



## CGS Executive Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Sarah Light, Libby Bauman, DaVonti' Haynes, Kevin Ingles, Blake Szkoda (Jenna Greve), Kathryn Holt, Jack Brandl, Mark Pauley, Maddy Lomax-Vogt, E Alexander, Conner Sarich, Alec Clott, Carly LaRosa, Stephen Post, James Uanhoro

**Absent:** Rania Khamees, Priscilla Rodriguez Garcia, Ehsan Estiri, Andrea Davis

### 1. President's Report

- 1.1. Stephen met with Dr. Shivers and got her up to speed about the state of affairs at Ohio State and recent events affecting grad students on campus.
- 1.2. Graduate ombudsperson resolution will come back to steering in March and will be talked about in the Senate.
- 1.3. House bill will be discussed in the next Pregnant and Parenting Students meeting.
- 1.4. We are following up on the Lyft issue with Jay Casey.
- 1.5. The student emergency fund should be active by mid-summer. Decisions about who receive aid will be made by the grad council, where CGS will have representation.
- 1.6. Start date for GA appointments is being moved to August 1<sup>st</sup> from August 15<sup>th</sup>.
  - 1.6..1. Haynes.242 pointed out that there needs to be leeway with this new policy because people may have already made summer plans that will not allow them to be back on campus by August 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - 1.6..2. This new policy will allow for students to receive a larger paycheck sooner.
- 1.7. Suicide prevention walk is coming up in April. Please advertise to your constituents. There are fliers available for those who want to post them in their departments.
- 1.8. Buckeye Chat is happening on March 25<sup>th</sup>. This event will host a wide variety of people brought in to talk about issues of diversity and inclusion on campus. This event needs about 20 moderators so if you are interested, please contact Stephen.

### 2. Vice President's Report

- 2.1. Hayes Forum is in a week! A few proctors are still needed.
- 2.2. Officer elections will be happening at our March meeting and Senator elections the month after.

### 3. Treasurer's Report

- 3.1. Please send a report of your expected spending for the remainder of the year. This will help in closing out this year's budget and planning for next year.
- 3.2. Funding period 4 of Ray has closed and winners will be notified next week.

### 4. Secretary's Report

- 4.1. The CGS Awards Ceremony is taking place Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> in the Performance

Hall. This ceremony will honor all current delegates and officers and welcome new officers and senators. We will also recognize all students who have won the Ray, CDG, or GGG this year. We received 46 nominations for CGS awards. Exec will vote on the winners of Siddens and Lewellen. A survey will be sent out next week.

4.2. The Global Gateway program is happening again this summer and the application deadline closes at the end of the month.

## **5. Committee Member Agenda Items**

### **5.1. External Collaborations (alexander.979)**

- The committee is still working on the final draft of a complete brief about the issue of unionization. This is an issue that students are talking about and this would give us leverage and information to map out potential scenarios if needed in the future.
- The process of mapping out the needs assessment is still ongoing. If there are particular topics or questions that should be included in the assessment, please email to e.
- A proposal was just finished requesting more mentoring support for students, especially for those not pursuing academic career routes.

### **5.2. Government Affairs (Lomax-vogt.2)**

- The committee has organized for local elected officials (state reps, state senators, city councilors) to come to campus and meet with students. The goal is to provide a venue for students to converse directly with these officials without the filter of OSU. Rob Dorans will be here on March 4<sup>th</sup> and Elizabeth Brown on April 9<sup>th</sup>.
- There was a student who brought up an issue that starting in October, students who are on an F1B visa will not be able to get a Real ID, which means they will have to carry their passport even for domestic travel. While Real ID is a federal program, the decision about this visa was made at the state level in Ohio.
- Remind your constituents about the primary on March 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **5.3. Health, Wellness, & Safety (Clott.1)**

- There is a need to figure out where grad students are currently living to help our argument that the current boundaries of the Lyft partnership are not serving graduate students. The School of Business has done such a survey and the committee is inquiring about whether this can be shared. The Office of Administration & Planning is supposed to give us a report with address information pulled from Buckeyelink about where students are living but the committee is still waiting for that.
- The committee is also working on a joint resolution with the GSA committee calling for transparency from the university about the changes and funding decisions made as part of the Lyft partnership, including doing away with the community safety patrol in the Gateway area.

### **5.4. Delegate Relations (Sarich.6)**

- Hoping to plan an event for the end of March and another one before the end of the year to thank our current delegates for their service.

### **5.5. Graduate Student Affairs (Pauley.66)**

- There is a movement to rename buildings on campus named for people historically associated with problematic issues. The committee is working on a general resolution for the April meeting that will ask the university to make progress on this.
- We have a list of events planned for the week of April 5-10 for Graduate Student Appreciation Week. These include a breakfast, happy hour, Donuts with the Deans, free movie screening at the Gateway, professional development sessions, ice cream sundae social, free headshots, drop-in giveaways, etc. We will need some volunteers from exec to help coordinate some of these things.

#### 5.6. Arts & Culture (Holt.351)

- There was a survey sent to all arts students gathering feedback about students' experiences applying for and participating in the Hayes Forum and applying for CGS grants. The results indicate that the feedback they receive on these applications is generally not relevant to the type of research being done in arts fields. This will lead to a recommendation for the grants and Hayes committee about how better to include these students in the future
- 30 students attended BalletMet's Alice last weekend and there are 8 students going to an Aretha Franklin show next week.
- The call for proposals for the inaugural Arts & Sciences in the Age of Wellness symposium has been extended.

#### 5.7. Academic Affairs (Ingles.27)

- The committee is working on assessing methods currently used by departments to increase retention of under-represented minorities.

#### 5.8. SERC (Larosa.15)

- The committee is working with a company called Ideas42 who is pushing to reduce energy usage in low- and middle-income communities in Columbus. The goal of this is to work with the city to supplement the purchase of smart thermostats for students to help them reduce their energy bills.
- Dave Celebrezze, GreenSpot Coordinator for the City of Columbus is coming to the next delegate meeting to talk briefly about sustainability resources and programs available to graduate students.

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

- The committee attended a large meeting of students with families. There will be a new 2 hour child drop-off center in the library that will allow student parents to get some work done on campus.

### 6. Old Business

#### 6.1. None.

### 7. New Business

#### 7.1. Apportionment Act

- The proposed draft was posted on Carmen and there has been a lot of comment from delegates. There is a meeting Sunday night at 7pm to talk further about this before the next delegate meeting. According to our by-laws, we must pass this act at the next meeting or we have to revert to the current apportionment system, which is clunky and outdated.

7.1..1. Sarich.6 points out that for large departments, it may be easier to break it down into multiple programs with 1 delegate each in order to maintain individual representation. This may be an issue though because it's not clear where to draw the line between different departments and programs which may or may not be appropriate to group together.

7.1..2. Graduate minors should not be included in the total numbers because those people with minors are being counted twice.

7.1..3. The current cap for large departments is now 6 seats. In the past, the cap has been 4 and it's still hard to fill all of these seats.

7.1..4. It's possible to increase the total number of seats over 150 but that creates a problem where if we give each and every program a seat and many of them

do not get filled, it makes us look inefficient. Also, changing the total number of seats would require a revision to the bylaws.

7.1..5. It's more problematic for the really small departments to not have any seats than for large programs to be losing seats in the new organizational scheme.

7.2. Grants Act

- No comments made. Act will be presented at the next delegate meeting.

**8. Open Floor Announcements**

8.1. Next delegate meeting March 6th, 2020 @ 3:30 PM

**9. Meeting adjourned at 5:51 pm.**