



Council of Graduate Students
at The Ohio State University

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Location Senate Chamber – Ohio
Union

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CGS Delegate Packet March 2018

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In Attendance: Carolin Mueller, Jules Lipman, Joachim Bean, Julie Dentzer, Auggie Heschmeyer, Yao Wan, Chloe Williams, Alex Wesaw, Elizabeth Koss, Amanda Montoya, Tracey Walterbusch, Omotaya Adeeko, Vibhor Agarwal, Maureen Alcock by alternate, Erin Allen, Abby Buffington, Kathryn Caliva, Steven Dalglish, Elizabeth De Luca, Prutha Deshpande, Geoff Dubrow, Kristyn Gumpfer, Hoda Hatoum, Nickolaus Larsen, Stephen Lo, Eric Loira, Melika Shahosseini, Elizabeth Stone, Vibhuti Wadhwa, Gregory Wheeler, Jessica Wilson, David Wituszynski, Luke Andrejek, Selasi Attipoe, Brienne Beaujolais., Justin Bower, Alec Clott, Michelle Cohen, Rebecca Dillard, Samantha Dodbele, Julie Faieta, Coralie Farinas, Jahmour Givans, Kathryn Holt, Travonya Kenly, Jenny Le, Sara Mueller, Jennifer Perkins, Christopher Pierce, Lindsey Reymore, Christine Stamper, Nicole Tchorowski, Joshua Truett, Eunice Uhm, Petra Wallenmeyer, Elan Weiss, Bennett Whitaker, Nathan Young, Matthew Connolly, Chloe Williams by alternate, and Xiaochen Zhang.

Absent: Ati Alizadehbirjandi, Jason Anderson, Alan Bannister, Madith Barton, Mark Beattie, Kyle Benzle, Nicholas Black, Kara Braunreiter, Sara Cantonwine, Haley Chatelaine, Jennifer Cline Joy, Vinita Dahiya, Mario De Grandis, Jasmine Douglas, Meghan Flannery, Matthew Forquer, Jenna Freudenburg, Deep Gandhi, Cesar Gemelli, John Gill, Laurene Glimois, Douglas Hardtmayer, Haynes DaVonti, Lauren Henry, Elizabeth Hutson, Bushra Ismail, Elizabeth Klainot, Justin Kuric, Andrew Lassman, Matthew Latham, Erica Law, Felicia Lilien, Christopher Loiewski, Soumik Mandal, Mahan Mansouri, Jesse Manton, Anuraq Mazumdar, Katie McAfee, Shannon McLoughlin, Sarah Mielke, Marjorie Mignin, Nathaniel Onnen, Kate Ormiston, Erin Panczyk, Firman Parlindungan, Jessica pissini, Tiffany Polite, Brooke Rengers, Christopher Riley, Prashant Serai, Sundeep Siripurapu, Ryan Slechta, Trent Smith, Deena Snonke, John Stegall, Symon Stevens Guille, Malia Womack, Qionsihan Zhang, Kerry Hodak, Kathleen Wallace, Laura Hopkins, Daniel Puthawala, David Bowers, Juan Mendive, Donna Rutledge, Blake Szkoda, Anneliese, and Kaylee Hartman.

1. CALL TO ORDER at 3:33PM

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. GUEST SPEAKER

2.1. Bruce A. McPheron, Executive Vice President and Provost

- 2.1.1. An overview was provided about the goals and the strategic plan in the graduate school. This included an emphasis on teaching and learning, research and creative expression, and access. Additionally, Dr. McPheron emphasized that the Ohio State University is also focused on the issues of academic through advocacy, leadership opportunities, etc. with the intent to be the role model for other Universities. An overview of the previous director of the graduate school was provided and all of the work that he had done over the last

few years, including the inclusion of graduate students and the community in discussions about how the University can improve. The determination was that diversity and inclusion and the graduate school are areas the University needs to focus on improving.

- 2.1.2. An overview was provided regarding funding. Dr. McPheron discussed the raises that have occurred in the past for graduate student stipends and agreed to continue focusing on increasing the stipends in the future. He also explained that fellowship announcements that have been sent out for graduate students to apply too. Additionally, he is collaborating with a colleague about benefits for graduate students and where there are opportunities to grow in this area.
- 2.1.3. Dr. McPheron also discussed the graduate student housing issues that he has been addressing over the past year. He addressed the issues with the laws and mechanisms in place to work to improve the quality of graduate student housing.
- 2.1.4. Dr. McPheron also emphasized recent efforts to improve upon the responsible conduct of research that is occurring at the Ohio State University to further improve the integrity and honesty in research. It is recommended that graduate students complete the training and emphasize this on their curriculum vitae.
- 2.1.5. The concern was raised regarding the raising tuition for graduate students and whether there could be a pause for graduate students once they enter their programs, similar to the program available for undergraduate students. Dr. McPheron agreed to look into this potential.
- 2.1.6. The concern was raised regarding the low percentages of doctoral students that go into tenure positions in academia and an additional concern was raised about how the University can lead the way in improving the way associated faculty are treated. Dr. McPheron agreed that this does indicate a need to review and address these concerns.
- 2.1.7. A concern was raised regarding increasing training programs for graduate students to ensure that the integrity of teaching, research, etc. is maintained or improved. Dr. McPheron agreed that this is a serious concern and indicated that when a new director of the graduate school is in place that will be an area that is addressed.
- 2.1.8. A concern was raised regarding increasing the presence of African American males in graduate school after noticing increasing diversity in graduate school, with the exception of African American males. Dr. McPheron reiterated this concern by stating that the Ohio State University used to be the leader in African American males in doctoral programs and no longer are. He explained that they are exploring the application questions to identify things that can be modified to improve these admission rates again.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. Minutes from February 2, 2018

- 3.1.1. Gumper.1 moved to approve the minutes, motion was seconded, and motion carries.

4. OFFICER UPDATES

4.1. Treasurer

- 4.1.1. Ray Travel Award judging is underway! If anyone is interested in judging in the future, please email Montoya.29. The CGS Award Ceremony is March 29th 5-7pm, please attend! A reminder was provided about the responsible conduct of research training and how this is an important thing for graduate students to complete as this is a way to protect us from research misconduct.

4.2. Secretary

- 4.2.1. The Career Development Grant website is experiencing technical difficulties in assigning the judges, Koss.31 offers her sincerest apologies as they work with IT to alleviate these problems and assign judges.

4.3. Vice President

- 4.3.1. Thank you to everyone involved in the Hayes Forum! Walterbusch.1 reminded everyone that you can nominate others or yourself for officer, delegate, or senate elections. Additionally, if you are leaving or graduating please recruit others from your program that may be interested in filling your position!

4.4. President

- 4.4.1. Through meetings with President Drake Wesaw.1 indicates that there will likely be increases in the graduate student's stipends and that everyone is doing everything they can to finalize this. Additionally, Wesaw.1 emphasized that the new housing options will likely be more expensive than Buckeye Village because they are new, however the University is doing everything they can to keep it as close as possible. In conversations with Dr. Jay, Wesaw.1 will be connected with someone to identify solutions for the childcare issues that were raised in the previous meeting. The PROSPER Act is still being explored as to the effects on graduate students, but Wesaw.1 encourages everyone to be educating themselves on this Act and prepared to advocate for graduate students if necessary. Dr. Drake recommended creating a graduate school letter writing campaign to send letters to Congress to advocate for graduate students.
- 4.4.2. A concern was raised regarding graduate student sick leave. Montoya.29 explained there are clear guidelines in the PhD student handbook, therefore if the guidelines are not being followed it may need to be something addressed in the school specifically. Wesaw.1 also agreed to look into support and resources regarding these concerns.
- 4.4.3. A concern was raised regarding lecturer's

5. COMMITTEE CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 5.1. Heschmeyer.3 requested everyone please complete the CGS Satisfaction Survey using this link: <http://go.osu.edu/cgssatisfactionsurvey>
- 5.2. Mueller.377 put in a plug for the lottery for symphony tickets, please keep checking in as there will be opportunities frequently! Also, keep an eye open for the writing workshop information that will be going out in an email to all graduate students soon!
- 5.3. Pierce.508 put in a plug for travel fund opportunities coming up. The first 22 labs to sign up and complete the program before Earth Day will get some kind of travel award. Funds are still being solidified, so the number will be determined soon.
- 5.4. Perkins.442 put in a plug to please advertise for the Health and Wellness day! Flyers were passed out in the meeting and a digital flyer will be sent to all graduate students shortly.

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1. Act 1718-SP-001: An Act Establishing the 2018-2019 Delegate Apportionment for the Council of Graduate Students

- 7.1.1. A question was raised regarding what year the enrollment is taken from for next years delegate seats. Walterbusch.1 explained that the number was taken from 10 days in to the 2017-2018 academic year.
- 7.1.2. Motion carried unanimously.

7.2. RESOLUTION 1718-SP-001: A Resolution to Support "Race, Ethnicity, and Gender" as a Foundations Course for the General Education Curriculum at the Ohio State University

- 7.2.1. This resolution was brought forward by the delegate body, specifically by Whitaker.105.
- 7.2.2. Pierce.508 seconded this resolution being brought to the floor.
- 7.2.3. A question was raised regarding what is currently meeting the needs of diversity and

inclusion in current curricula. Whitaker.105 explained that currently there are statements that diversity and inclusion is supported, but there isn't a specific course addressing this yet.

- 7.2.4. Various questions were raised regarding the implementation of this course including the syllabus, how many courses would be available, how they would differ by discipline and department, and whether this would add to current course requirements or be in place of something. Whitaker.105 explained the intention of this resolution is to show the support of a foundations course and then the specific implementation would be decided upon by the curriculum department.
- 7.2.5. A question was asked regarding the wording "Race, Ethnicity, and Gender" instead of overall "Diversity and Inclusion". Whitaker.105 stated that this is sort of the bare minimum, as a foundational requirement.
- 7.2.6. Heschmeyer.1 motioned to extend questions for 2 minutes, Dubrow.7 seconded, the motion carries with 2 abstentions.
- 7.2.7. The question was raised about why this resolution needs to be added if it is already required. Whittaker.105 stated this would facilitate specific requirements and ensure everyone is following it.
- 7.2.8. The question was raised regarding what other departments are already doing this and what kind of support we have in this area. Whitaker.105
- 7.2.9. Mueller.377 moved to add "the area of" on line 56 prior to "Race, Ethnicity, and Gender", Stone.655 seconded the motion, the motion carries unanimously.
- 7.2.10. Mueller.377 extended debate for two minutes, De Luca-Kontchou.1 seconded, the motion was approved with approximately 10 abstentions.
- 7.2.11. Whitaker.105 requested line 56 change "is" to "are", Heschmeyer.1 seconded this motion, the motion carried.
- 7.2.12. The motion was approved anonymously.

7.3. Officer Nominations

- 7.3.1. Montoya.29 will be running elections, so please direct any nominations to her.
- 7.3.2. The question was raised regarding
- 7.3.3. Heschmeyer.1 nominated Wesaw.1 for President again.
- 7.3.4. March 19th nominations for officers are due, they will have to accept the nomination for any of those positions. Voting will occur on March 29th at the delegates meeting in a closed ballot, everyone will have an opportunity to review resumes of candidates, here a brief overview about their experiences and engage in Q&A with the candidates.
- 7.3.5. Wadhwa.21 nominated Walterbusch.1 for Vice President.
- 7.3.6. Stone.655 nominated Koss.31 for Secretary.
- 7.3.7. Gumpfer.1 nominated herself as Treasurer.

8. DELEGATE CONCERNS

- 8.1. Dalglish.2 put in a plug for an upcoming workshop: "Ready to amp up your networking efforts? The Center for the Humanities in Practice will host its next workshop session on February 26th from 4pm to 5:30pm at Hagerty Hall 145. This session will introduce you to Ohio State's AlumniFire resource as well as LinkedIn – two key networking resources. We'll also discuss the challenges associated with networking (e.g., finding time to do it, increasing comfort level if introverted, maintaining one's network over time). The presenters for this session are Lauren Luffy from the Ohio State Alumni Association and Stephanie Ford, PhD from the Arts and Sciences Center for Career and Professional Success. Come join in the conversation!"
- 8.2. Stone.655 raised the concern about parking issues on West campus, specifically safety concerns about the sidewalks to the bus and parking lots. Gumpfer.1 requested everyone send emails to her so she can bring this up at the parking advisory committee meeting.
- 8.3. Gumpfer.1 received alerts that someone had issues parking overnight at the Gateway, if anyone else has had these issues please let her know to help enhance the visibility of these concerns.

- 8.4. A question was raised regarding the alcohol policy. Caliva.1 stated that there can be no reimbursement for alcohol in accordance with events that both faculty and graduate student are at together when they are at restaurants or personal homes. Wesaw.1 agreed to look into this more and provide updates shortly.
- 8.5. Adeeko.5 raised the concern regarding OPERS automatically enrolling everyone in their program and is interested in collaborating with others to advocate for changes in this or education of graduate students to prevent other students from unknowingly enrolling in these types of programs.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 9.1. **March 23, 2018 – 3rd Spring Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union**
- 9.2. **April 13, 2018 – 4th Spring Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union**

10. Meeting adjourned at 5:31pm

DRAFT

TO: The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Amanda Montoya
DATE: March 9, 2018
RE: Treasurer's Report

Hello CGS Delegates,

I am writing this before spring break, so I feel like I'm projecting into the future. But I hope everyone had a great spring break! Whether you used the opportunity to catch up on some work, start something new, or take some much deserved time off, I hope it was enjoyable!

Please RSVP for the The CGS Award Ceremony (formerly the Ray Travel Award Reception) 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 is attached below with information about how to RSVP (email award.cgs@gmail.com and let them know you are a delegate/senator/officer)! Thanks so all the Ray Committee members for their help organizing this event!

The 4th Funding Period of the Ray Travel Award has been judged. Congratulations to our winners: Kristen Adams, Ilana Seager van Dyk, Kathryn Caliva, Tina Nguyen, Laura Wallace, Lauren Wengerd, Rachel Bican, Jennifer Kessa Roberts, Enrico Zammarchi, Tania Espinales Correa, Wade Litt, Leyla Tosun, John Cruz, Krystel Navarro, Ariana Steele, Elizabeth Ames, and Julia Mazarella! Seems like a lot of people, no? But this is only 21% of the applicants who applied! I'm continuing to work on finding alternative sources of funding for this award. Thank you to our judges you helped with this very competitive round of applications!

Thank you!
Amanda Kay Montoya
CGS Treasurer

February 14, 2018

Council of Graduate Students
Account Balances - Budget vs. Actual
 July 1, 2017 through February 8, 2018

	<u>Jul 1, '17 - Feb 8, 18</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Income		
Coca Cola Carry Forward	19,540.23	19,500.00
Coca Cola Endowment	15,863.21	15,863.00
CSA Carry Forward	11,787.28	11,500.00
CSA Student Activity Fee	78,724.84	78,000.00
Donations	1,500.00	0.00
Global Gtwy	10,000.00	10,000.00
Global Gtwy Carry Forward	0.00	0.00
Grad Sch.-Hayes	10,000.00	10,000.00
Grant NAGPS Hosting	0.00	0.00
OAA Ray Travel	35,000.00	35,000.00
OAA Ray Travel Carry Forward	14,150.91	14,000.00
OR Hayes Endwmnt	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total Income	208,566.47	203,863.00
Expense		
1000 President's Projects		
1100 Discretionary	0.00	1,000.00
1300 Inauguration	0.00	1,000.00
1000 President's Projects - Other	0.00	0.00
Total 1000 President's Projects	0.00	2,000.00
2000 Vice President		
2100 Hayes	6,016.53	29,000.00
2000 Vice President - Other	0.00	0.00
Total 2000 Vice President	6,016.53	29,000.00
3000 Committees		
3100 Exec		
3110 Retreat	879.03	3,000.00
3120 Awards & Rec	0.00	500.00
3130 Exec Disc	0.00	500.00
3140 Comm. Disc.	0.00	3,000.00
3150 MarCom	4,410.22	8,000.00
3160 Speaker Series	0.00	0.00
3100 Exec - Other	0.00	5,000.00
Total 3100 Exec	5,289.25	20,000.00
3200 Acad. Rel	0.00	0.00
3301 Grants Admin	0.00	500.00
3340 Arts & Culture	600.00	2,000.00
3400 Del OutReach Gmt	643.55	3,200.00
3410 Communications	0.00	1,000.00
3500 Div & Inclusion	0.00	3,000.00
3510 International Concerns	0.00	2,500.00
3600 Government Relations	0.00	0.00
3610 Ray Trv Grant Adm	268.00	500.00

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**Council of Graduate Students
Account Balances - Budget vs. Actual**

July 1, 2017 through February 8, 2018

	<u>Jul 1, '17 - Feb 8, 18</u>	<u>Budget</u>
3611 Ray Award Receptions	0.00	2,000.00
3700 Grad H & W	0.00	2,500.00
3710 SERC	362.93	1,000.00
3800 Org & Elect	0.00	500.00
3900 Senate Advisory	0.00	0.00
5200 Grad. Housing	0.00	0.00
3000 Committees - Other	0.00	6,500.00
Total 3000 Committees	7,163.73	45,200.00
3300 Grants Admin Funds		
3310 Career Dev	5,012.43	17,000.00
3320 Global Gtwy	4,938.32	10,000.00
3330 Ray Travel Award	17,813.72	45,000.00
3300 Grants Admin Funds - Other	0.00	0.00
Total 3300 Grants Admin Funds	27,564.47	72,000.00
4000 Office Equip		
4100 Copier	0.00	500.00
4200 Equip.	0.00	400.00
4300 Furn.	0.00	0.00
4400 Supplies	0.00	1,000.00
4500 Telephone	0.00	1,839.40
4600 Technology	5,542.50	8,000.00
4000 Office Equip - Other	0.00	0.00
Total 4000 Office Equip	5,542.50	11,539.40
5000 Administrative		
5100 Student Life Init.		
5120 Fall Event	0.00	1,500.00
5130 Spr. Event	0.00	0.00
5100 Student Life Init. - Other	0.00	0.00
Total 5100 Student Life Init.	0.00	1,500.00
5300 Mtng. Refreshments	9,735.45	12,438.80
5400 Org. Dev.	0.00	500.00
5410 Travel	1,168.22	12,500.00
5500 Administrative - Other	0.00	0.00
6000 Prkng Passes	4,939.80	4,885.00
Mbrshp Fees	0.00	0.00
5000 Administrative - Other	0.00	0.00
Total 5000 Administrative	15,843.47	31,823.80
8000 PY Encum		
8100 Career Dev.	2,063.00	500.00
8200 Global Gtwy	1,376.20	0.00
8300 Ray Travel Award	1,397.53	3,000.00
8400 MarCom	8,000.00	8,000.00
8000 PY Encum - Other	0.00	1,000.00
Total 8000 PY Encum	12,836.73	12,500.00
Total Expense	74,967.43	203,863.00

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Liz Koss
DATE: March 7, 2018
RE: Secretary and Grant's Administration Chair Report

Unfortunately, I have decided to take on new volunteer opportunities within my professional organizations for the upcoming year and can no longer accept the nomination to be the Council of Graduate Student's Secretary in the 2018-2019 academic year. I have really enjoyed my time as CGS Secretary and Grant's Administration Chair and am sad that my time here is ending, however I hope to be involved through committees and as a constituent in the subsequent year. Thank you all for your support and patience as I learned my role's within CGS this year. I also would like to encourage anyone interested in further developing their leadership skills, summarizing skills, and interested in leadership opportunities with the grants administration committee to consider running for Secretary for the 2018-2019 academic year. If anyone has questions, please feel free to reach out to me Koss.31@osu.edu and I would be happy to provide you with more information.

Other updates: The Career Development Grant funding period four is wrapping up the judging process now and grants will be awarded within the next week. The Global Gateway Grant is in the process of being judged.

Thanks,
Liz Koss
CGS Secretary

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Tracey Walterbusch, Vice President
DATE:
RE: Vice President's Report

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: W. Alex Wesaw, President
DATE:
RE: President's Report

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Hoda Hatoum, International Students Committee Chair
DATE: 3/6/2018
RE: International Students' concerns progress report

There are no new updates since the last meeting. We had the international student's appreciation event from Feb 19 to the 23. It was great.

Thank you,
Hoda Hatoum

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Daniel Puthawala, Chair of the Student Health Insurance Committee and Academic Affairs Committee
DATE: 3/7/2018
RE: International Students' concerns progress report

From the Student Health Insurance Committee:

It looks like there will be an overall premium increase of about 8-9% over last year. While this is not the best of news, it generally lower than most other benchmarked plans, which had higher increases, mostly due to skyrocketing drug costs, and the committee recommended this rate so as to avoid having to cut existing services and coverage.

From CAA/Academic Affairs committee:

We expect the public release of the final proposal draft for the New GE system soon. Keep your eyes out.

-Daniel