CGS Delegate Packet December 2017

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1. CALL TO ORDER
   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 December 1, 2017

3. OFFICER UPDATES
   3.1. Treasurer
   3.2. Secretary
   3.3. Vice President
   3.4. President

4. COMMITTEE CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS
   4.1. Survey of CGS experiences: Auggie Heschmeyer

5. OLD BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS
   6.1. ACT 1718 – SP001: AN ACT CONCERNING THE AMENDMENT OF THE BUDGET FOR THE 2017-2018
   6.2. Committee Update
   6.3. Marketing Committee Recommendation for Meeting Minutes

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS
   7.1. February 23, 2018 – 2nd Spring Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union
   7.2. March 23, 2018 – 3rd Spring Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union
   7.3. April 13, 2018 – 4th Spring Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union
1. CALL TO ORDER
   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 October 27, 2017
       2.1.1. Slechta.3 motioned to approve the minutes.
       2.1.2. Gumper.1 seconded the approval of the minutes.
       2.1.3. The delegate body approved the meeting minutes.

3. GUEST SPEAKER
   3.1. General Education Curriculum Proposal Board Members discussed the proposal and took questions.
   3.2. President Michael Drake spoke and took questions.

4. OFFICER UPDATES
   4.1. Treasurer
       4.1.1. Ray Travel Awards were awarded
       4.1.2. There will be a budget amendment coming in the January meeting, so please review the budget prior to that meeting.

   4.2. Secretary
       4.2.1. CDG will be awarded this evening!

   4.3. Chief of Staff
       4.3.1. Requested all external committee members submit their reports.

   4.4. Vice President
       4.4.1. Hayes Forum – 346 applications
       4.4.2. Still recruiting judges, specifically in math and physical science so please nominate anyone you know in that area!
       4.4.3. There will be a professional development opportunity for “mentoring” and they are looking for panelists from diverse academic backgrounds and social identities. Please email any recommendations to Walterbusch.1
       4.4.4. Apportionments were sent out a few weeks ago, please review the numbers to ensure that your department has the correct number and email Walterbusch.1 with any concerns.
       4.4.5. Reminder: please bring your nametags back with you EVERY meeting so we do not continuously print nametags.
4.4.6. Requested everyone submit external committee reports and attend your meetings.

4.5. President

4.5.1. Thanked the graduate students that have been advocating on behalf of all graduate students against the tax bill.

4.5.2. Update on the graduate dean search: there are 3 internal candidates that are meeting with various stakeholders.

4.5.3. Encouraged delegates and graduate students that are interested to apply for the Graduate/Profession Student Board of Trustees position. Link to apply is in the report published in the delegate’s packet.

4.5.4. Update on the Indigenous People Day Resolution: The undergraduate student council and the Interprofessional council all passed similar resolutions and all 3 will be submitting this to the University Senate for consideration.

5. Committee Chair Announcements

5.1. SERC:

5.1.1. 12/5 at 6pm is a kick off planning meeting for the Omega Planning initiative regarding a sustainable farming initiative where graduate students across the country would participate in developing this further.

5.1.2. 12/7 at 2pm French Field House parking lot to pick up trash surrounding the Olentangy River.

5.2. Arts and Culture:

5.2.1. Please send any suggestions or recommendations regarding the events that are offered in the lotteries to Mueller.377.

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1. None

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1. RESOLUTION 1718-AU-04: An Act Condemning the Tax Cut and Jobs Act

7.1.1. Loria.3 moved to amend the resolution by striking the from line 77

- Gumper.1 Seconded.
- Loria.3 requested permission to withdraw this amendment.

7.1.2. A motion was moved to amend the resolution by striking “the” and adding “that” in line 77.

- The motion was seconded.

7.1.3. Freudenberg.2 moved to add a clause between lines 72 and 73 and insert the following: “let it be further resolved that CGS calls upon the administration to explicitly include graduate student representatives in any discussion of how graduate students will be funded should the “tuition waiver provision” go into effect.

- Gemelli.1 seconded this amendment.
- Pierce.508 moved to amend the amendment by taking the “tuition waiver provision” be changed to “tax code 1204-117(D5)”.
- Freudenberg. 2 seconded the motion.
- Amendment to the motion approved.
- Faieta.7 made a motion to amend the amendment by adding “Ohio State” prior to administration in this motion.
- Freudenberg. 2 seconded the motion.
- Motion approved.
- Amendment approved.
7.1.4. Gumper.1 Motioned to amend the resolution at line 57 after agencies, before the semicolon adding the text “and/or remove student loan interest deductions”.
   • Lopez Gemelli.1 motioned to approve this amendment.
   • Freudenberg.2 seconded the amendment.
   • Motion approved.

7.1.5. Resolution 1718-AU-04 was approved.

8. DELEGATE CONCERNS
8.1. The concern was raised regarding gradforms.osu.edu technical issues.
8.2. Vitae.osu.edu is going down next week, just so everyone is aware!
8.3. The concern was raised about how flights need to be booked through the University and that has raised the costs of flights for graduate student travel.
   8.3.1. Hodak.2 raised the concern that anyone booking flights through the University should be reimbursed for the entirety of the flight if they are paying for their own flights they can book any flight. Also, those of you traveling for Ray Travel Award will not be required to book flights through the University if the Ray Travel Award is your only funding. It was designed to save money overall and is in the pilot stages currently.
8.4. A concern was raised regarding delayed reimbursement for certain programs, specifically the School of Music and the School of Arts and Sciences.
   8.4.1. Wesaw.1 offered to reach out to the dean.
   8.4.2. Hodak.2 stated that this is a University wide concern and the University has policies that they will reimburse you within 90 days, so anything more than that would be a violation of their policy.
   8.4.3. Wesaw.1 asked anyone experiencing this complication to email Wesaw.1 so he can take this concern to the administration.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS
9.1. January 12, 2018 – 1st Spring Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union

10. Meeting adjourned at 5:34pm
Hello CGS Delegates,

I hope the beginning of the semester is going well. Many of you may be gearing up to finish your degrees this Spring, so keep your eye on the prize as we move through this semester. Also if you are traveling this summer, please consider applying for the Ray Travel Award, which is due February 1st.

**Save the Date!** The CGS Award Ceremony (formerly the Ray Travel Award Reception) will be on March 29th, 5pm – 7pm in the Barrister Club! We will celebrate the many accomplishments of graduate students at Ohio State including Ray Travel Award winners, Career Development Grant recipients, and the annual CGS awards. There will be food, an address by the provost, and an excellent display of graduate student research! All delegates and senators are invited. An invitation with a request to RSVP will be sent out soon.

We now have finalized numbers for all of our income this fiscal year. We’ve received actually slightly more than we budgeted for, so you’ll be voting on a budget amendment at the delegate meeting, which updates the income which we received, and allocates the additional funds primarily to our committees. The executive committee met on November 17th, and discussed their preferences on how to incorporate these funds. They’ve decided on having a communal pool of funds for which committees can apply, and the executive committee will review these applications as they come in.

Over winter break I met with the University Faculty Leaders to discuss seeking additional funding for the Ray Travel Award. The Faculty Leaders seemed very receptive to the idea and provided a variety of resources for me to pursue this line further. I will keep you all updated on how this progresses.

Finally, I’d like to announce (somewhat sadly, but also somewhat happily) that this will be my last year here at Ohio State. I’m currently entertaining a few offers for positions as an Assistant Professor. This means though that I will not be able to serve as an officer in CGS next year. I encourage you, if you are interested in being Treasurer next year, to reach out to me. I’m happy to have coffee or exchange emails to discuss the role, what it entails, and provide guidance to those interested in being Treasurer next year.

Thank you!
Amanda Kay Montoya
CGS Treasurer
### Council of Graduate Students

**Account Balances - Budget vs. Actual**

July 1 through December 8, 2017

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TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Liz Koss
DATE: January 23, 2018
RE: Secretary’s Report

The Career Development Grant application closes February 1st, awards will be sent out within the month.

The Global Gateway Grant Application is now open online and is due March 1st, and this applies to travel May 5th-August 19th. If you’re interested, please visit the Global Gateway Grant Map to see what others have done with their funds thus far! Or join us for the Global Gateway Grant Symposium where you can hear about other students experiences abroad! RSVP here.

If you have questions about the Global Gateway Grant or if you are interested in judging the award this round, please email me (Koss.31).

Thanks,
Liz Koss
CGS Secretary
TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
FROM: Tracey Walterbusch, Vice President  
DATE: January 24, 2018  
RE: Vice President’s Report

- **Overall Elections**: Please start considering if you would like to run for elections for next academic year or would like to serve the Council of Graduate Students in any way. Please let me know if you would like more information about any of the opportunities or have feedback or suggestions for next year. Please visit our website for a snapshot of the positions: [http://www.cgs.osu.edu/get-involved/](http://www.cgs.osu.edu/get-involved/)
  - At the next meeting, I will provide you with the full timeline for each of the elections process including the officers, delegates, and senators.
  - **Officer Elections** are coming soon. Please consider nominating a peer or applying.
    - Nominations will open early-March.
  - **Delegate Elections** are coming soon. If you are not re-running, please nominate a replacement delegate! For more information about the delegate position please visit [https://cgs.osu.edu/get-involved/](https://cgs.osu.edu/get-involved/) or e-mail me to set up a meeting at walterbusch.1
    - Nominations will open Mid-March
  - **Senate Elections** are also coming soon. Again, please consider running or nominating a peer. For more information about the senator position please visit [https://cgs.osu.edu/get-involved/](https://cgs.osu.edu/get-involved/) or e-mail me to set up a meeting at walterbusch.1
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- **Hayes Forum**: Hayes Forum is on March 2, 2018. Please put it on your calendar.
  - Our second focus group was completed with additional Hayes faculty judges. We asked them questions about their experiences at the Hayes Forum and about our hope to decrease Implicit Bias. They judges had generally positive things to say about the forum. They have provided a few suggestions for change such as increased overall communication and increased communication about the back end of the process. Some of these recommendations will be implemented this academic year and some will be implemented next academic year.
  - If you are interested in volunteering for the Hayes Forum, please sign up here: [http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e49a9ad2fa1fb6-hayes](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e49a9ad2fa1fb6-hayes)
  - Results have been sent to participants. We have accepted 145 participants out of 337 applicants.
  - We have already recruited judges (133) and have exceeded our number from last year (96) and our goal for this year (105) but we could always use more. **We need your help to get judges in missing academic areas.**

Please nominate one of your faculty members to be a judge for the 2018 forum: [https://cgs.osu.edu/hayes-forum/](https://cgs.osu.edu/hayes-forum/)
  - We most need more judges in the following areas:
• Math and Physical Sciences (1 More)
• Humanities (1 More)
• Business (3 More)
• Humanities and Social Sciences Posters (1 More)
• Engineering Math and Physical Sciences Posters (3 more)

• **Committees:** The website is up to date with all committee assignments. Please contact me if you do not see your information on the website:  
  https://cgs.osu.edu/committees/
  1. You should have received an initial contact from your CGS internal or external committee chair by this point. Please send me an e-mail if you have not heard from your chair.
  2. If you are serving on external committee, don’t forget to submit your committee report here:  
     https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8csOIMBn6L0gux

• **Communication:** I sent an e-mail to department chairs and faculty with the information for each of the delegates in different departments. If a faculty member reaches out to you, please follow-up with them to share relevant CGS information!

• **Apportionment:** We are currently working with IT to address the apportionment concerns you have brought forward.

• **Internal Committee Attendance:** There has been some concerns about the attendance at the internal committee attendance. If you have feedback on how we could increase committee attendance, please let us know.

• **Feedback:** Please don’t hesitate to reach out if you would like to set-up a formal or informal meeting. Please e-mail me at walterbusch.1@osu.edu.
Happy New Year!
First off, Happy New Year and welcome back to campus! I hope that everyone had a relaxing break and are ready to ease back into the swing of things with the Spring Semester.

The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017
I sent an email to all graduate students on 12/14/2017 regarding the reports that the grad student tax was left out of the final version of the bill. President Trump signed that bill into law on 12/22/2017. It is clear that our voices were heard—thank you to everyone that signed a petition, marched, called Representatives and Senators, etc.

Mobile Website
In a bit of exciting internal news, CGS finally has a functional mobile website! Check it out at: cgs.osu.edu.

In closing, if you have concerns, comments, questions—please do not hesitate to reach out to me, I would be happy to meet with anyone either in the CGS Office (2088A Ohio Union) or around campus. Just send me an email (wesaw.1@osu.edu).
TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Jennifer Perkins, Health & Wellness Chair
DATE: January 3, 2018
RE: Health and Wellness Committee Report

1. Spring Wellness Day
   A. Host the second annual Spring Wellness Day
      • Date/Time Set: 03/07/18
      • Vendors are in the process of being contacted
   B. Increase our participants by 50% over last year
      • Communication plan being formulated including use of CGS’s new social media platforms

2. Advocate for the COPE curriculum to be implemented across campus
   • Collaborating with Dean Bernadette Melnyk, OSU Chief Wellness Officer
   • Awaiting IRB approval from Dean Melnyk’s team

3. Opioid Epidemic
   A. Assess how the opioid epidemic is affecting graduate students
      • Have reached out (twice) to the Collegiate Recovery Community; no response
      • Will reach out to Dean Melnyk for her input
   B. Compile and identify what efforts are already in place on campus to tackle this problem.

4. Improve scheduling procedures and policies for health services appointments for graduate students
   • Jennifer and another member of the committee, Kara Braunreiter, attended two meetings with members of the Counseling and Consultation Services Staff including the director of the center.
   • We raised the concerns about graduate students being told that they should meet with their counselor weekly, but then only allowed to schedule 1 meeting at a time, resulting in several weeks wait time in between appointments. (This was brought as a delegate concern.)
   • CCS assured us that the 1 scheduled meeting practice is not a policy that they enforce; however, many counselor do follow that practice because they reevaluate the needs of the student at each meeting and adjust their appointment schedule accordingly. They admit that wait times can be 1-2 weeks for an appointment, but also pointed out that they consider themselves a short term service and if they have a student who they anticipate needing long term, weekly appointments that that individual would be referred out to someone in the community.
CCS also wanted to bring awareness to some alternative and emergency counseling services that they offer, should a student be unable to get a weekly or immediate appointment with their councilor due to high demand. These services include:

1. Daily group counseling – Sessions are held daily in focus groups designed around the most common concerns of students. Groups are also available exclusively for graduate students. These are drop-in sessions so no appointment is needed.

2. Emergency appointments – They reserve a number of appointment slots each day for emergency appointments. If a student is in distress they can call for an emergency appointment, but they may not necessarily get the councilor they are already seeing if that person doesn’t have any emergency slots available.

3. 24/7 emergency hotline – There is an emergency hotline that students can call 24/7 to talk to a trained councilor on the other end.

We consider this issue to be resolved and will not be following up further as a committee unless an additional concern arises.
TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Jules Lipman & Auggie Heschmeyer, Senate Advisory & Govt Relations Co-Chairs
DATE: January 26, 2018
RE: Senate Advisory & Government Relations

We are continuing to refine our Committee’s Mission statement, to ensure that our activities are valuable in aiding the work of CGS. This month we completed our first educational social media posts, distributing one reminder about FERPA and we have an upcoming post regarding the US Tax Bill to be released shortly. We plan to contribute social media posts monthly, in line with our aim to engage and inform CGS delegates and the wider graduate student body.
- Jules Lipman

Please take the time to fill out the following survey to help us improve your student government experience: http://go.osu.edu/CGSSatisfactionSurvey.
- Auggie Heschmeyer
TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Deborwah Faulk, Diversity & Inclusion Chair
DATE: January 23, 2018
RE: Diversity & Inclusion Committee Delegate Meeting Update

The Diversity & Inclusion committee offers the following update on our ongoing goals to educate, celebrate, and advocate for diversity & inclusion across the University: (1) We are currently finalizing a Religion and Spirituality Resource Survey. One of our committee goals for the year is to advance the conversation of religion/spiritual diversity and inclusion at OSU. This is a step in that direction. (2) The committee is working with Tracey Walterbusch and the Hayes Forum Committee to draft and revise an Implicit Bias Guide for Hayes Forum for judges. (3) This spring, for the third year, we will launch the Diversity & Implicit Bias Certification Program. Please look for information in the coming weeks.
TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Daniel Puthawala, Academic Affairs Chair
DATE: January 23, 2018
RE: Academic Affairs Update

Academic Affairs committee has been keeping close tabs on the developments with the GE Review. A revised proposal incorporating feedback from the previous listening sessions should be released soon, and then the proposal will head back to CAA and the university senate for approval, etc.
CAA has at this point ordered the foundation of a GE implementation committee to investigate and discuss challenges towards implementing any such proposal in a financially responsible way without distorting the goals and design of the proposal as much as possible.

Regarding the digital learning initiative, I had the chance to speak with Provost McPherson. He says that the Admin's tentative vision for use of the app-development resources that apple will be providing to OSU will not be reinvent canvas or ODEE's job, but rather to facilitate the back end of student life to make their support and services more integrated and accessible to our students' academic lifes.
TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Liz Koss, Grants Admin Committee Chair
DATE: January 23, 2018
RE: Grants Administration Committee Update

Efforts have been made to expand outreach and awareness of CGS funding opportunities through email, social media, and denial emails. The verbiage of our denial emails for grants has been edited to encourage individuals to reapply. Additionally, we are now promoting judging opportunities to all graduate students to enhance visibility and increase involvement in the overall grant process with students across campus.

Applicants increased from 2016-2017 by…
1. Funding period 1: 420%
2. Funding period 2: 383.33%
3. Funding period 3: 175.75%
4. Funding period 4: NA

Unfortunately, we are unable to look back past 2016 due to the differing dates in funding periods, but we will continue to monitor to see how efforts hopefully continue to increase the applicants. In addition, we are preparing to begin monitoring previous CDG awardees subject/department, gender, race, and amount awarded to identify any potential discrepancies.

Thanks,
Liz Koss.
TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Hoda Hatoum, International Students Committee Chair
DATE: January 23, 2018
RE: International Students’ concerns progress report

ISC committee goals

1. Collaborate with the Office of International Affairs to include legal status maintenance documents within the orientation program
   a. Status: Done and sent to OIA. Awaiting their response about including the comprehensive presentation in their orientation programs.

2. Organize sexual misconduct seminars to increase international students’ awareness.
   a. Status: Done and sent in emails to executives, delegates and graduate students.
   b. [Link to Title IX website]

3. Provide resources for international students regarding any issue of concerns such as immigration consultation, language difficulties, etc…
   a. Status: We already sent these in the emails that go to all graduates through Liz Koss and the ISC and I were handling every personal and individual concern through emails. This is still ongoing as every graduate student reaches out to us.

4. Organize or collaborate with other parties in OSU to help students with difficulties in English.
   a. Status: Ongoing. We referred students to resources and conversational tables as they reached out to us individually or as a committee.

5. Explore how information, particularly health related information, is shared within and outside the university.

New goals added for spring semester:

1. Work with OPA people on increasing the number of slots for graduate students to be able to take the exam without jeopardizing their TAships.
   a. Status: The work started right after Thanksgiving during last semester (autumn 2017). A graduate student reached out to the committee as her TAship was going to be jeopardized because she could not find spots to take the exam before the beginning of spring semester. I personally contacted the OPA committee and explained the situation to them. They sent a link for early registration and the student could take the exam in December prior to the start of the semester.

2. Bring an immigration lawyer for a Q/A session with international students.
   a. Status: Not started yet. Need to investigate how to use CGS allocated money to pay for the lawyers.

Currently working on:

1. International student’s celebration week taking place in February from 19-25.
a. Status: Flyers will be sent soon to the executive committee to be shared within their respective departments. ISC is suggesting adding an event that increases awareness on international students’ legal status maintenance.
The Marketing and Communications Committee continues to advertise events and keep our social media feeds active. Current projects include preparatory campaigns for the Hayes Forum, advertising alt-ac events, showcasing grant opportunities, arts and culture events, academic panels and conferences, etc. We welcome all contributions from CGS members for consideration. The committee met to discuss a recommendation for the recording of meeting minutes which it shared with the executive council on Friday (1/26).
Graduate Student Affairs Committee report.

**Buckeye Village Report**

Meetings on 12/4/17 and 1/22/18

12/4 Meeting

- Two centers will replace Buckeye Village with more in the future after the complete closure of Buckeye Village
  - Schumaker Complex – Lacrosse
  - Covelli Center – Women’s Volleyball
- Future of graduate/family housing
  - 79 units displaced and 31 more in the future.
  - The university continues to work with three private developers to determine if they can more aggressively offer lower rent costs.
  - The university is exploring the possibility of master leasing existing apartments in the community for students, if there are facilities that can offer rates and amenities that fit student needs. *(RULED OUT in the next meeting)*
  - There may be 2-bedroom apartments that can be made available to graduate students as part of the 15th and High Street project (may not be suitable for families due to location and other amenities requested by families).
  - Resident asked about other Buckeye Village buildings that may be impacted. The only buildings that will be impacted in the 2018/2019 academic year are the three that have already been announced:
    - 2541-2593 Lorain Court
    - 2540-2592 Lorain Court
    - 2551-2603 Muskingum Court
  - Student Life housing administration has been working with residents in these and proximate buildings to proactively assist with moves to non-impacted buildings for those planning to live in Buckeye Village next academic year.
  - Renewal for the 2018/2019 academic year is scheduled to take place in early March.
- Communications/meetings
  - The communications committee continues to issue Construction Update messages to residents every two weeks.
- For future discussion
  - When alternative housing options are identified, students stated that they are very interested in continuing dialog about ways the university can continue
1/22/18 Meeting  
- Continued discussion on how the construction process is going.  
  - Entire project expected to be finished by 2020.  
- Coming closer to a decision on the contractor. Should be finalized before the next meeting.  
- Corvelli Enterprise sent the residents a gift of coupons for their company’s restaurants (Panera Bread, O’Charley’s, Dairy Queen, etc.).  
  - Residents find it to be nice gesture but ultimately a shallow gift.  
- Ruled out a master lease on for the students.  
- Considering exploring a scholarship to close the gap on the more than likely increased housing cost in the new community.

First time Tax information for Graduate Students  
For graduate students, both domestic and international, who are doing their taxes for the first time. It can be a daunting to get started without specific directions of forms needed.  
- For domestic graduate students  
  - For the first time those who are no longer labeled as dependents on parent’s taxes are unaware of the process  
  - Refer them to using the free online tax services  
  - Reinforce the use of the tax clinic services offered by the Fisher College of Business  
- International students are left with few resources and guidelines they should know.  
  - Propose an event that addresses tax information for first time internationals at the end of the fall semester or beginning of Spring.  
  - Or put this information on a website or PowerPoint

Considerations:  
- Create a mock up of the entire tax process for an average grad student.  
  - Take a W-2, 1098-T, 1099, 1040, etc,  
  - Redact personal identifiers but keep the relevant monetary numbers.  
  - Line out the whole process.  
- The process itself is simpler in future years after knowing what to do the first time.

Residency Reclassification  
Some students are having issue with obtaining Ohio residency even after being at OSU for several years. Investigating if this is a pervasive problem and what the underlying administrative gaps would have caused this issue for these students
TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
FROM: Carolin Mueller, Arts & Culture Committee Chair  
DATE: January 26, 2018  
RE: Arts & Culture Committee Report  

- We successfully launched the lotter for the Wex tickets. Watch out for upcoming ones in April!

- Pop-Up Performances on campus are being worked on.

- We are working on ticket collaboration with the Columbus Symphony.

- The committee is in communication with UCAT to put a writing workshop together.

- A shout-out to Erin Allen who has been maintaining the AC-picks in OUAB News and CGS Social Media so wonderfully. Thank you Erin!
TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Anneliese Antonucci
DATE: January 26, 2018
RE: External Committee Chair Updates

Alumni Awards for Distinguished Teaching
Date: 11/7/17
Reporter: Christopher Phelps.172
Chair: graham.548
Information: The committee met for the first time on October 17, 2017. Members were assigned to subcommittees for review of nominations for the teaching award and we went over the process for the first round of evaluation. We walked through how the evaluation process would unfold over the next few months and planned rough timeframes for our coming meetings with final dates to be decided via email.

Diversity Committee
Date: 11/9/17
Reporter: Jazelynn Goudy.37
Chair: Wendy Smooth.1
Information: We had guests from the Grad School and Post Doc Education department

Grad School
Last year they had a meeting to discuss goals they want to move forward within the next coming years. The guiding question was "Where do you see OSU in 10 years 2027?"
Faculty, staff, and students came together and came up with three top goals. Diversity and Inclusion, Professional Development, and Funding.

For diversity and inclusion, they want OSU to reflect the US Census for campus enrollment. Currently, we are halfway there (overall). We have a slight decline/stagnant in Hispanic/Latinx students and Native Americans. The question was raised into how we will increase the Latinx/Hispanic population for 3% to 20% in 10 years. No answer concretely but are keeping the goal high to achieve. Data is everywhere, currently trying to collect data on Grad coming in and matriculation. We have data on graduating students but not during their years here. Would like to partner with ODI to get programming updated. Currently, offer Preparing Future Faculty program, but hasn't been changed in over 20 years. Also discussed faculty diversity and its effect on grad student’s diversity. Brought up retention and programming to keep students/staff of color on campus. Regarding funding, we looked at enrichment programs and how departments are gaming the system to get certain people funded. Also, programs to bring students to OSU who qualify and are not getting offered funding or admission via department. Also waivers and extra money for different students to fit needs. % of students getting funds have gone up also money allocated to give to students have gone up. Unfortunately, many departments are seeing a decrease in students receiving funding.

Post Doc
This office is brand new. It started as a grass-roots org on campus in 2012. It now has an
official office and are funded by grants and OSU. Focus Advance Career development, Advocacy, Source for conflict resolution, development opportunities (academic and non academic). Located in Bricker Hall and reports to the Grad office as well as Research 70% men 60% international are the patterns of practice in post-doc. OSU falls on this line. There is no data tracking for this either but HR is working on it. They train post-doc to be able to leave their schooling and be hired.

GE Review
It is mentioned that the GR requirements don't have any Global Citizen/Racial classes on their list especially in the Latin and Asian culture for GR required courses. They recently sent out a survey asking people to review. I believe we should get on this.

Council on Student Affairs (CSA)
Date: 11/19/17
Reporter: Amanda Montoya.29
Chair: post.114
Information: CSA meets every other week on Mondays, and on our off weeks we meet with our subcommittees. CSA has primarily been focusing on getting the Strategic Programming Grant out, which is now available to student orgs and govs to great applications for events, which benefit students. Allocations have been reviewing student org applications for funding.

Research Committee
Date: 11/24/17
Reporter: Amanda Montoya.29
Chair: kumar.83
Information: We met on October 26th last. We discussed adding an additional member to replace someone on sabbatical, changing our operating procedures and creating bylaws, and we informed that we would be reviewing the procedure for research misconduct. I'd like to collect information from graduate students about the research misconduct policy and if it is amenable to them or if I should push for additional inclusion of graduate students on conduct review committees.

Student Evaluation of Instruction (SEI) Oversight
Date: 11/29/17
Reporter: Kathryn Caliva.1
Chair: Hume.3
Information: I still have not heard from my committee chair despite my attempts to get in touch via email. As far as I know, the committee has not held a meeting.

OSU-COTA Partnership Advisory Committee
Date: 11/29/17
Reporter: Gregory Wheeler.1008
Chair: shaffer.518
Information: Have not formally met at all this semester. I scheduled a one-on-one meeting with the committee chair just to better understand the point of the committee. Apparently
the committee has no real function when OSU and COTA are not actively discussing changes to their joint systems. Hopefully we will meet next semester.

**Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility Committee (SERC)**
Date: 11/29/17
Reporter: Sara Cantonwine.2
Chair: pierce.508
Information: Two main projects- OMEGA farm initiative and Green labs initiative
Green labs would like to have funding for incentives
OMEGA needs space and participation
We will also be doing an olentangy river clean up and would like attendance

**Council on Academic Freedom & Responsibility (CAFR)**
Date: 11/29/17
Reporter: Michael Koenig.82
Information: CAFR has not had any new cases since my last report

**Committee on Academic Misconduct (COAM)**
Date: 11/29/17
Reporter: Michael Koenig.82
Information: Sat on a hearing in October, will sit on another in December.

**Committee on Academic Misconduct (COAM)**
Date: 11/29/17
Reporter: Jennifer Perkins.442
Information: I serve on approximately 2 panels a month and hear 4-6 cases of academic misconduct a month.

**Committee on Academic Misconduct (COAM)**
Date: 11/29/17
Reporter: Jonathan Gill.415
Chair: BONELLO
Information: I have recently been trained and have sat in on one COAM hearing. Not committee business meeting as of yet.

**Ohio Union Council**
Date: 11/29/17
Reporter: Bryan Esser.9
Chair: bidna.1
Information: The OUC committee chair, Noah Bidna, is stepping down to take a study abroad in the spring semester, so elections will be held again at our December meeting. The president of OUAB gave an overview presentation on their events and operations over the past few months, with a plan to update us on their usage of data analytics on graduate and undergraduate events.

**Diversity Committee**
Date: 11/29/17  
Reporter: Bryan Esser.9  
Chair: Faulk.30  
Information: There was a meeting at the beginning of the month; however, I was out of town. They discussed religious meeting room spaces and the effect of using them as non-religious meeting spaces. A draft survey was developed that will be sent out to students to gauge the rooms' usage and students' perception of how available the rooms are.

Council on the Physical Environment (COPE)  
Date: 11/30/17  
Reporter:  
Chair: Kentner.14  
Information: The committee is focusing on biking on campus this year. We had a representative that works with transportation on campus speak with us. As of now we have not set any specific goals or actionable items that we are going to pursue. There will be no meeting in dec due to the holiday break as we meet the third Thursday.

Alumni Awards for Distinguished Teaching  
Date: 12/1/17  
Reporter: Christopher Phelps.172  
Chair: graham.548@osu.edu  
Information: At our meeting on November 14th, 2017, we brought the individual nomination rankings together to decide on our top 36 nominees. These nominees will now continue to the second review round which will involve retrieving student evaluations, surveys, and letter from department chairs. We will further narrow the nominees to our top 10 at our next meeting in January.

University Conduct Board  
Date: 12/1/17  
Reporter: Chris Riley.595  
Information: We don't really meet as a committee, I serve on board hearings/participate in UCB trainings and such.

Committee on Academic Misconduct (COAM)  
Date: 12/1/17  
Reporter: Joachim Bean.240  
Chair: bonello.2  
Information: Issues with group collaboration for both undergrads and grads seems to be getting worse.

Council on Distance Education, Libraries, and Information Technology (DELIT)  
Date: 12/3/17  
Reporter: Julie Dentzer.3  
Chair: fowler.291  
Information: The DELIT committee met twice and will not be meeting in December.
We discussed the Digital Flagship initiative and the issue was raised that incoming graduate students are not currently being considered for the iPad program. After a few years of running it with undergrads they will consider expanding if it is working smoothly and statistics are positive. TAs whose students will be using the iPads as requirements will be able to make special requests. Rob Griffiths provided an overview of distance education five years into ODEE. (https://online.osu.edu) It currently offers 24 online programs and the numbers keep growing. Programs are also remarkably well ranked nationally. They would like input on how to improve the quality of classes and the number of online programs and classes. The committee will be meeting with a company that would help instructors in creating their classes and improving the system at large. At the moment, many are just filmed lectures and not taking advantage of technology to create interactive classes. I raised the lack of supervision on who is actually in charge of grading and managing these classes (mostly TAs) and they do not have or want to consider more oversight than physical classes, if you have issues with online TA assignments it should be raised with the department.

The electronic lab notebooks (https://go.osu.edu/LabArchives) are available to a few instructors who requested early access and will become available to all Fall 2018. You can see templates and examples on the website, it is a very strong and versatile tool that will help labs with note taking, homework and sharing class/research data. They will get the contract to include an IOS and Android app.

https://vita.osu.edu/ went down the first week of December for some much needed updates.

Please email me (dentzer.3) with any concerns or if you have opinions on ODEE as this will be an ongoing discussion.

**Council on Academic Affairs (CAA)**
Date: 12/3/17
Reporter: Blake Szkoda.1
Chair: smith.70
Information: CAA met with the GE committee, the same profs that came to most recent CGS meeting.
As per usual, several proposals to change requirements for majors, minors, and certificates have been made. None of these were particularly "exciting" from a CGS point of view.
The CAA wants to require that the traditional school policies such as "don't cheat", "this is where you can find help" etc. are at the BEGINNING/TOP of the syllabus, rather than tucked at the back. Randy wants CGS support for this notion, and potentially a statement/resolution (but probably a statement).

**Sexual Violence**
Date: 12/6/17
Reporter: Rebecca Dilliard.113
Chair: fialto.1
Information: Our final meeting of term scheduled for 12/6/2017 was cancelled. We will reconvene in Spring term.

**Campus Arts and Memorials**
Date: 12/6/17
Reporter: Nick Larsen.173
Chair: hahn.29
Information: Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 29th was cancelled. The next meeting has not been scheduled yet.

**Committee on Academic Misconduct (COAM)**
Date: 12/7/17
Reporter: Rachel Tatarski.1@osu.edu
Information: We only met when hearing cases or during our annual summary meeting.

**Graduate Associate Teaching Awards**
Date: 12/10/17
Reporter: Coralie Farinas.1
Chair: Reder.18@osu.edu
Information: The GATA committee meets just once and in the spring semester. That meeting has not yet been scheduled.

**Food Sustainability Committee**
Date: 12/11/17
Reporter: David Wituszynski.1
Chair: snyder.1534
Information: The food sustainability committee recently had a meeting with the provost and with Dr. J in which we outlined our progress regarding defining "local" and "sustainable" for the purposes of our goal. We learned from them that the goal of "40% local and sustainable" food more accurately might be described as "40% local OR sustainable," as they envisioned the food designated local and the food designated sustainable as together adding up to 40%. Our plans were a little more ambitious than that (40% local and 40% sustainable), but this does not affect our process of determining criteria. The local criteria are almost entirely set (I think there's still uncertainty about the volume of ingredients in processed products that need to be sourced locally), and the definitions and criteria workgroup is beginning to evaluate third-party labels to meet the criteria of "sustainable."

**Parking Advisory Committee**
Date: 12/13/17
Reporter: Kristyn Gumpper.1
Chair: snoke.27
Information: 1) In Spring 2017 CampusParc sent out a customer satisfaction survey. There was a 13% response rate (which is statistically significant). Briefly, the found that people on the academic campus were happier than people on the medical campus. They
received highest ratings in facility maintenance, equipment reliability and lighting. Their lowest rating came from customer interaction. This year they have begun auditing calls and working with the people who interact with customers, particularly on the phones, to work on improving customer interaction. For example, find a nicer way to say, "That’s the rules" without attitude. They are also working with the design school to improve signage and their website for easier navigation.

2) Installation of the new parking garage gates and system are almost complete. You now only need your QR code to enter and exit garages.

3) There is a garage space tracker on the osu CampusParc website as well as on the OSU app. Currently, they are testing a space tracker on the Carmack lots which can be found on the CampusParc website. If testing goes well, they plan to install electronic signs outside every parking lot with vacancy information on them. If you park in Carmack, consider checking this out as you try to find space to park. If you notice inconsistencies, please feel free to email your representative, Gumpper.1 or CampusParc and they will use that information to move forward.

4) Central Campus parking at night (particularly for students that do not currently pay for a parking pass) is still being discussed. They hope to have some solution soon.

**Council on Academic Affairs (CAA)**
Date: 1/2/18
Reporter: Daniel Puthawala.1
Chair: smith.70
Information: Business as usual, approved several proposals to add/change academic programs, curricula, and degrees. Regarding the GE Review, there's been a lot of discussion on how to incorporate the feedback from the various listening sessions after the first draft was completed. Much feedback relates to either (1) logistical issues of how to include what people want to include in the GE without unduly burdening the undergraduates or (2) how to resolve competing interdepartmental demands regarding the GE, generally related to how big of a slice of the GE-required course pie various departments want to claim. CAA is working with undergraduate advising on the former, and is working to set up an interdepartmental forum to facilitate working out of the latter. In the spring semester, a separate committee will be formed to consider and propose methods of implementing the new GE system, once completed.

**Student Health Insurance**
Date: 1/2/18
Reporter: Daniel Puthawala.1
Chair: koyle.1
Information: Received updates from the industry partners of the SHI plan, with year-to-date usage and tentative projections of the current academic year. The plan this year is satisfactory overall.

**Council on Enrollment and Student Progress (CESP)**
Date: 1/23/18
Reporter: Carolin Mueller.377
Chair: Alan Loper
Information: 
- increase in online courses
- in the process of filling more niches for online education
- increase in web presence in last year
- waived application fee for OSU alumni for online continued education
- $38 mil additional revenue from ODEE education; $20 mil go to colleges, the rest covers expenses
- increase of online section at OSU campus - 8.9% with 12% hybrid
- numbers estimated to increase

Rules Committee
Date:  1/23/18
Reporter: Yao Wan.96
Chair: hoyt.31
Information: Our Rules Committee meeting is tomorrow, Thursday, January 11, at 8.15 am in 119 Independence Hall. I look forward to seeing everyone!

Meeting agenda:

Approval of meeting minutes (Hoyt)
Rule 3335-13-05: Control of dogs and other animals (Hoyt)
Senate office update (Givens)
Rule 3335â€5â€19: Emeritus Faculty (Hoyt)

Alumni Awards for Distinguished Teaching
Date:  1/23/18
Reporter: Christopher Phelps.172
Chair: graham.548
Information: In our most recent meeting on January 12, 2018, we made our final decisions regarding which nominated faculty members will be receiving the Alumni Award for Distinguished Teaching this year. Department chairs for each awardee will be contacted and some members of the committee will be presenting the awards to the awardees during teaching times if possible. A more official awards ceremony is also being organized to more formally recognize the award recipients.

Ohio Union Council (2-year term)
Date:  1/23/18
Reporter: Bryan Esser.9
Chair: esser.9
Information: At the December meeting I was voted in as committee chair, and subsequently ran the January meeting. We heard from OUAB's data analytics director on their practices and insights gained so far, as well as how it specifically tracks/impacts graduate student involvement.

Council on the Physical Environment (COPE)
Date:  1/23/18
Committee on Academic Misconduct (COAM)
Date: 1/23/18
Reporter: Jonathan Gill.415
- Information: 465 Cases have been closed since 5/8/17 through 12/14/2017
- 47 Hearing sessions held as of 12/14/2017
- 161 Cases resolved with a hearing as of 12/14/2017
- 118 Cases received since 11/1/2017
- We will miss Karen Irving as she will be out of the country SP18 we will see Karen in AU18
- We welcome Mark Polifroni who is joining us SP18
- The COAM Annual Business meeting will be one of the following dates: Tuesday April 10, Thursday April 12, or Friday April 13, time 9:30am -11:00 am. Time to be determined based upon committee member availability poll responses.

Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility Committee (SERC)
Date: 1/23/18
Reporter: Sara Cantonwine.2
Chair: pierce.508
Information: We met in subcommittee form. We have two ongoing subcommittees relating to the Green Labs initiative and the Omega project. We need help securing funding for awards to labs attaining Green Lab certification. We are meeting with Vikas who is head of the UGS version of SERC on Thursday to talk about the Engie money, but he does not think we will be able to use it.

Food Sustainability Committee
Date: 1/23/18
Reporter: David Wituszynski.1
Chair: snyder.1534
Information: I don't believe our committee has met since my last report. At our last meeting, our committee met with Vice Provost McPhearson and with Dr. J to update them on our progress. Of note from this meeting was the clarification that the university had committed to 40% of food being EITHER local or sustainable, rather than 40% being local AND 40% being sustainable. We will continue to work toward our original goals, but this means we are more likely to hit this goal within the original timeframe.

Council on Distance Education, Libraries, and Information Technology
Date: 1/23/18
Reporter: Julie Dentzer.3
Chair: fowler@math.osu.edu
Information: DELIT did not meet in December and resumed the last week of January. The committee reviewed a proposal by the university records manager to delete inactive email accounts of separated faculty and staff after five years of inactivity. Currently, after
separating from the university, the employee has five days to download their emails before they lose access, but the data stays in university storage. There are currently 40,000 active mailboxes and 107,000 inactive and 5,000 go inactive every year. It will thus save space, ease up archive and record managing.

This proposal sparked the following discussion: As TAs, we are both students and employees and thus have both a buckeyemail.osu.edu and an osu.edu account. One our end of the interface they appear to be the same/interchangeable, but they are actually separate on the university’s end. Technically, you should not use your osu.edu (employee) to discuss anything employee related, if you were to, for example, send an email regarding employment or including your social security number from your buckeyemail.osu.edu, your student account then becomes public record. It was generally agreed by the committee that the system is confusing and will need education particularly for this kind of status. It should also be noted that after graduation, students can set up forwarding from their buckeyemail address to a personal one and will never lose this access. In other words: any email sent to Dentzer.3@osu.edu will not be forwarded to my gmail account after graduation, but any email sent to Dentzer.3@buckeyemail.osu.edu will.

Please contact me of the university records manager (Pari Swift.102) for more detail or questions.

The committee also heard a conversation of the University’s web accessibility policy and its operational side. This discussion is ongoing as they update the policy to be in complete appliance with the Office of Civil Rights laws.

You should also have received an email about testing the software mentioned in my last notes, https://go.osu.edu/labarchives check it out if you rely heavily on lab work and collaborations!

**Council on Enrollment and Student Progress (CESP)**

Date: 1/24/18  
Reporter: Auggie Heschmeyer.3  
Chair: loper.4  
Information: January's meeting saw a visit from members of the Office of Distance Education and eLearning. Their report included information on a plethora of new online Masters program, including the now #2-ranked Nursing program. There will be more programs being offered fully-online with each new school year. The estimated cumulative revenue from online programs to the university is $38 million with $20 million going directly to the respective colleges.

Additionally, they reported that 89% of total enrollment from on-campus students is online. Wow!
AN ACT CONCERNING THE AMMENDMENT OF THE BUDGET FOR THE 2017-2018 ACADEMIC YEAR FOR THE COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Author: Amanda Montoya
Sponsor: CGS Executive Committee

Section 1. Whereas the Council of Graduate Students, per by-laws, requires an operating budget going into the university’s new fiscal year, the proposed budget was submitted.

Section 2. Whereas it is understood that this is a preliminary operating budget and will be amended when all fiscal reports are processed later in the academic year.

Section 3. Upon approval by the delegate body, this act will become effect immediately.

Budget 2017-2018

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