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1. **CALL TO ORDER** (3:30 PM)
 - 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** (4 minutes)
 - 2.1. Minutes from December 7, 2018
3. **OFFICER REPORTS** (8 minutes)

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1. Treasurer, Kristyn Gumper.1 3.2. Secretary, Hannah Torma.9 3.3. Vice President, Tracey Walterbusch.1 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.4. Chief of Staff, Sara Mueller.352 3.5. President, Alex Wesaw.1
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4. **COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS** (8 minutes)

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1. Academic Affairs, Daniel Puthawala.1 4.2. Arts & Culture, Kathryn Holt.351 4.3. Delegate Relations, Samantha Mcwhorter.43 4.4. Diversity & Inclusion, Erica Law.177 4.5. Government Relations, Maddy Lomax-Vogt.2 4.6. Graduate Student Affairs, Vibhuti Wadhwa.21 4.7. Health & Wellness, Alec Clott.1 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4.8. International Student Concerns, Eshan Estiri.1 4.9. Marketing & Communications, Chris Loiewski.1 4.10. Senate Advisory, Blake Szkoda.1 4.11. SERC, Chris Pierce.508 4.12. Governance (Ad Hoc), Ryan Slechta.3 4.13. Reimbursements (Ad Hoc), Sara Mueller.352
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5. **SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS** (15 minutes)
 - 5.1. Delegate Concerns (15 minutes)
6. **NEW BUSINESS** (50 minutes)
 - 6.1. Act 1819-SP-001: An Act to Modify Senator Election Procedures (20 minutes)
 - 6.2. "A Motion that CGS Executive Committee draft a formal letter to Provost McPheron, requesting he address issues of central concern to CGS Delegates..." (30 minutes)
7. **ADJOURN** (4:55 PM)
8. **FUTURE MEETING DATES**
 - 8.1. February 1, 2019 – 2nd Spring Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union
 - 8.2. March 29, 2019 – 3rd Spring Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union
 - 8.3. April 12, 2019 – 4th Spring Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union
 - 8.4. May 10, 2019 – 1st Summer Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union
 - 8.5. June 7, 2019 – 2nd Summer Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union
 - 8.6. July 19, 2019 – 3rd Summer Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union



PRESENT: Wesaw, Chupp, Clott, Smith, Lo, Rooney, Sermersheim, Mueller, pierce, Chang, mukherjee, Walton, Garg, Dhuey, Chavez, McWhorter, Riley, Ormiston, Shah, Wiegman, Rooney, Adeeko, Oyster, Vicieux, Sullivan, LaalDehghani, Dahlberg-Dodd, Nordquist, Williams, Loiewski, Panczyk, Holt, Ingles, Cobb, Oehlers, Wadhwa, Tuggle, Chauhan, Fanelli, DiTommaso, Klainot-Hess, Metcalf, free, LaRosa, Givans, Lomax-Vogt, Uanhoro, Slechts, Steele, Boyce, Shao, Deshpande, Schreiber, Frick, Henderson, DeBacker, Demko, Ziemann, Hungerpiller, Cao, Altabtbaei, Lugo, Faieta, Andrejek, Smith, Stevensguille, Torma, Cao, Scott, Walterbusch, Dahlberg-Sears, Unnikrishnan, Szkoda, Sarich, Estiri, Zamanian, Whitaker, Emanuel

9. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 3:35pm

9.1. Statement of Purpose

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

10. GUEST SPEAKER

10.1. President Michael V. Drake, MD

10.2. The University is a large and complex place. We occupy more mind space in the general population than most universities. At the last AAUP meeting, a national poll revealed that people feel Ohio State is among the leading research universities. We have a role beyond our boundaries that influences policies across the country. Graduate students are a central part of this power and effectiveness, and thus a critically important part of what we do. A year ago, we spoke to CGS when the tax bill was under negotiation. We continue this fight and are watching any changes. We were also just beginning to invest the ENGIE-Axiom partner proceeds. Our minimum stipends are now among the top tier within the Big Ten. We are working on diversity and inclusion. We believe that diversifying the graduate student body works to diversify faculty. We are also helping with professional development. We have a new teaching support program for our faculty. Nothing approximating this scale has been done at a University of our size. Another issue for graduate students is housing. We have two major options that we have been looking at really actively. We will know more shortly about the direction that we will pursue. The department of education is proposing a variety of changes. One of those changes affects Title IX. Starting in 2011, the Dear Colleague letter established an expectation that we would use the preponderance standard. We were directed to use the lowest evidentiary standard, which has been called into question. Another question is due process. It is important that graduate students be active around these issues. Advocacy and input are important in moving things forward. Finally, a new administration is coming into the state house. We have a chance to reestablish our relationships and establish the best possible relationship going forward.

10.3. Clott.1 mentions that the RUOK buckeye initiative recently spoke with us and mentioned that some departments don't take graduate student health seriously. What does the president's office do to keep departments on a united front? Mental health is taken extremely seriously. We appointed a Mental Health Task Force last spring comprised of faculty, students, and staff. They came forward with a series of proposals. Some are already underway, and others will be rolled out in the new year. One thing they found is that we have a wide array of programs on campus. We have a dozen or more specific programs. One of the challenges is that there are so many programs that sometimes students have trouble finding the right thing to do. We are working on an app to help guide students. There is a wide variety of resources within programs and schools. Suicide typically occurs privately, but public events can add to varied approaches of addressing issues. The taskforce made a list of what is available and is now working on organizing. Colleges and universities tend to have about half the typical rate of suicide among this age range, and we are slightly below this range. It's never enough, but some of the things we are doing here include trying to make it more difficult to complete the act. We are also continually ramping up services. We are hiring more mental health providers and that increase continues. A significant amount of successful suicides happen with the decision was made within the hour. Getting through this hour is a big deal. If you see something, say or do something. Just getting someone past that hour might get someone to a place where they can move forward. We intervene successfully more than not. Interventions can make a difference. We encourage Deans to be vigilant about this and aware of things we are trying to do as an institution.

10.4. Lomax-Vogt.2 mentions that a type of gas integral to her lab's research is very expensive. What is the university doing to protect us from suppliers that have a monopoly? We are a big enterprise with seven billion dollars of interactions a year. Our normal policy is competitive bids. We also do things that are very specialized. Often this means there is not a market. We are always renegotiating, especially in these cases. We can work with other universities to do this. For example, we work hard to negotiate with suppliers of cancer drugs. We work in this space all the time.

10.5. Altabtbaei.1, a member of The Health and Wellness committee, mentions that the committee has heard a lot of complains about the "U Got This" training. The committee and others feel it uses language that is not

appropriate for the audience of university students. They use animated puppets. This is an active area of interest for us. If something happens routinely for us, we are working hard to reduce this to the smallest number possible. One important consideration is the interest in making sure that we do all we can to not risk retraumatizing survivors going through a training. We work hard on trauma informed practices. Having a roll play with actors might be too close to a traumatic event. The other issue is that we find there is great confusion about what is ok and not ok. There is an effort to go to a simplified level. We are often working to help people come to a different understanding from a broad array of experiences and cultures. The animations are done to make them broadly understandable. No one thinks sexual violence is a good thing. It is hard to get it exactly right for everyone all the time. We want to be a learning community. Since 2015, we had a statistically significant increase in students that say they know where to report a sexual assault and that if they made a report it would be taken seriously. We also had an increase in reports. A survey of incidents reveals they have gone down.

- 10.6. Wadhwa.21 mentions is encouraging to hear the housing area is gaining steam. The Graduate Student Affairs committee is working on this and hopes for more transparency in the process. They are also concerned about student safety, such as the recent robberies. What is the plan to address this? This is a very important issue. One thing we have done is to increase the number of fulltime police officers. We are also negotiating with the city to increase surveillance around the neighborhoods immediately surrounding the campus. Some of the construction that's going on in Pearl alley will reduce the number of difficult to protect spaces. Pearl alley should still have character, but we are eliminating unsafe spaces. We are also working on alert apps. We report these things actively and report with other campuses. Student safety is incredibly important.

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

11.1. Minutes from September 7, 2018

- 11.1.1. Ziemann.2 motioned to approve the minutes.
- 11.1.2. Wiegman.3 seconded the motion.
- 11.1.3. Minutes approved.

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

13. COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES (as submitted in Delegate Meeting Packets)

- 13.1. McWhorter.43 is the chair of Delegate Relations. They recently had their first meeting. They drafted a mission statement. One new initiative is delegate of the month. This month's delegate is Ryan Slechta. After break, they are planning a happy hour at Ethyl & Tank after the next delegate meeting on January 11th.
- 13.2. Holt.351 is the chair of Arts & Culture. They have sent out a survey and are trying to get a better feel for what kind of art events graduate students want to see. Also, they encourage delegate to send this survey to their constituents.
- 13.3. Wadhwa.21, the chair of Graduate Student Affairs, mentions that when the question was asked about the "U Got This" training, President Drake mentioned he would like specific examples of what was offensive and possible alternatives. We need to work as a community to find the best way. She encourages us all to take the training and send input on things that were done well or inappropriate, and suggest solutions for improvements. You can email her or contact her on slack. She will compile opinions.

14. SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS

14.1. Delegate Concerns

- 14.1.1. Givans.2 spoke with someone in their department about whether or not there will be more parking space for people who need to come in during game weekends. They have sensitive experiments and deadlines. Alex will relay the message. Kristyn sits on the Parking Advisory Committee.
- 14.1.2. Slechta.3 moves to refer the issue to the Graduate Student Affairs committee.
- 14.1.3. Larsen.173 seconded.
- 14.1.4. Wiegman.3 feels this is only an issue eight days per year and that we need to pick our battles.
- 14.1.5. Puthawala.1 mentions that his department was in the stadium for years. They do preparation way ahead of games and restrict traffic.
- 14.1.6. Pierce.508 brought up this same issue and it was sent to the delegate on the Parking Advisory Committee. It should also go there.
- 14.1.7. Pierce.508 motions to amend the motion to also refer this issue to the delegate on Parking Advisory Committee.
- 14.1.8. Stevensguille.1 seconded.
- 14.1.9. The vote passes to amend the motion.
- 14.1.10. The motion passes.

14.1.11. Metcalf.221 has been here for about a semester and still has not heard from his committee, the Ohio Union Art Board. The Vice-President, Tracey Walterbusch, will look into this.

14.1.12. Adeeko.5 thanks the Arts & Culture for their recent ticket raffle.

14.2. ACT 1819-AU-001: An Act to Modify the CGS Delegate Attendance Policy

14.2.1. Wesaw.1 explains that this act is coming out of an ad hoc committee and following a discussion from last month. This committee chair will give an update.

14.2.2. Slechta.3 explains that the committee revised the act in accordance with what was requested. They included an appendix of the current delegate attendance policy. They made it clear that attendance only counts in the summer for those who indicated that they would attend in the summer.

14.2.3. The act is approved.

15. NEW BUSINESS

15.1. Resolution 1819-AU-001: A Resolution Supporting Appropriate Representation of Graduate Students on the University Research Committee

15.1.1. Wesaw.1 drafted this resolution with support from the Executive Committee. In the University Senate, there are a number of committees. One is the Research committee. According to the Faculty Rules, the student membership is two graduate student members and one undergraduate student member. Last year in steering a conversation started about professional students not being included. Research proded a rules change to the membership that pulled off a graduate student member and added a professional student member. This change would need to go to the Rules committee and then the Senate to take effect. This resolution is to head off that vote. We now have two members on the Research Committee; however, there is also an IPC student. This resolution is calling for Research to follow the rules, with the addition of the IPC student. This is a statement of our opinion collectively that if passed he will share with leadership and the University Senate.

15.1.2. Puthawala.1 asks a point of information. This is to say that instead of replacing CGS with IPC we should retain our two CGS and include an IPC. Yes, we can ask for this and support it.

15.1.3. Clott.1 wonders what type of resolutions CGS has voted on in the past and why it is important to vote on this as a body. We currently have two members, but Research submitted a request to the Rules Committee to remove one. This document would also be shared with the rules committee.

15.1.4. Stevensguille.1 wonders why they wanted to change it this way initially. There was good intention behind it. Someone wondered why IPC was left off. However, Research should follow the rules as written and not remove a graduate.

15.1.5. Pierce.508 wonders if we have coordinated with IPC on this resolution. Their president last year took up this issue and Alex said the same thing then. They know what is going on. We have actually gone overboard to state our position that we want IPC included, and are in agreement with them.

15.1.6. The resolution passes.

15.2. Discussion of changes to Fair Labor Standards Act impacting GAAs & GRAs

15.2.1. Lomax-Vogt.2 put some work in to getting out some information about these changes. At the beginning of the year, Alex Wesaw and Tracey became aware of this issue through the graduate school and HR. There are some differing opinions on some of the impetrations of the guidelines. GAAs and GRAs will potentially be impacted by a change to their status as exempt employees. HR seems to think that the new guidelines mean GAAs and GRAs would soon be required to clock their hours. We feel this is unacceptable and unrealistic. This might result in inaccurate timecards and other issues. We want to understand if others share this feeling. The Dean of the Graduate School, Alicia Bertone, is trying to assess what other Big Ten schools are doing. Many seem to think a change is not required. The work people do in these positions falls under the research or education exemption. This change would be implemented next academic year if it happens. We also put this issue out to Graduate Council and Faculty Cabinet for possible input.

15.2.2. Wiegman.3 wonders if someone from HR could discuss what they think will happen since they would be the ones implementing it. We can request this. There may be an argument in supporting this. If we truthfully logged hours it would break up this idea that GAAs and GRAs are working only twenty hours a week.

15.2.3. Uanhoro.1 wonders what it would mean to put 30 hours instead of 20. It is difficult to know how this would work with individual supervisors. International students cannot go above 20.

15.2.4. The point was raised that this might not be done for our benefit. It seems to be more like a liability issue for the University than in the best interest of graduate students. There would be a provision that could potentially protect students, but this had not been a part of the conversation.

15.2.5. Others feel there may or may not be protection. If you start subtracting out certain hours not specific to your research, it could be a problem.

15.2.6. A question is asked about why this act might not be appropriate for GAAs and GRAs. Some have worked 90 hours a week but feels like if they reported hours this could make a difference. It is appropriate if it comes from a place of student protection.

- 15.2.7. Whether or not you get a monetary benefit from the assertion of how many hours you actually work is important. Right now, we get a kind of social capital by acknowledging our labor. This is especially important for being in solidarity with our colleagues who are international students.
- 15.2.8. A question is asked about how HR could possibly interpret it differently than hours worked. The conversation is about whether you just receive a flat stipend, such as fellows. There are protections in place for students. There are currently retirement benefits, etc. Their original opinion was that you can be seen as an hourly employee or receive a flat stipend.
- 15.2.9. Some worry that if we report our hours it could limit us from investing in multiple projects, which will help us with our future. There are situations where it would be beneficial to access how much people are working. Maybe this could be addressed another way. It also would make a difference if the hours are accumulative. Due to the nature of some research, someone may work less than 20 hours one week, but work many more hours than 20 the next week. HR seems want to look at it on a week-by-week basis. There could be offline agreements
- 15.2.10. Givans.2 moves to extend the discussion by 10 minutes.
- 15.2.11. Stevensguille.1 seconded.
- 15.2.12. An alternate asks if supervisors would be recording times and if hours would be public record. Students are currently protected. The specific changes that Alex has seen only focuses on students. Some of these boundaries seem fuzzy in the case of GRAs. There may be misunderstandings of the relationships between worker and employee.
- 15.2.13. The point is raised that for some, if it were limited to 20 hours a week, they would have to lie as a GRA doing their own research. It might help some but others will lie. Having someone come in and talk might be helpful to understand how this will actually affect us.
- 15.2.14. The point is raised that in overtime laws in general there is an exemption for all teachers (k-12 and faculty). Even if the impetus was not to protect graduate students that does not that mean it could not be used that way. It seems like there is a lot of variation. Some faculty do not follow the rules regardless in how much they ask their GRAs to work. A survey might help get an idea of how many hours people are actually working.
- 15.2.15. Shah.1285 moves to refer this question of hours to Government Relations.
- 15.2.16. Klainot-Hess.1 seconded.
- 15.2.17. The motion passes.
- 15.2.18. The point is echoed that this will hamper professional development because some won't be able to get done what is needed to graduate in time. Individuals in computer science, for example, might work on multiple jobs for more than twenty hours, but then wait for them to run. Those and others with similar schedules do not want to be penalized for work that is not consistent.
- 15.2.19. Puthawala.1 mentions that GAAs and GRAs on a 50% appointment are supposed to be doing that work for their research advisor. It does not include your own research. Ideally, the stuff you are doing for the lab is related to your research. This muddies the water of timekeeping more. When you are hourly, if you log 0 hours, that counts as you not working at the University anymore and can cause many problems.
- 15.2.20. Wesaw.1 will try to find someone from HR to come in and talk about this.

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 16.1. January 11, 2019 – 1st Spring Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union
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17. Meeting adjourned at 5:14 pm.

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Kristyn Gumper, Treasurer
DATE: 1/4/2019
RE: Treasurer's Report

Welcome Back, CGS Delegates,

CGS Budget

The current spending for this year (FY2018-2019) is attached below.

Please note (for those of you keeping track), the Executive Committee voted to move \$1586 from Exec-Other (3100) to Health and Wellness (3700) to help fund renting a room in the Ohio Union for their March Wellness Event. This change should now be reflected in our current budget. Please email me if you have any questions.

Ray Travel Award

Funding Period 4's applications are currently open and close February 1st. This will be to fund travel between April 1st and June 30th. Please encourage anyone and everyone who plans on traveling to present at conferences during that time to apply for the award. Please note that the Ray Committee has changed the wording of the "Goals" section to reflect what is asked of the recommender. This is to focus on professional development goals and how the Ray Award will aid in achieving those goals instead of career goals.

Delegate Outreach Grant

To any delegates interested in putting on an event for your department to spread the word about CGS and allow for dialogue between you and your constituents, I have recently updated the website to be more informative about the process. <https://cgs.osu.edu/funding-opportunities/delegate-outreach-grant/>. All the forms you need are linked there. If you have any questions, please let me know.

Parking Advisory Committee (PAC)

December meeting cancelled. No new updates.

Next meeting is February 19, 2019. Please e-mail me with any questions or comments you have for the committee or for CampusParc and I will pass it on.

Office of Distance Education and e-Learning (ODEE) Steering Committee

Met November 5th. Web Conferencing and Wiki-services are currently under evaluation to look at how we can improve these services.

Next meeting sometime late January, early February.

Kristyn Gumper(.1)

January 4, 2019

Council of Graduate Students
Account Balances - Budget vs. Actual
July 2018 through June 2019

	Jul '18 - Jun 19	Budget
Income		
Coca Cola Carry Forward	20,570.11	17,000.00
Coca Cola Endowment	16,211.74	16,212.00
CSA Carry Forward	3,886.77	6,252.24
CSA Student Activity Fee	79,671.23	80,325.00
Cultural Competency Training	15,000.00	
Global Gtwy	10,000.00	10,000.00
Global Gtwy Carry Forward	2,712.80	
Grad Sch.--Hayes	10,000.00	10,000.00
OAA Ray Travel	35,000.00	35,000.00
OAA Ray Travel Carry Forward	16,739.21	24,362.00
OR Hayes Endwmnt	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total Income	219,791.86	209,151.24
Expense		
1000 President's Projects		
1100 Discretionary	0.00	1,000.00
1300 Inauguration	0.00	1,000.00
Total 1000 President's Projects	0.00	2,000.00
2000 Vice President		
2100 Hayes	0.00	29,000.00
Total 2000 Vice President	0.00	29,000.00
3000 Committees		
3100 Exec		
3110 Retreat	0.00	3,000.00
3120 Awards & Rec	0.00	500.00
3150 MarCom	589.26	11,000.00
3100 Exec - Other	0.00	3,914.00
Total 3100 Exec	589.26	18,414.00
3301 Grants Admin	0.00	500.00
3340 Arts & Culture	0.00	2,000.00
3400 Del OutReach Grnt	0.00	3,200.00
3500 Div & Inclusion	0.00	6,500.00
3510 International Concerns	0.00	1,000.00
3610 Ray Trv Grant Adm	0.00	500.00
3611 Ray Award Receptions	0.00	3,000.00
3700 Grad H & W	0.00	4,586.00
3710 SERC	0.00	1,000.00
3800 Org & Elect	87.96	500.00
3000 Committees - Other	0.00	6,500.00
Total 3000 Committees	677.22	47,700.00
3300 Grants Admin Funds		
3310 Career Dev	3,849.12	14,000.00
3320 Global Gtwy	5,353.75	10,000.00
3330 Ray Travel Award	8,056.64	50,000.00
Total 3300 Grants Admin Funds	17,259.51	74,000.00
4000 Office Equip		
4100 Copier	0.00	500.00
4200 Equip.	0.00	400.00
4400 Supplies	0.00	1,000.00
4500 Telephone	278.75	1,650.00
4600 Technology	3,255.00	8,500.00
Total 4000 Office Equip	3,533.75	12,050.00
5000 Administrative		
5100 Student Life Init.	0.00	1,000.00

January 4, 2019

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 July 2018 through June 2019

	Jul '18 - Jun 19	Budget
5300 Mtng. Refreshments	3,301.68	13,188.44
5400 Org. Dev.	0.00	500.00
5410 Travel	0.00	8,000.00
6000 Prkng Passes	2,085.12	5,212.80
5000 Administrative - Other	0.00	0.00
Total 5000 Administrative	5,386.80	27,901.24
8000 PY Encum		
8100 Career Dev.	311.03	500.00
8300 Ray Travel Award	4,389.37	16,000.00
Total 8000 PY Encum	4,700.40	16,500.00
Total Expense	31,557.68	209,151.24
Net Income	188,234.18	0.00

TO: The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Hannah Torma, Secretary
DATE: 1/4/19
RE: Secretary's Report

The application window for Period 4 of the Career Development Grant closes February 1st. I have already sent out a call for judges, and several people have volunteered. However, it is important to note that I will most likely need judges for the Global Gateway Grant shortly. I will send out another call for judges once funding is finalized. Please consider judging and let me know if you have any questions. Please contact me at torma.9@osu.edu.

Thank you,

Hannah

TO: The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Tracey Walterbusch, Vice President
DATE: 1/3/2019
RE: Vice President's Report

Vice President Report

- **Hayes Forum:** Hayes Forum is on March 1, 2019. Please put it on your calendar.
 - A call has been made for judges and we already have 111 judges, last year we had around 122 judges. **We need your help to exceed this number.** Please nominate one of your faculty members to be a judge for the 2018 forum: <https://cgs.osu.edu/hayes-forum/>
 - SPECIFICALLY, we need judges in the following areas:
 - [The Arts](#)
 - [Business](#)
 - [Humanities](#)
 - The abstract application is closed and we are in the process of reviewing applications. We received 316 applications.
 - Hayes report is attached with official numbers.
 - **Hayes Forum Volunteers Needed**
 - **We are still seeking dedicated volunteers for the Hayes Forum on 3/1. To help, visit [this link](#)**
 - Benefits of volunteering include: Accumulating volunteer hours, An insider's perspective for future applicants, Being part of an OSU graduate student-led event that highlights OSU graduate student research, Free SWAG bag, and lunch. Questions? Contact Tracey at Walterbusch.1@osu.edu
- **Apportionment:**
 - Please review the apportionment information here: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1urmuBzqpl02-8350CgKkvqPqj3jeeXTbo8ZyqD3zCmE/edit?usp=sharing>
 - This is the information from last year and this year. Next month I will be presenting an act presenting recommendations for the apportionment. You should be looking at this apportionment information with two things in mind:
 - Please look at the seat names. These names may need to be updated or seats may need to be added.
 - Please look at the number of enrolled individuals. The goal is to look generally at the individuals that are in each program. These numbers will be used to determine how many seats will be allotted for each program. For example, last year we allotted about 1 seat per 99 students per program.
 - Provide all feedback directly on the google document on the second tab.
- **Logistics:**
 - Reminder- Make sure you sign in
 - Nametags- make sure you return it.
 - Nametags- if your name needs changed or something is not correct, please change it on your nametag and we will correct. If we were missing your nametag, please also make sure you wrote your name down. Leave your nametag at your seat so Liz can take down your name and include your information in the minutes.
 - Website- Make sure your name is indicated on the website under the correct department.
- **Committee Information:** You should have your committee assignment. Please let me know ASAP if you haven't heard from your committee.
 - If you have been assigned to an external committee, please be certain to fill out a committee report by the 31st of each month. https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8csOIMBon6L0gux
- **SLACK:** For full updates, be certain to access slack http://go.osu.edu/cgs_slack
- **My Committee Updates:**
 - **Organization and Elections:**
 - Reviewing Senator Elections and Truancy
 - One senator has not been attending meetings.
 - Committee will ask Blake, the senate advisor chair, to meet with the Senators and if they don't we will move forward with the official truancy process as stated in the bylaws.

TO: The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Sara Mueller, Chief of Staff
DATE: 1/3/2019
RE: Chief of Staff's Report

I have no updates.

Thanks,
Sara

To: Council of Graduate Students, Delegate Body
From: W. Alex Wesaw, President
Date: January 4, 2019
Subject: Monthly President's Report

Welcome Back!

Welcome to the 2019 Spring Semester! I hope that everyone had a restful winter break and a very happy new year. I am excited for the semester that is ahead of us. This will be my last semester as CGS President, so I hope that you will seriously consider running for one of the Officer positions. That election will take place at the March 29, 2019 Delegate Meeting. I am certainly happy to meet and chat or answer questions by email about the role any of you may have.

Update from last meeting on changes to GAAs/GRAs

Since our last Delegate Meeting on 12/7/2018, I began trying to identify someone to come to one of our Delegate Meetings to brief the body on the possible changes to GAAs and GRAs. Because a decision has not been made yet on the actual course of action that HR is going to take finding someone has been difficult. I've been told that the previously discussed hourly option is now not being considered. Instead, the two options being considered are (1) the status quo; and, (2) students receiving a stipend. Once I know more, I will be sure to share that with you all.

Provost Visit moved to February

Provost McPheron was supposed to make his annual Spring Semester Visit at this meeting. Unfortunately, he had an important meeting come up that President Drake asked him to attend so we were able to get on his schedule for the February 1 Delegate Meeting. I made sure to emphasize that there were questions that we weren't able to get to when President Drake visited so he is planning to come ready to answer questions—so please bring questions with you to our February meeting.

I hope that if you have concerns that you will feel free to visit me in the CGS Office (2088A Ohio Union) or send me an email (wesaw.1@osu.edu).

Alex

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Ehsan Estiri, International Student Concerns Committee Chair
DATE: 1/3/2019
RE: International Student Concerns (ISC) Committee Update

1. As the delegate body knows, the International Student Concerns (ISC) committee has been working with Student Legal Services on providing immigration-related legal service to international students—the services that are not currently provided. In collaboration with SLS, ISC has created a survey to assess the kind of legal services students need. The survey will be emailed to you shortly after the meeting. Please share this with your constituents and email them the link to the survey.

2. ISC has organized a film series for the spring semester titled “Love and Sexuality in the Middle East.” The poster and information about the series will be emailed to you shortly. Please circulate the poster and information to your constituents.

Best,
Ehsan

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Kathryn Holt, Arts & Culture Committee Chair
DATE: 1/3/2019
RE: Arts & Culture Committee Update

No updates from Arts and Culture this month.

Thanks,
Kathryn

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Daniel Puthawala, Academic Affairs Committee Chair
DATE: 1/3/2019
RE: Academic Affairs Committee Update

No updates to report from Academic Affairs at this time.

Best,
-Daniel

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Vibhuti Wadhwa, Graduate Student Affairs Committee Chair
DATE: 1/3/2019
RE: Graduate Student Affairs Committee Update

No updates since last meeting.

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Blake Szkoda, Senate Advisory Committee Chair
DATE: 1/3/2019
RE: Senate Advisory Committee Update

The senate advisory committee will hold a meeting in the month of January (Time/location TBD) to ensure that all senators are up to date on/understand their job responsibilities. Other than that, I do not have anything substantial to add to the agenda. Please read the individual senators reports and reach out to the respective person or myself if you have any questions/concerns.

Thank you!
Blake Szkoda

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Chris Pierce, SERC Chair
DATE: 1/3/2019
RE: SERC Update

SERC Update

- 1) Where do I find a recycling bin?
 - a. SERC reached out to contacts in FOD to clarify how to acquire recycling bins for office/lab/teaching spaces where they are lacking. Below is a summary, contact SERC for help.
 - i. Large public bins are the responsibility of the department or office
 1. Contact your building coordinator if there is part of your building that needs more bins
 - ii. Small desk side recycling bins are free and available through estores
 - iii. Contact SERC if you have a specific problem with recycling accessibility in your work space.
- 2) Spring Trash Pick Up outing
 - a. SERC has commenced a collaboration with F.L.O.W. (Friends of the Lower Olentangy River Watershed), to organize a trash pickup outing along the olentangy river near campus, sometime in the last week of February or early March (we are still working on a date). FLOW will provide logistical support but CGS will need to provide people. Please keep this on your radar. This event is a great opportunity to get out and meet some of your fellow graduate students, clean up the local environment and get outside and explore local ecosystems.
- 3) Recycling Collaboration with USG
 - a. USG and SERC is organizing several events to promote composting in the graduate student population and in general. We are also working on a potential compost bucket drop off program in parking lots on OSU campus to target compost accessibility for commuting students outside the compost pickup area.
- 4) New Lab Sustainability Promotion
 - a. Last year, CGS/USG collaborated to promote participation in the OSU GreenLabs certification program by awarding a travel grant to the first 22 labs to get certified before Earth Day. This year, we are collaborating with the same FOD contacts. Instead of promoting GreenLabs, we are developing a Laboratory water usage survey. FOD is trying to get a better understanding of how water is used across campus but particularly within laboratory spaces. Details forthcoming.

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Ryan Slechta, Governance Committee Chair
DATE: 1/3/2019
RE: Governance Committee Update

No report.

--Ryan

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Alec Clott, Health and Wellness Committee Chair
DATE: 1/4/2019
RE: Health and Wellness Committee Update

H&W Update:

The H&W Committee continues to devote most of its time and efforts towards the **Spring Wellness Fair on March 20th 3PM-7PM, in the Performance Hall of the Union**. As mentioned previously, we will be providing food and a host of resources and mini-activities related to health and wellness. This event will be open to all grad students; therefore, we kindly request all delegates assistance in spreading the word about this fair to get a high turnout.

We will be sending out draft "e-mail blurbs" and flyers for delegates to disseminate to their departments. Please keep an eye posted to your e-mail with further information. Thank you!

Alec

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Maddy Lomax-Vogt, Government Relations Chair
DATE: 1/4/2019
RE: Government Relations Committee Update

We are meeting next week to discuss creating a survey that asks GRAs, GAAs, and GTAs about how they spend their time in response to the FLAS changes OSU is considering implementing

Maddy

Name and Senate Seat: Ayush Arpit Garg, College of Engineering

Committee(s) you are on: Committee on Academic Misconduct (COAM)

December Meetings Attendance Record:

CGS Delegate Meetings

December 7th Meeting: Attended the meeting

University Senate

No meeting

Committee on Academic Misconduct

No formal meetings for this university wide committee but only have to preside over hearings based on case volume

Summary of important activities from your committees, and anything important that you feel should be added to the CGS agenda/that delegates should know about:

Nothing big to add from the case hearings, they are anyway confidential, and cannot be discussed. If you would like specific information or thoughts, concerns, and/or ideas that the delegates would like to talk about, plz let me know, I will be happy to listen to their thoughts and come up with viable solutions.

Name and Senate Seat: Blake Szkoda, Biological Sciences

Committee(s) you are on: CGS Executive Committee, CGS Senate Advisory Committee (Chair), CGS Academic Affairs Committee, Senate Graduate Compensation and Benefits Committee, Senate Council on Academic Affairs, Council on Academic Affairs/Graduate School Sub-Committee

December Meetings Attendance Record:

CGS Delegate Meetings

December 7th Meeting: Attended

University Senate

November 29th Meeting (there was no December meeting): Attended

CGS Executive Committee

No meetings held

CGS Senate Advisory Committee

No Meetings Held (but we will have one in January!)

CGS Academic Affairs Committee

November 30th Meeting: Attended

Senate Graduate Compensation and Benefits Committee

No Meetings Held

Senate Council on Academic Affairs

December 5th Meeting: Attended

Senate Council on Academic Affairs/Graduate School Sub-Committee

No Meetings Held

Summary of important activities from your committees, and anything important that you feel should be added to the CGS agenda/that delegates should know about:

The most important highlights from the CAA that I feel the CGS should be aware of are:

- 1) That the MBA curriculum has been heavily revised. This has passed CAA and will be implemented next academic year. All the changes are warranted/fine and good and will hopefully boost MBA enrollment, but we found it odd that current MBA students particularly in the class of 2019 were not solicited for input on the curricular changes. Neethi Johnson (CAA rep, Business CGS Delegate and Senator) has more info on specific details if needed. In short, we expressed our concerns about this precedent to representatives from Fisher and the CAA itself. We feel the problem was resolved, and hope that a tone for “ask current grad students what they think” was set/re-enforced.
- 2) That the CAA approved a new combined BS/DDS degree in which undergraduate students would spend 3 years completing the requirements for a Biology degree (BS or BA) and then the following four years in dental school (7 years total as oppose to 8). This program existed before but was in quarters format. It has now been resurrected and converted to semesters format and is geared for high achieving students. I only bring it up because it’s cool and nice to see OSU developing/re-investing in programs like that.

Senate:

There have been no new Senate meetings since my previous report.

Attendance:

9/20/18: Attended

10/25/18: Attended

11/29/18: Attended

Fiscal Committee and College Finances Subcommittee Update:

I urge if you haven't already to consult my last report, which contains a detailed summary of the bulk of my committee work from the semester. Since that time there has been only one additional meeting of the Fiscal committee and no subcommittee meetings. In that lone meeting the following items were discussed

1. Financial impact of the 18+ credit hour
2. The Support Offices Budget Request Recommendations
 - a. Largest requests were from OCIO and related technology services
3. Long Term Strategic Financial Planning of the University
 - a. Recruitment strategy
 - b. Dealing with rising cost and stagnating revenue (fixed state support and capped tuition)
 - c. Efficiencies and Endowments (Such as ENGIE and others)
 - d. Strategic development

As always, feel free to reach out for more detailed information.

Attendance:

9/11/18: Fiscal Attended

9/25/18: Fiscal Attended

10/2/18: CFS Absent

10/9/18: Fiscal Cancelled

10/16/18: CFS Attended

10/23/18: Fiscal Attended

10/30/18: CFS Attended

11/6/18: Fiscal Attended

11/13/18: CFS Attended

11/20/18: Fiscal Meeting Cancelled

11/27/18: CFS Attended

12/04/18: Fiscal Attended

12/11/18: CFS Cancelled

Name and Senate Seat: Chris Wiegman, Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

Committee(s): University Senate Committee on Intellectual Property, Patents and Copyright (IPPC)

December Meetings Attendance Record:

CGS Delegate Meetings

December 7th Meeting: Attended

University Senate

No December Meeting. Attended last November 29th meeting.

IPPC

December 6th Meeting was canceled. Am in communication with Dr. Jim Fowler regarding the January meeting time and date.

Summary of important activities from your committees, and anything important that you feel should be added to the CGS agenda/that delegates should know about:

Nothing to add to the agenda.

Name and Senate Seat: Julie Dentzer, Humanities

Committee(s) you are on: DELIT Distance Education, Libraries and Information Technologies (and CSA, see Chief of Staff Report)

Your attendance record at ALL of the meetings listed above for that particular month

- Senate Meeting November 29th, 2018 (via alternate Eunice Uhm.3)
- CGS Meeting, absent.
- DELIT did not meet in December
- CSA meetings and Issues subcommittee meetings, did not meet for most of December

No notable updates, Happy New Year!

Name and Senate Seat: Neethi Johnson, Fisher College of Business

Committee(s) you are on: Council on Academic Affairs

Meetings Attendance Record:

University Senate

November 29th Meeting: Attended

Senate Council on Academic Affairs

December 5th Meeting: Attended

Summary of important activities from your committees, and anything important that you feel should be added to the CGS agenda/that delegates should know about:

- **FTMBA Redesign:** CAA passed this for implementation for the class of 2021 and beyond. The MBA curriculum is being augmented with the addition of three courses: Business Lab Project, Social Impact Challenge, and Max Problem Solving. These courses are designed to foster greater community/business involvement and strategic thinking. Concern for the redesign was that it did not include input from the current MBA class (class of 2019) and sufficient student focus groups, asking the greater question of where these changes were actually coming from. It was emphasized the importance of student input in curricular changes and the CAA asked for timely updates to the implantation plan.
- **BS/DDS Degree:** The CAA approved a combined BS/DDS degree in which undergraduate students spend 3 years completing the requirements for a Biology degree (BS or BA) and then the following four years in dental school (7 years total as oppose to 8). The program has been reformatted for the semester system.

Name and Senate Seat: Sam McWhorter, The Arts

Committee(s) you are on: CGS Executive Committee, CGS Delegate Relations Committee (Chair), CGS Health and Wellness Committee, Senate Council of Enrollment and Student Progress

December Meetings Attendance Record:

CGS Delegate Meetings

December 7th Meeting: Attended

CGS Executive Committee

No meetings held

University Senate

November 29th Meeting (there was no December meeting): Attended

CGS Delegate Relations Committee:

December 2nd Meeting: Attended

CGS Health and Wellness Committee:

No meetings held

Senate Council on Enrollment and Student Progress

December 4th Meeting: Attended

Summary of important activities from your committees, and anything important that you feel should be added to the CGS agenda/that delegates should know about:

The first Delegate Relations Committee event will be taking place immediately following our January 11th Meeting. This will include a happy hour social event at Ethyl and Tank on High Street.

Name and Senate Seat: Nicolas Lugo, Professional Biological Sciences
Committee(s) you are on: University Research Committee & Excused Student Absences
Ad Hoc Committee

December Meetings Attendance Record:

CGS Delegate

December 7th Meeting: Attended

University Senate

No Meeting held

University Research Committee

No Meeting held

Excused Absences Ad Hoc Committee

December 10th Meeting: Attended

Summary of important activities from your committees, and anything important that you feel should be added to the CGS agenda/that delegates should know about:

At the Excused Absences Ad Hoc Committee meeting each member gave their perspective on excused absences from their department's perspective. We realized the variability in how students are graded between colleges (i.e. labs, papers, exams, clinic hours, etc.) makes an explicit universal policy a challenge. We are also considering at what point is it more appropriate for a student to withdraw from a class rather than seek an excused absence. In addition to our discussions of modifying the excused absence policy we discussed how we can educate our faculty about best practices for dealing with excused absences. For example, providing faculty with an easily accessible list of religious holidays before the beginning of the semester would be an example of how a professor could avoid excused absences pertaining to religious holidays.

1 **ACT 1819-SP-001**

2 **AN ACT TO MODIFY SENATOR ELECTION PROCEDURES**

3 Authors: R. R. Slechta (Governance Committee Chair), B. P. Whitaker (Parliamentarian) , K. M. Caliva
4 (Governance Committee Member)

5 Sponsor: Ad-Hoc Governance Committee

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7 **Section 1:** The purpose of this act is to simplify Senator election procedures.

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9 **Section 2:** Section III.1 of the CGS Bylaws shall be amended to read:

10 “Section III.1: General - The Council of Graduate Students holds the authority to select student members
11 of the University Senate to represent the interests of all graduate students. The Council of Graduate
12 Students shall elect ten graduate students from a single slate.”

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14 **Section 3:** Section III.3 of the CGS Bylaws shall be amended to read:

15 “Section III.3: Nominations - Nominations to fill vacant Senator positions shall normally take place at the
16 third meeting of the spring term. The Organization and Elections Committee shall present a slate of no
17 fewer than ten (10) consenting nominees at that meeting, and any delegate may also nominate candidates
18 at that meeting. Candidates consenting to nomination will submit materials attesting to their qualifications
19 to the Secretary in time for inclusion in the subsequent meeting packet. Materials required will be
20 established by the Organization and Elections Committee.”

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22 **Section 4:** Section III.4 of the CGS Bylaws shall be amended to read:

23 “Section III.4: Elections

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25 “III.4.A Elections to fill vacant Senator positions shall normally take place at the fourth meeting
26 of the spring term.

27 “III.4.B At the discretion of the body, candidates for election shall be made available outside of
28 the normal meeting time for delegates to address their qualifications.

29 “III.4.C At the Senator election, each delegate will be given a ballot with the option to approve
30 each candidate on the slate. Delegates will submit their ballots to one of the tellers, appointed as specified
31 by the most recent edition of Roberts Rules of Order. The tellers will count the number of approvals that
32 each candidate received. The ten candidates with the most approvals are elected. Should there be a tie in
33 determining the top ten candidates, the President shall cast a tie-breaking vote.

34 “III.4.D Write-in votes shall be considered invalid and will not be counted in the total.”

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36 **Section 5:** This act will take effect immediately.

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38 **Appendix – Existing CGS Bylaws – Sections III.1 – III.4**

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40 **Section III.1: General** - The Council of Graduate Students holds the authority to select student members
41 of the University Senate to represent the interests of all graduate students. The Council of Graduate
42 Students shall elect one graduate student from any department, found to be in good standing with the
43 graduate school to represent one of the ten college clusters, which are:

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45 1) Arts; 2) Biological Sciences; 3) Business; 4) Education; 5) Engineering; 6) Food, Agriculture,
46 and Environmental Sciences and Human Ecology; 7) Humanities; 8) Mathematical and Physical
47 Sciences; 9) Medicine and Public Health, Dentistry, Nursing, Optometry, Pharmacy, and
48 Veterinary Medicine; and 10) Social and Behavioral Sciences, Social work, and Law. (Amended
49 6/14/13, 1314SU007)

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51 **Section III.2: Duties** - These Senators will regularly attend the meetings of their respective committees,
 52 the University Senate, and the Council of Graduate Students, will report to CGS as necessary or as
 53 directed, and will consult with the President and the Council to develop and promote graduate student
 54 positions on the issues or proposals considered by those bodies. Their term of office will extend one year
 55 beginning with autumn semester. (Amended 01/30/15, 1415SP008)
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57 **Section III.3: Nominations**
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59 III.3.A. Any eligible graduate student may apply for election or may be nominated by another
 60 graduate student. The Organization and Elections Committee may establish a deadline for
 61 nominations. Such a deadline shall be no earlier than the first meeting of spring semester. The
 62 committee may, at its discretion, extend the deadline for particular positions or consider
 63 applications received after such a deadline.
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65 III.3.B. All applications will be considered by the Organization and Elections Committee using
 66 whatever means (interview, screening of resumes, references, etc.) the committee deems
 67 appropriate.
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69 III.3.C. A majority vote of the members of the Organization and Elections Committee shall be
 70 required for a candidate's name to be presented to the Council.
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72 III.3.D. Upon completion of their review process, the Organization and Elections Committee shall
 73 present the names of all candidates deemed qualified to the Council to stand for election.
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75 **Section III.4: Elections**
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77 III.4.A. The initial election of Senators to take office in the autumn semester of a given calendar
 78 year shall take place in the spring semester of that year, no earlier 7 than the fourth meeting of
 79 that semester.
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81 III.4.B. Additional names may be placed on the ballot at the time of election by a majority vote of
 82 Council members.
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84 III.4.C. Immediately prior to the election, each candidate will have an opportunity to address the
 85 Council and/or respond to members' questions for a maximum of five minutes.
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87 III.4.D. Voting shall be by secret ballot in contested elections and by Objection to Consent in
 88 uncontested elections. Write-in votes and blank ballots shall be invalid and not counted in the
 89 total. III.4.E. A simple majority vote is required to elect a Senator. If no candidate receives a
 90 majority, then at the same meeting the Council shall vote again between the two candidates
 91 receiving the most votes (or between all candidates receiving a maximal number of votes). This
 92 procedure shall be repeated as necessary until a candidate is elected.