



CGS Executive Meeting Minutes

Present: Stephen Post, Sarah Light, Carrie Anne Thomas, Michelle Scott, Leila Vieria, Kathryn Holt, Wanderson Novais Pereira, Raven Lynch, Katie Conner, Nick Messenger, Brandon Free, Abigail Grieff, Caroline Fitzpatrick, Maddy Lomax-Vogt, Aviva Neff, Conner Sarich

Absent: Melika Shahhosseini, Jenna Greve

1. President's Report

- 1.1. Nick spoke with a delegate who expressed some concern about the language and utility of the land acknowledgement statement that we have recently instituted. We need to evaluate whether we should continue use this one or hold off until we can craft a better one?
 - 1.1..1. External Collaborations is still trying to have conversations with relevant groups in order to draft a better statement.
 - 1.1..2. At a larger level, there is not consensus about whether or not these should be done in general. This is a conversation that is happening across the university.
 - 1.1..3. For this upcoming meeting, we are in favor of maybe not doing it at the top of the meeting but reserving time to discuss it during the meeting. We could also keep doing the land acknowledgment but couple it with an action item in an effort to make it less informative.
 - 1.1..4. This might be best dealt with by an ad hoc committee that can involve more students who have opinions on this topic.
 - 1.1..5. Aviva, Carrie Anne, and Katie volunteer to do some work on this issue. We also want to get delegates involved and will ask for participation in the upcoming meeting.
- 1.2. We got in touch with administration about the issues related to the instructional breaks. OAA sent out a message to all faculty clarifying that they should not be holding classes.
- 1.3. We will be holding officer elections during our next meeting. Stephen is selected to chair elections as Nick is running.
- 1.4. President Johnson is coming to our next delegate meeting. She has been very supportive of grad students so far.
 - 1.4..1. Might be good to solicit and plan some questions about topics that are really critical to ensure that these topics get coverage.
 - 1.4..2. We will allow delegates to directly ask questions to her. Strategic anger can be really effective, especially as leverage in future conversations.
 - 1.4..3. Issues we want to hear about: time to degree and funding extensions, expansion of mental health resources catered toward grad students, future of family housing, details about the new hiring initiatives, and the relationship between OSU and CPD

1.5. There are still a lot of concerns about Workday. Sarah is drafting a letter of concern that we will send out to HR and the administration.

1.6. Questions:

- Holt.351: What is the situation with AGRRS application dates?
 - 1.6..1.** We haven't heard an update, but Stephen is meeting with Dean Bertone next week and will ask again.

2. Vice President's Report

- 2.1. Hayes abstracts have been sent to judges for review.
- 2.2. We are proposing that some of the federal money should be used to make permanent changes to our classrooms in order to make them more accessible and compliant with public health guidelines. Fall will definitely not be 100% in person.
- 2.3. Business and finance is the office that makes final decisions about travel exemptions for research purposes. We are still waiting for a more formal policy update.

3. Treasurer's Report

- 3.1. Ray closed Feb 1st and judges are reviewing applications now.
- 3.2. We have some wiggle room with spending if we can justify it as operational so please check in if you have a potential idea about something your committee wants to spend money on.
- 3.3. Raven met with the Business Office and we will likely be able to carry forward all of our money, which is about 60k. Next year's exec team will have a lot of funding for new programming and events.

4. Secretary's Report

- 4.1. There will be two more acts on the agenda for the March delegate meeting and this will conclude the work of the ad-hoc gov review committee.
- 4.2. Nominations for the annual CGS awards will be open soon and nominations will be accepted until the end of March.
- 4.3. Still don't have a clear update on what is happening with Global Gateway this summer.

5. Committee Member Agenda Items

5.1. Health, Wellness, & Safety

5.1..1. Summit for student organization leaders is happening soon. There will be 3 sessions addressing stress and anxiety, conflict resolution and difficult conversations, and fostering relationships and combating social isolation.

5.1..2. Wellness Week will be April 5-9th.

5.2. Graduate Student Affairs

5.2..1. OSU diplomas do not list your degree department. This was brought up as a complaint and might be an issue for next year.

5.3. Government Affairs

5.3..1. Met with EHS this week and had a good conversation. There will be a working group to put together a pilot program to test this new self-testing initiative. EHS also wants to put together a presentation for the fall to talk about what they do and the resources that grad students may need to use.

5.3..2. How Things Work at the Ohio Statehouse workshop is happening this coming week.

5.4. Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity

5.4..1. The committee is exploring a climate survey for CGS to explore how delegates feel that they are included and empowered by CGS and to help the

exec team identify how to better help delegates and constituents feel more involved.

6. Old Business

6.1. None.

7. New Business

7.1. Act 2021-005: Attendance Policy Amendment

7.1..1. Approved by exec to be on the March delegate meeting agenda.

7.2. Act 2021-006: Standing Rules Amendment

7.2..1. Approved by exec to be on the March delegate meeting agenda.

7.3. Resolution 2021-016: Degree and funding extensions

7.3..1. Approved by exec to be on the March delegate meeting agenda.

7.4. How can CGS fund anti-racist work that students are already doing on campus?

7.4..1. A fellowship or award would be a good start and a grant could be used to take some of the pressure off

7.4..2. There might be a focus group in the future to gather specific information about how we can fund and support these people.

7.4..3. We can probably fund these types of things if we collaborate with other offices on campus. It will need to be determined how exactly this will be handled and it will depend on the needs that already exist.

8. Open Floor Announcements

8.1. Next delegate meeting March 5, 2021 @ 3:30 PM

9. Meeting adjourned at 5:43 pm.