



Present: Luke Andrejek, Mark Beattie, Brieanne Billman, Kara Braunreiter, Sara Cantonwine, Justin Bower, Elizabeth De Luca, Prutha Deshpande, Rebecca Dillard, Deep Gandhi, Hoda Hatoum, Anuraq Mazumdar, Kate Ormiston, Erin Panczyk, Christopher Riley, Christine Stamper, Carolin Mueller, Omotayo Adeeko, Vibhor Agarwal, Maureen Alcock, Erin Allen, Alan Bannister, Abby Buffington, Natalie Chang alternate for Alec Clott, Michelle Cohen, Steven DalGLISH, alternate for Mario De Grandis, Samantha Dodbele, Coralie Farinas, Jahmour Givans, Kristyn Gumper, Kathryn Holt, Elizabeth Klainot, Erica Law, Stephen Lo, Christopher Loiewski, Mahan Mansouri, Sara Mueller, Jennifer Perkins, Christopher Phelps, Christopher Pierce, Sundeep Siripurapu, Ryan Slechta, John Stegall Symon Stevens Guille, Elizabeth Stone, Joshua Truett, Petra Wallenmeyer, Elan Weiss, Bennett Whitaker, Jessica Wilson, David Wituszynski, Nathan Young, Zhang Xiaochen, Joachim Bean, David Bowers, Julie Dentzer, Blake Szkoda, Yao Wan, Tracey Waltherbusch, Alex Wesaw, Liz Koss, Amanda Montoya, Kerry Hodak, Julie Faieta.

Absent: Kaylee Hartman, Anneliese Antonucci, Kyle Benzie, Jasmine Douglas, Jazelynn Goudy, Francis Heschmeyer, Donna Futledge, Chloe Williams, Ati Alizadehbirjandi, Jason Anderson, Luke Andrejek, Selashi Attipoe, Madith Barton, Kyle Benzle, Nicholas Black, Kara Braunreiter, Kathryn Caliva, Haley Chatelaine, Jennifer Cline, Matthew Connolly, Vinita Dahiya, Geoff Dubrow, Meghan Flannery, Matthew Forquer, Jenna Freudenburg, Cesar Gemelli, Jon Gill, Laurene Glimois, Douglas Hardtmayer, DaVonti Haynes, Lauren Henry, Elizaeth Hutson, Bushra Ismail, Travonya Kenly, Justin Kuric, Nickolaus Larsen, Andrew Lassman, Matthew Latham, Jenny Le, Felicia Lilien, Jules Lipman, Eric Loria, Soumik Mandal, Jesse Manton, Katie McAfee, Shannon McLoughlin, Sarah Mielke, Marjorie Mignin, Nathaniel Onnen, Firman Parlindungan, Jessica Pissini, Tiffany Polite, Brooke Rengers, Lindsey Reymore, Serai Prashant, Melika Shahhosseini, Trent Smith, Deena Snoke, Nicole Tchorowski, Eunice Uhm, Vibhuti Wadhwa, Gregory Wheeler, Malia Womack, Qionsihang Zhang, Deborwah Faulk, Daniel Puthawala,

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 3:30pm

1.1. Statement of Purpose

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1. Minutes from February 23, 2018

- 2.1.1. Gumper.1 motioned to approve the minutes.
2.1.2. Minutes approved.

3. GUEST SPEAKER

3.1. Big Ten Voting Challenge

- 3.1.1. Please email Johnson.4452 if you are interested in joining OSU Votes and helping to form a coalition to increase voter engagement across campus.
3.1.2. Information on the primaries will go out soon to all students.

4. OFFICER UPDATES (as submitted in Delegate Meeting Packets)

- 4.1. No additional updates or questions.

5. COMMITTEE CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS (as submitted in Delegate Meeting Packets)

- 5.1. Pierce.508 reminded everyone that the first 22 labs that sign up for the Green certification they can sign up and receive \$200. There are only 12 slots remaining.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. Officer Elections:

- 6.1.1. Treasurer
 - Kristyn Gumper.1 was unanimously elected treasurer for the 2018-2019 academic year.
- 6.1.2. Secretary
 - Hannah Torma.9 was elected secretary for the 2018-2019 academic year by private ballot.
- 6.1.3. Vice President
 - Tracey Walterbusch.1 was unanimously re-elected Vice President for the 2018-2019 academic year.
- 6.1.4. President
 - Luca-Kontchou.1 motioned to extend the question and answer time for 5 minutes. The motion was approved.
 - Wesaw.1 was unanimously re-elected President for the 2018-2019 academic year.

7. DELEGATE CONCERNS

- 7.1. Pierce.508 inquired about Buckeye Village
 - 7.1.1. Wesaw.1 explained that the University is going to pay for a Buckeye Village with a partner it will lower the rate by about \$250 per month. The exact monthly rates are still pending, but it should still be University owned so that they have more control.
- 7.2. Adeeko.3 raised concerns regarding the number of applicants that dropped out of the officer elections. She requested earlier emails and publicity regarding the elections and better explanations about the officer elections.
 - 7.2.1. Walterbusch.1 explained that she is willing and excited to hear all feedback and suggestions about how we can improve the process of elections. She also indicated that she could look back to start tracking the numbers, so that we can monitor changes.
 - 7.2.2. Walterbusch.1 also asked all delegates to help recruit for elections
 - 7.2.3. Gumper.1 indicated the website is not the most conducive in learning more about each role and perhaps website changes could help the election process.
 - 7.2.4. Luca-Knotchou.1 suggested sending a brief survey to those that dropped out to get more information about what intrigued them and why they dropped out.
 - 7.2.5. Stone.655 suggested being more clear and concise about the time commitments, when the meetings are, what can be done remotely, etc.
 - 7.2.6. Mueller.655 suggested these times of responsibility and role delineation would be helpful for all committee chairs as well.
- 7.3. An inquiry was raised regarding the costs of childcare again, she suggested grants from the graduate school for funding childcare for graduate students.
 - 7.3.1. Wesaw.1 explained that the funding available from the medical school for childcare will be helpful when discussing with the graduate school. He also indicated that he is working with the registrar to identify how many graduate students this is impacting.
- 7.4. The question was raised regarding the healthcare cost increases each year and how we could use this to leverage the stipend increases.
- 7.5. A statement was raised regarding the recent legislation that encourages the University to raise the minimum hourly pay to \$15 per hour University-wide that was passed in the undergraduate student government body.
 - 7.5.1. Concerns were raised about how this would impact graduate students if we supported.
 - 7.5.2. Concerns were raised if it would reduce the number of jobs available if the University was required to pay every single employee \$15 hourly pay.
 - The concern was raised regarding paying undergraduate students with grants for dissertation work and how this may impact the timing it takes to complete dissertation work and research in general.
 - 7.5.3. Some support was raised for this legislation.
 - 7.5.4. Mueller.655 requested a speaker or a form of more comprehensible information be provided to delegates about this issue.

- Wesaw.1 said he would reach out and try to set something up for a future delegates meeting.
- 7.5.5. Klainot-Hess.1 indicated that there are many graduate students that are making less than minimum wage with the amount of hours that they put into the work that they are doing.
- 7.6. A question was raised regarding whether there would be increases in fees with increased stipends.
- 7.6.1. Wesaw.1 did not believe they would be correlated, but there is always a possibility of an increase in fees. However Hodak.2 confirmed there would be no increases at this point.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 8.1. **April 13, 2018 – 4th Spring Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union (Senator Elections)**
- 8.2. **May 11, 2018 – 1st Summer Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union**

