CGS Executive Meeting Minutes

Present: Stephen Post, Sarah Light, DaVonti’ Haynes, Caroline Fitzpatrick, Carrie Anne Thomas, Michelle Scott, Abigail Grief, Aviva Neff, Maddy Lomax-Vogt, Leila Vieria, Kathryn Holt, Nick Messenger, Jenna Greve, Conner Sarich, Wanderson Novais Pereira,

Absent: Katie Conner, Melika Shahhosseini, Rania Khamees, Colby Gregg, Raven Lynch

1. President’s Report
   1.1. Budgets have been finalized for many departments and units. Some of the funding cuts have been a little bit larger than expected so other changes might be coming down the pipeline.
   1.2. Moving forward, we may continue using the discussion boards on Carmen to gather feedback about legislation before it is discussed during meetings. We should also try to do some of this work in committees.
   1.3. Will push out the call for applications to fill the ERJC and DEI committee chair positions.
   1.4. Holt.351: Do you have any more information about the ARGGS fellowship funding?
      • We have provided feedback about the importance of this funding. It seems likely that it will not be available in the spring. Those who were planning to apply in the spring are very upset about this sudden announcement.

2. Vice President’s Report
   2.1. The VP candidate list will be sent out next week along with the application materials. All candidates will have the opportunity to do a short presentation and answer questions from delegates before voting.
   2.2. Hayes Forum will be held virtually on April 9th. We are still working on an online system to accept abstract and an announcement will go out when this is live.

3. Treasurer’s Report
   3.1. Programming expenses are now being funded but the deadlines are very firm so don’t wait to submit.
   3.2. The Graduate Student Engagement Fund is now open to support units as well as academic departments.

4. Secretary’s Report
   4.1. Ad-hoc gov will be presenting all of our amendments in the January meeting and they will be discussed and voted on in the February meeting so keep that in mind when planning other legislation.
   4.2. The Code of Ethics and Values will likely become a document that we update and approve annually as a delegate body. Please look over this document and make
suggestions about additional values that should be included.

5. Chief of Staff Report
5.1. The Safety Task Force released a list of 14 recommendations, mostly focused on non-policing issues. This group seemed like a knee-jerk reaction to particular off-campus events that happened in the fall and only met for a few weeks. One of the long-term issues that hopefully will be discussed in the future is the joint policing that happens on and around campus. The group members will be gathering feedback from their constituents and reconvening in the spring to finalize the recommendations.
5.2. Working on different ways we can improve the transparency and efficiency of some internal processes like external and internal committee appointments.

6. Committee Member Agenda Items
6.1. Government Affairs
   6.1.1. The committee wants to have supplies on hand for future years to be able to send out absentee ballot packets.
   6.1.2. Also planning to start doing more virtual advocacy efforts and the statehouse and city council meetings.
6.2. Graduate Caucus
   6.2.1. Undergrads in CESP are working on a survey to gather feedback about the pass/no pass grading option that was put in place last spring. Logistically, the way this system was implemented is very different for grads so it doesn’t seem particularly relevant for us.
6.3. SERC
   6.3.1. The committee is working on a statement in conjunction with the other Big10 institutions asking for divestment from fossil fuels.
   6.3.2. Working on a pilot project to distribute gloves and we is looking for a place to store the gloves.
6.4. Arts and Culture
   6.4.1. Committee has created a running list of on- and off-campus events happening that students can attend safely.
   6.4.2. Also published a call for proposals for the symposium in January.

7. Old Business
7.1. None.

8. New Business
8.1. Voting act
   8.1.1. Make delegate votes public by listing their votes on each piece of legislation.
   8.1.2. Legislation will be reworked into a resolution that will charge ad-hoc gov
8.2. Resolution on OSU’s Naming Policy
   8.2.1. Haynes.242- this policy applies to lots of other populations, not just transgender students, for example, international students
   8.2.2. “gender” should say “gender marker”
   8.2.3. Black students mentioned early on in the document but not included in the
   8.2.4. Pronouns should also be included in this resolution
8.3. Counseling Access Issue
   8.3.1. HWS and GSA wants to gather feedback about this resolution should cover. The recent survey revealed that grad students do not feel that CCS is very accessible.
8.3.2. It will be important to address this in a way that
8.3.3. The university was waiving off-campus co-pays and this program has been
discontinued.
8.3.4. Important to ask specifically about counselors that speak more languages that
are currently offered.
8.3.5. Resolution will be drafted for January.

9. Open Floor Announcements
   9.1. Next delegate meeting December 4, 2020 @ 3:30 PM

10. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.