



Delegate Meeting Minutes

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Location Ohio Union, Senate Chambers

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MEETING OPEN AT 3:31 PM

STURM.42 (President) welcomes and then reads statement of purpose.

1. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

STURM.42: To effectively advocate and program to ensure that The Ohio State University graduate student experience is the best it can be.

2. SUSPENDED BUSINESS

2.1 Play it Forward

MARSHALL: Office of VP PhD Student – Here to talk about the Play it Forward project which is a progressing. It is a collaboration with OSU Athletics, AIG, Lowes and VP of Student Life. I wanted to talk about the initiative. We're building playgrounds at schools and it promotes giving back and holistic health in wellness. How do we see incorporate handicap? How might graduate students be involved? How can we get them more involved? How do we make them more physically active? How do student athletes fit into the picture? How can we serve as role models? What questions

SWIFT.63: Have you identified a school and does the program include anything else?

MARSHALL: We have identified a school and we build the playground and then provide mentorship

STURM.42: Is it different than pay it forwards

MARSHALL: Yes – When Urban came here he wanted to continue the legacy of supporting the community and wanted to focus on providing

DOUGHERTY.158: committee is just me and two others. Looking for people – especially during the semester and before the course. If you're interested please let me know

MARSHALL: course is a separate component, but we want to get wide variety. Class in intersections in class socioeconomic rate and urban living

DELEGATE: Do we want to have a fund or keep a donating fund. If CGS wanted to partially endow it that would be an idea?

KUZAWA.1: Cynthia can we get a blurb for me to circulate in my department?

DOUGHERTY.158: Yes, we can – get it to Zach to get out in Weekly News.

MARSHALL: we're excited because next year we're doing two more schools. – We're hoping that we can do every school in the greater Columbus area.

2.2 Provost Alutto

STURM.42: Hes leaving in june and we just wanted to invite him to speak and give updates and thank him for his service.

ALUTTO: Its been a pleasure to serve as Provost of the university. We have done a lot over the past six years and the two major issues coming up: Discovery Themes and their impact on Grad Programs. We just had a department review and had experts from around the world come and study our school. We asked how faculty success would depend on attracting outstanding graduate students at Ohio State. Its not a matter of it's not hard it is for us to do because it really goes at the core of what we are about – supporting and retaining grad students to help them succeed. All the other planning we will do will be for naught if we don't pursue that.

What complicates it for OSU is our decentralized budgeting system. One of the reasons I came here is because the autonomy I had as a Dean. In many ways it was greater than what most Deans around the country have, however when I became Provost it's a different ballgame. We take away that autonomy. In one way we have grown because of that – I give them flexibility and they are creative. We have reached point though where we are more centrally driven and there is a delicate balance to be met.

I'm from social psychology who went to the dark side of business. If I were from McKenzie and Co and we asked what we could do? We really need centralization. And if they brought me back 10 years later I'd say the opposite. It's a careful balance point and we need to be constantly evaluating. I know it can be confusing for graduate students – but at the same time – we will give you a lot of flexibility but have things that we need you to do. I hope the message you're getting is that this university has progressed a great deal – and I'm very proud of it. They had never seen a university where so much was concentrated on one campus – with all of the health and then the A7S are in the same area and the professional campuses are integrated. And there are real physical barriers at other institutions

I'm happy to answer questions.

MCMILLIAN.78: In Senate I brought up a thing on space – my question is there no upper bound on the building height?

ALUTTO – I'm expressing my views on what need to happen. A lot of what we do here is not exactly rational for example the facilities were air conditioned – and the units were on the inside of the windows. You had a choice to either be cool and not hear anything. It turned out that someone in Central Services said that we all want them on the inside because it looked better. Same thing with height – we set arbitrary requirements and we are spread out way more than we need to be and now we're making it harder to be sustainable. We need to think of it more as an urban environment. We are one of the few large land grants in a real urban environment. We like to think of ourselves as being at a rural farm. We have strengths and its advantages. We're going to provide offices and laboratories and if were serious about a pedestrian friendly campus and it goes counter to what I even said today. I think we're looking at it and one of the things that will kick it off will be the north campus area and the more urban feel of that area. There are cost issues with that.

We have allowed each of the units to do their own building design and Physics will only have X dollars to build a building – but some of it will be different buildings. And then you find out you can afford a building that's larger than four stories high.

As we move into this discovery areas we need more permanent buildings and swing space. It's a tough conversation because all the buildings are owned by the university but if no one owns it then no one takes care of it. It's also tough maintaining facilities. It requires a complete rethinking and in taking the time

FRY.28: Thank you for all of the work you have done in regard to centralization – I like these discovery themes that have come out of it. Every job we get will have those. In talking to grad students we still feel siloed unless you're lucky to be in a institute. What can we do moving forward to bring grad students into a decentralized model?

ALUTTO: Recruiting – By definition graduate student bring more intellectual diversity. I believe in markets and we were in a very old building. I was called Hagerty High because no high school would ever have a building like that. I was here for two weeks and I met with the

undergrads – if you had your freedom to do anything you want – I'd triple tuition but because you put up with a lot of garbage – because it's a public school because we're on a short time frame. If you're paying more you'd care more – it's a similar situation – we have to make it valuable to you – and we want you to recognize it. You also won't have to put up with a faculty member who doesn't show up for a defense. And students need to be fighting for their rights more. I know it's difficult because you need to get through the programs and you have to figure.

CURZON.1: Graduate Computer labs are slowly but surely disappearing from buildings – what about that and have they cleared up the misunderstanding over the Maymester

ALUTTO: That's usually a local decision – and there is an interesting debate that you don't need a lab because everyone has their own equipment. That's a debate going on everywhere. In terms of Maymester – that's a local decision made by colleges. That's the nature of this school and the process. On one had faculty say it's the money that needs to go to operating units. They want more money when there are problems. As provost I have about \$15 and \$18 million I can spend – on a operating budget of \$2 billion. All the money is at the colleges and I only control strategic planning processes and how are they held accountable. If there are budget issues we try to provide the additional dollars. Money that is in the center – all the money is from outside that funding. If this were a different institution – there are other places that everything is decided at the center. You just can't manage them effectively.

I want to comeback - you are the heart of this university and we need to attract outstanding grad students. We have to provide guidance and a delegation of authority to units to respond to needs. Your faculty are critical but as are students. This one specifically addresses leadership.

2.3 Officer and Senator Elections

With that we are going to go into the Treasurer's election speech. We are going to ask Ryan (Michael) Harmanis.

HARMANIS.3: My name is Michael, however I go by Ryan. I am completing a JDMA. There are 3 things I would like to say about why I'm running for the office of treasurer. First off, why I'd like to have this role. Its 2 reasons and I'm sure its cliché, I'd like to give back to the University, I'm a born and bred Buckeye . The other one is similar but on a more personal note. As graduate students I'm not sure if you've heard what law school students are like. But I heard they were competitive and horrible. But I have had the opposite experience. We are Midwestern people so we are supposed to be nicer. The mission is to make this a great experience for graduate students as good as possible. That's something I would really like to do. The third thing is the experience that I bring. I majored in math and economics in undergrad. I'm a numbers guy. I love playing with spreadsheets which is not interesting for the majority of you. I haven't had the official role as treasurer since I was in high school. But I managed a team for 3 years. I had to fundraise and itemize and I'm comfortable with all of that. For lifeguards I handled all of the funds that came into the pool which could be a couple of thousands of dollars a day. I also will be an attorney one day so I bring that skill set to the job as well. And then finally, my favorite thing about myself is that I can do both. I really have a unique set of skills. Most people are either really numbers people or words people but I like to do. Finally some goals and things I would like to accomplish. The first is the funding, and I went through the last budget. And it's important how this is managed and keeping that transparent. I'm not going to be naïve to think that everyone is happy with how the money gets spent each year. Also if we can find ways to obtain more money I'm sure most of you would like that. And finally I don't recognize most people in this room so I would like to get everyone connected more and increasing our interaction and increasing CGS's visibility. Personally, I had never heard of CGS until Kelly Blumenstein told me about it. Finally, I would really like this position because I believe I have the skill sets.

CROWSLEY.1: I'm very impressed with your resume. Do you know about the time commitment and are you comfortable with working that into your busy schedule?

HARMANIS.3: Yes I've spoken with Porsha, Zach, and Kelly and I am comfortable with the time commitment. I'm currently working but that will end soon which will free up about 15 hours of my time

SCHUERER.10: I have looked at your resume and I agree that it's impressive and you could have gone anywhere you wanted to. Why did you choose Ohio State?

HARMANIS.3: You are right. However I had to balance everything in terms of cost and reputation and whether it would be worth it for me to go to a more well-known school or should I go someplace where I would feel apart of everything. That's why I chose Ohio State.

MCMILLIAM.78: Do you have any plans of tying your math into your law.

HARMANIS.3: Ideally someday I'd like to be in a leadership company working on transactional law. It helps in transactional law to have both sets of skills to help me be able to go back and forth between those writing the deal and those closing the deal. If I can be a facilitator that would be great.

CROWSLEY.1: Are you familiar with the judging procedures for the Ray Travel Award.

HARMANIS.3: I feel comfortable with my ability to handle that type of stuff, not to sound arrogant, but I think I'm a quick learner and I can figure it out.

DONG. : Do you have any specific idea about having more interactions between professional students and graduate students?

HARMANIS.3: Most professional schools are so decentralized. Like at the business school. Starting a dialogue with the leadership of those organizations would be the first step. Having a planning meeting to put together some type of forum to bring together business students and laws students for example. Or bringing people to Fisher to learn how to write a business plan or start a business bank account. As I said I heard a ton about IPC over at Fisher but I really heard nothing about CGS. So I see no reason not to get both groups together to collaborate more.

STURM.42: Is there anyone else that would like to nominated themselves or someone else for the position of treasurer? (silence) Ok so nominations are now closed.

STURM.42: Ok please take out your ballots for treasurer. This is a formality. You can write in someone else's name on the ballot or indicate a vote of no confidence.

[Voting period]

STURM.42: With that we will move into Secretary elections. Our Secretary candidate is Sarah Lang.

LANG.279: I'm a PhD candidate in Human Developmental and Family Science. I'll give you a little bit of background about myself. I used to be the curriculum coordinator for the college of ecology. I used to have to take minutes at the meetings at the college level. My research is about relationships so I'm very much into connecting with people. So with that are there any questions?

GUNN.54: I see that you are graduating next year. Do you think that with the requirements of the secretary's position that you can be able to do the position and still graduate?

LANG: I am TAing currently but I will be doing that no longer so that will free up my time. I will be working on my dissertation but I will still have time to devote to the secretary duties.

STURM.42: With that we will go into the voting. Please pass completed ballots to the end of the rows.

[Voting period]

STURM.42: Now for the Vice-President elections. We have two candidates Jamie Crowsley and Blake Toney. Jamie will go first.

Crowsley.1: Good afternoon everyone my name is Jamie Crowsley. I'd like to introduce myself. I've been a delegate, I've been a Global Gateway chair, and the chair of Delegate Outreach. I've been on the Hayes Forum and the Ray Travel Award Committees. I believe in CGS which is why I have been here for so long. I know how CGS works internally and how to fulfill our mission statement. We have about 12,000 grad students currently and I take it seriously our need to advocate for them. We have GCBC, advocating for grad student stipends, the health insurance committee. I'm very proud of the fact that I've been apart of the Global Gateway Grant committee. I see my ability to serve not for myself but as a way of giving back. I see the VP's duties: Hayes', elections committee, sitting on CSA. It's a weighting responsibility and I take that very seriously. I have a great track record for fulfilling my responsibilities which is why I won the officer award last year. We have issues that are ongoing and have yet to be resolved. These are things I would like to focus on if I am elected. Buckeye Village parking: this is something that is going to come up each year even though CGS has been able to squash it for this year. Grad student fees: have gone up this year. Grad students have relatively small stipends so fees play a huge role in our funding. Maymester: grad students are being termed as lecturers which means they will get paid less. This will come up year after year so this is something we need to strongly advocate for grad students. Stipends: we want these to increase however not at the expense of other services. Health insurance: we switched to Aetna. We want to make sure we keep insurance affordable for all graduate students since again our stipends are fairly low so we want to keep advocating for students with this. Lastly my time commitment. I currently hold a GAA position in my department but if elected this will become my position. Are there any questions?

SWIFT.63: Please clarify your time commitment.

CROWSLEY.1: The VP position would be my job instead of my current job in my department

FENN.36: Have you had experience helping to plan Hayes'?

CROWSLEY.1: Yes on the 2nd page of my CV I indicated I helped to plan Hayes last year with Allen. Additionally I have worked with Merrill Lynch and Barclay's Bank so I have both business and planning experience.

PHALAK.1: Your specific goal is to increase the number of delegates, how do you plan to do that since elections have already passed?

CROWSLEY.1: To clarify, I won't have anything to do with these elections I will have a part to play on the outgoing delegate body next year. I want to get as many delegates who would like to be a part of CGS as possible as we struggle each year to fill the seats that we have available. I aim to reach out to those departments that specifically we have not had delegates from in a long time.

STURM.42: Next we will have Blake Toney.

Toney.44: I'm a Pharm D, MBA candidate. To address whether or not I am qualified, the 1st question I would ask myself is do I have the experience to address your concerns. I'm the class president I have been for the last 3 years of my pharmacy school class. At the end of each year there is a dean's lunch and I had to give a speech for it. I rehearsed what I was going to say and I realized it didn't come off the way I wanted to. So I realized it's not what you say but how you should say something. Secondly I can communicate your concerns to the decision-makers. There was a therapeutic case studies workshop however we had not had enough information to be able to work through the cases we were given. The instructor listened to me and took my concerns under consideration. Thirdly I can drive policy. I approached the experimental coordinator and told her that I didn't think this could be done. After taking a survey about a third of the class said they would not be able to finish this. Fourthly, even if something doesn't affect me I can work to get it done. Some students were concerned about the time slot of class. They came to me and we were able to get votes and

get the class time moved. Lastly, I am fine pushing legislation through that I do not necessarily agree with, which is contrary to what most politicians will do.

I looked at the responsibilities of the VP position. I have event planning experience. For our college picnic, we had to budget for food for over 100 people. I had to make a cornhole bracket on the fly. You never realize how hard it is to make a bracket until you have to do make one on the fly. We also participated in Adopt-A-Family. We adopted 6 children this year. We made a shirt for the Race for the Cure. Student health insurance is an administrative task assigned to me. I know there are concerns about what can be brought up in a single office visit. During our education we are trained to be able to conduct an office visit. I think I can collaborate with the College of Pharmacy and Student Health insurance planners to put out a flyer educating students about the scope of an office visit. Finding your future in 4 minutes. Its kind of like speed dating.

STURM.42: Are there any questions for Blake?

KUZAWA.1: Why did you decide to change from running from Pres to VP?

TONEY.44: After I saw the email I did a statistical calculation and decided to switch. I also went through the constitution and decided my skills were more suited to the VP's position.

FRY.228: Have you talked to Allie? What other experience have you had with CGS?

TONEY.44: I have no experience with CGS. Having the experience to be able to balance what people want and need is transferable from position to position. The class presidency being one. I have talked with Allie about time commitments. I am currently employed at Giant Eagle pharmacy and I will gladly quit to devote my time to CGS.

DONG.209: As a non-traditional grad student how well do you understand grad student concerns?

TONEY.44: Is there a specific instant that you would like for me to touch on?

DONG.209: I mean how familiar are you with grad students and the mentor relationship and the struggles that they deal with?

TONEY.44: I've never actually done research or applied for a grant. I don't know all the steps involved in creating a dissertation but I've conducted critiques

STURM.42: We will now move into the presidential speeches. Josh Coy will be first.

COY.82: Howdy everybody. My background is in theater which makes me perfect for political office. I got a degree in psychology then decided to focus on my music career. Then I decided to go back to school. I received a scholarship so I was able to quit my job to work on my MA. I have volunteered a lot. I've been here for about 6 years. Billy 2 Shoes is my band and we have given money to non-profits. We play our own music and we have given money to many food pantries. We know about the issues that we have been dealing with. Student health insurance will be a pet project for me regardless of how this pans out. Volunteer opportunities for grad students is very important. I had the opportunity to judge for Ray and I think a lot of people missed out because of the lack of volunteering opportunities. Focal points for next year: how will deal with each other and the administration Transparency, making sure people don't feel like we are doing things in the dark. Procedurally, we've made mistakes but we need to have things in place to be able to fix these mistakes in a timely matter. Accountability, for me it's about follow-through. Are you getting the ball moving and watching it go, or following issues through to the end point. If not what happened along the way. Responsiveness, the way we handled Buckeye Village was awesome. The president needs to be the one that pushes administration to make decisions. We don't want to burn our bridges we want to build them. So we can reach the best possible outcome for everyone. The university needs to work on its customer service. People want more out of the degree and the experience and we need to work hard at making that happen. Creating an environment to encourage people to participate in CGS. I can't get

anyone from my department to run for a Delegate seat due to the issue we had about a month ago. I have only been in CGS for 1 year, however I have been talking with Allie and I feel I am ready for this position.

FRY.228: You value the relationship with administration. Being a part of CGS for 3 years we have really increased that relationship. How would you work to better that relationship?

COY.82: If I'm elected I will like to sit down with the administration and introduce myself. I am definitely capable of being professional.

BUCHNER.2: I'd like to applaud your enthusiasm about CGS. Is censorship your way to deal with a problem delegate in the future?

COY.82: It was decided that it wasn't the way to go in that situation. I think that it required some action but it was delayed to the point of being ineffective. My position as a delegate in that situation would be different from my position as a president.

PEINE.2: The situation did shed light on holes in our constitution. I know Zach has expressed interest in doing a constitutional review? Would you be open to doing a constitutional review?

COY.82: I'm very open to that. We need to work with the Glenn school to look at the gray areas that are causing confusion. And bring the governance committee back.

Motion to extend time: Peine, 2nd by Phalak.1

MCMILLAN.78: Would you be interesting in making an archive committee?

Motion to extend: Swift.63,2nd by Phalak.1

WEBER.460: Can you identify holes within CGS and how would you fix them?

COY.82: I can really answer this question once I see how the transition goes.

STURM.42: Zach please come up.

KENITZER.1: First of all, I'd like to thank Porsha for taking notes for me.

I joined to meet a lot of people. I've learned about you all and about your desire....[insert speech here]

FRY.228: I'm going to ask you the same question I asked Josh.

KENITZER.1: I've been sitting on the STEP committee, with Dr. J and Tim Gerber so I already have a good relationship with them and they know my style.

MCMILLAN.78: What is the power of CGs and where does that come from.

KENITZER.1: Power comes from the students, we work for the students and their concerns. I'm proud that we have done a good job these past 2 years.

SWIFT.63: How would you approach a review of the constitution?

KENITZER.1: The organization needs to be able to interpret the gray areas, also be able to understand the black and white areas better. I would like to create an Ad Hoc committee to sit down and enrich and enhance our constitution.

CROWSLEY.1: Time Commitment

KENITZER.1: My proposal is already done so I was part of the grad student Union and worked as an undergrad for many hours with no money. Student government is where my heart is and this experience is invaluable because I would like to move into political arena someday.

WEBER.460: Same question.

KENITZER.1: Major issue, new member recruitment and retention. Working with the other executive officers to fill the chair positions and bringing in other people from departments without representation.

FRY.228: Motion for executive session (5 min). Second by Dougherty.158.

Executive session at 5:35PM.

Executive session ends at 5:49 PM

STURM.42: I forgot we are going to elect our 1 month VP intern. So we can do an intern VP by voice vote. So all in favor? All, None opposed and none abstained. So at least if you don't win the presidency you can be VP for a month.

Donald Wiggins, school of public affairs. Native new Yorker, go buckeyes. Want to represent a diverse constituent.

Fenn.36: Are you available 1 thurs a month from 3:30 to 5:30

Wiggins: I've available 2 Thurs a month

Fenn.36: Colin Odden serves on Colit. If you have any issues please email me or Odden.2.

Fry.228: Confusion about what to register for in summer. Talk to your departments because everyone is confused.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. Minutes from Second Spring Semester 2013 Delegate Meeting

**MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES
FENN.36 MOTIONS
ROBERTS.1007 SECONDS**

**YEA: ALL
NAY: NONE
ABSTAIN:NONE**

MINUTES APPROVED

4. OFFICER REPORTS

4.1. President

NO REPORT

4.2. Vice President

NO REPORT

4.3. Secretary

NO REPORT

4.4. Treasurer

NO REPORT

5. OLD BUSINESS

No old business for this meeting.

6. NEW BUSINESS

No New Business

7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

NO REPORT