



President Bowers.461 called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm.

Purpose Statement: To effectively advocate and program to ensure that the OSU graduate experience is the best it can be. – Read by VP

Approval of minutes

The minutes from the March meeting were presented and were approved unanimously.

CGS Annual Awards

James M. Siddens Award for Distinguished Faculty Advising

In 2002, upon the retirement of James M. Siddens—the CGS faculty advisor for nearly twenty years—the Council created the James M. Siddens Award for Distinguished Faculty Advising to recognize those faculty who exemplify the best in graduate student advising at Ohio State.

Dr. Jane Hathaway, Professor, Department of History, won the award.

Senate elections:

Uncontested senate positions:

1. Yao Wan – Biological sciences

Q& A:

Q – What is your current experience with career services and what will you do about it?

A - Trying to look into it. Will need to know more about it.

2. Kyle Benzle – Food and agricultural sciences

Q&A:

Q – Can you clarify if you are trying to channel us to publish in open source mediums?

A – Yes. Researchers have all the power. Everybody tries to publish in high impact journals which lock our research away. This is a vicious cycle.

Q – Which publication are you having trouble with? We have library connection. . . .

A – OSU is a well-funded university and has access to it. I want anybody in the

world to have access to my research.

3. Blake Szkoda – Math and Physical sciences

Q&A:

No questions

4. Julie Dentzer – Humanities

Q&A:

No questions

Yao Wan, Kyle Benzle, Blake Szkoda and Julie Dentzer are appointed as Senators.

Contested Senate Positions:

Education and Human Ecology

5. David Bowers
6. Jen Dane – Not present
7. William Dupont
8. Daniel Wray

Q&A:

Q – What is your view about mental health concern in the university?

A – DB – As a mental health professional, I am very aware about this situation on campus.

As a grad student I am aware of the lack of group therapy support and a lack of awareness about the various programs from CCS.

WD – Student on the campus are not aware about the mental health services that are available. OSU

has great resources on this matter. I would like to work on a listerv of grad students to push such material to them.

DW – There is a lack of awareness. Need to communicate and advertise these resources across campus.

Motion to extend the Q&A session by 5 minutes was passed

Motion to extend the Q&A session by 2 minutes was passed

Larry Lewellen award for distinguished service

Since 1974, awarded to those students, staff, faculty, administrators and community members who

have rendered exceptional service to graduate students at The Ohio State University.

Dr. Tim Gerber, Professor, Music Education, won the award.

Contested Senate Positions:

Business

1. Auggie Heschmeyer
2. Samarth Malhotra – not present
3. Yang Shi – not present
4. Qionsihan Zhang – not present

Q&A:

Q – What do you mean by making our dream your dream?

A – I come from a film background. I want to work with people to see what they want to do and help them figure the steps to get there.

Engineering Sciences

1. Joachim Bean
2. Bryan Esser
3. Robert Gammon Pitman – Not present
4. Mahan Mansouri – Not present
5. Prashant Serai

Q&A:

Q – What is the single most important issue that the grad students are facing?

A – JB – Compensation is perhaps the most important issue. We are at a point where it has become a concern. University should do a better assessment and needs to better.

BE – Serving on diversity and inclusion committee made me aware of some of the issues that others are facing and that needs to be addressed.

PS – I have to agree with Joachim. Compensation varies a lot depending on the departments. Something needs to be done about it. I would like to work on the mental health aspect of the grad students.

Q – What is your stance on privatization of the university resources?

A – PS – I think that it is a big issue that students are not consulted on key issues which has also happened in the past, especially the campus parc. I'm not fully aware what senator can do regarding this matter but I'm all for greater student representation.

BE – As a senator you have some sway in trying to talk to the dean and board of trustees and through vote.

JB – There are lot of gray areas and undefined areas that'll need greater student representation.

Art

1. Jaelynn Goudy
2. Alexis Mraz – not present
3. Lindsey Reymore

Q&A:

Q – What have you done for the Columbus community in terms of volunteering and professional development?

A – JG – I have been teaching the Columbus community kids to dance. I do mentor girls for their future dance careers.

LR – I have taught a lot of private lessons in public schools. I would love to be involved a lot more in community and teaching. I have done some performance in the community here.

Q – Besides Art, what other student concerns are you interested in?

A – LR - I like to listen to all the concerns brought to CGS. Compensation being one of them. I would like to see more student representation.

JG- I'm concerned about equality in the grad student experience. OSU is concerned for its international students but sometimes forgets about the domestic students. And I would like to bring such issues up. Compensation is also one of the important concerns.

Professional Biological Sciences

1. Michael Koenig
2. Obineche Nnebedum – Not present
3. Chloe Williams

Q&A:

Q – What do you think is the role of the university senate?

A – CW – it is important to voice our opinion on matters that are important.

MK – I have a moderate views over the last few years. The issue of privatization should be discussed.

Q – What grad students concerns are most important to you?

A – MK – Career placement and the degree that you are getting. It's a good idea to look at the grad placement rates. Just the focus on academia is not cutting it.

CW – diversity and inclusion. It is crucial that we diversify the community in terms of experiences to have better understanding.

Social and Behavioral Sciences

1. Travis Casper
2. Elizabeth Douglass
3. Donna Rutledge

Q&A:

Q – What is a really effective way to increase awareness about CGS?

A – DR – CGS is a outlet, but to get the student involvement, it is better to make use of media – emails/fliers. This is a huge campus so it'll take time.

ED – I'm not aware about who my delegates are or was not aware about CGS before this. I'll make sure we are present at all career fairs and professional development events.

TC – we should consolidate the calendars across university to make students more aware about the various CGS related events.

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Colin Odden Award for Exceptional Service as a CGS Delegate

In 2016 this award was named in honor of long serving CGS member Colin Odden. This award honors a Delegate who has made a significant contribution to CGS and graduate students in the past year.

Yanty Wirza won the award

Committee Chair Award for Excellence

This award honors a Committee Chair who has shown significant progress and commitment to ideas and the graduate student experience through their service to CGS and graduate students.

Hoda Hatoum won the award

New Business:

ACT 1617-SP-04 Apportionment amendment

Move to suspend the one-week notification was suspended unanimously.
Amendment was approved unanimously.

COTA Bus lines:

This has been a big concern with the constituents.
COTA intern has informed that the spider-web model has now been replaced by spoke-wheel model. This will perhaps lead to taking transfer buses.

Senate Election Results:

Arts – Jazelynn Goudy
Business – Auggie Heschmeyer
Education and Human Ecology – David Bowers
Engineering – Joachim Bean
Professional Biological Sciences – Chloe Williams
Social and Behavioral Sciences – Elizabeth Douglass

President Bowers.461 adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm.