolution is voted on.

8.2.7. Resolution passes.

8.3. Resolution 1920 AU-006: A Resolution Requesting that the University Develop New Housing for Graduate Students With Families

8.3.1. Uanhero.1: Buckeye Village was the only university housing allocated for graduate students and the university tearing it down and has announced no plans to replace this housing community. This resolution states the critical need for this type of housing and calls on the university to take steps to address this need.

8.3.2. Questions:

- Greve.41 asks whether new families will be eligible for this discounted rate at University Village.
 - Current Buckeye Village residents will move to University Village at the end of the year at a subsidized rental rate, but new students would have no guarantee of this reduced rate or unit availability.
- Pinckard.6 asks whether it would be possible for OSU to ask that University Village institute some resources that will cater to these new families when they move in.
 - There may be certain issues that we can get Student Life to advocate for in the near future but even with these improvements (like a playground, for example) University Village is not necessarily a family-friendly environment.
- Datar.10 asks about Line 54: "maintaining current Buckeye Village rental rate plus a 2-3 percent increase for the next two years" .- what is the mechanism to decide if the 2 year subsidy will be enough.
 - Uanhero. answers that this will be decided by the committee.

8.3.3. Reynolds motions to extend questions by 5 minutes

8.3.4. Poland.87 seconds the motion.

8.3.5. Motion is passes.

8.3.6. Questions period extended by 5 minutes.

- Reynolds.992 points out that resolution does not include a lot of data about the students with families. He asks whether we need to edit the citations to include references to the original data cited in the resolution.
- Hyman.62 asks whether need has been demonstrated for more housing units for families.
 - Uanhero.1 answers that there is data gathered by Student Life and the Housing & Family Affairs Committee is working on pulling out data specifically about graduate students with families. In a survey, 60% of graduate students have stated disappointment with the availability of housing. Also, there is a greater influx of applications for student housing than there are available units.

8.3.7. Shahhosseini.2 motions to move to discussion

8.3.8. Kousha.2 seconds the motion.

8.3.9. Motion passes.

8.3.10. Discussion:

- Greve.41 points out that students were/are using Buckeye Village and this demonstrates a need. Viera.31 also mentions that there is a wait list, indicating that the need is outpacing the availability. Pierre.77 also mentions that there is a large international student population that does not have credit and so have very few options for housing once Buckeye Village is torn down.
- Slechta.3 asks whether this resolution should be tabled because there are edits that need to be made to the documents and data referenced in the resolution. Viera.31 mentions that there is a meeting between BV residents and OSU administration scheduled for the 25th of this month and it would help push the conversation forward if this resolution was passed before then.
- Stirek.1 points out that in conversations with administrators, we need to talk to them about things they can understand like hard numbers. ShockleyMcCarthy.1 points out that including information about other benchmark institutions will demonstrate clearly to the administration how we are not measuring up.
- Clott.1 adds that the best approach is to continue apply pressure and we need to act while this issue is hot.

8.3.11. Slechta.3 moves to refer this resolution back to the issuing committee.

8.3.12. Loria.3 seconds the motion.

8.3.13. Discussion of motion:

- Uanhoro.1 specifies that the data does exist but is simply not spelled out in the document referenced by the resolution.
- Galkko.2 asks whether it is possible for the committee to make edits to the resolution and then for the delegate body to vote on the resolution on Carmen before the next meeting. This would not work because we need to meet quorum to pass anything.
- Haynes.242 asks if we can remove the lines that say this

8.3.14. Sarich.6 moves to vote on motion to refer the resolution back to the committee.

8.3.15. Dahlberg-Sears.1 seconds.

8.3.16. Motion fails.

8.3.17. Sarich.6 motions to extend discussion for 10 minutes

8.3.18. Loria.3 seconds the motion.

8.3.19. Discussion of resolution continues:

- Clott.1 asks whether we can just strike the referenced data because the administration will already be aware of it.

8.3.20. Williams.6571 motions to amend the resolution striking the final clause detailing that the resolution be sent to administration and detailing that the H&FA affairs will write a second resolution with more data.

8.3.21. Haynes.242 seconds the motion.

8.3.22. Williams.6571 moves to withdraw the motion.

8.3.23. Motion to table discussion until the end of the meeting.

8.3.24. Clott.1 seconds the motion.

8.3.25. Motion passes.

8.3.26. Discussion of resolution is tabled.

8.3.27. Discussion is re-opened:

- Uanhoro.1 points out that the resolution specifies a February date to discuss with the Board of Trustees but a different date could be chosen if we feel it would be better.
- Alexander.979 points out that we should be mindful of when GCBC meets as similar issues have been raised in this meeting.

8.3.28. Motion to amend the resolution to change the 12th citation to a pdf version of the information contained with the google doc currently cited.

8.3.29. Slechta.3 seconds the motion.

8.3.30. Motion is voted on and passes.

8.3.31. Williams.6571 motions to vote on the resolution contingent that this amendment is made to the final version of the resolution.

8.3.32. Motion is seconded.

- 8.3.33. Greve.41 motions to end discussion and move to a vote.
- 8.3.34. Motion passes and resolution is voted on.
- 8.3.35. Resolution passes.

8.4. Resolution 1920 AU-007: A Resolution Reaffirming the Council of Graduate Student's Support for Increased Grant Funding Opportunities for Graduate Students and Calling Upon the University to Allocate More Funds to Support Increased Demand

- 8.4.1. Haynes.242: There is a dearth of funding for graduate students to travel for conferences and research and many departments are cutting funding. This resolution calls on offices across the university to work with CGS to find other sources of funding.
- 8.4.2. CGS is spending 30% of our budget on grant funding currently but this number has not increased as the number of graduate students has increased so we are not able to keep up with the demand.
- 8.4.3. **Questions:**
 - ShockleyMcCarthy.1 asks whether there have been any changes to the amounts of the grants that are given to account for increases in travel costs.
 - This is not something CGS has done because we have tried to serve the maximum number of students possible. This is not part of the discussion at this time.
 - Datar.10 asks about whether we should specify an amount that we are asking for.
 - Haynes.242 answers that we don't want to ask for an arbitrary amount and put ourselves into a position where we could have gotten more than we asked for.
- 8.4.4. **Discussion:** None.
- 8.4.5. Slechta.3 moves to vote on the resolution.
- 8.4.6. Motion is seconded.
- 8.4.7. Resolution is voted on.
- 8.4.8. Resolution passes.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

8.1 Next meeting is December 6th, 2019 @ 3:30pm, Room 348 Drinko Hall

8.2 CGS Winter Party immediately following our December meeting! More information coming soon.

10. Meeting adjourned at 5:54pm.