



Council of Graduate Students  
at The Ohio State University

**Date:** March 23, 2018  
**Location:** Senate Chamber – Ohio Union

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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 February 23, 2018

## 3. GUEST SPEAKER

### 3.1. Big Ten Voting Challenge

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

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

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

### 6.1. Officer Elections:

- 6.1.1. Treasurer
- 6.1.2. Secretary
- 6.1.3. Vice President
- 6.1.4. President

## 7. DELEGATE CONCERNS

## 8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



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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 Gumper, Hoda Hatoum, Nickolaus Larsen, Stephen Lo, Eric Loira, Melika Shahosseini, Elizabeth Stone, Vibhuti Wadhwa, Gregory Wheeler, Jessica Wilson, David Wituszynski, Luke Andrejek, Selasi Attipoe, Brieanne Beaujelas, 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 Braunerreiter, 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, Qiongsihan Zhang, Kerry Hodak, Kathleen Wallace, Laura Hopkins, Daniel Puthawala, David Bowers, Juan Mendive, Donna Rutledge, Blake Szkoda, Anneliese, and Kaylee Hartman.

## 9. CALL TO ORDER at 3:33PM

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

10.1.1. 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.

- 10.1.2. 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.
- 10.1.3. 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.
- 10.1.4. 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.
- 10.1.5. 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.
- 10.1.6. 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.
- 10.1.7. 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.
- 10.1.8. 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.

## **11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **11.1. Minutes from February 2, 2018**

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

## **12. OFFICER UPDATES**

### **12.1. Treasurer**

- 12.1.1. 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **12.2. Secretary**

- 12.2.1. 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.

#### **12.3. Vice President**

- 12.3.1. 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!

#### **12.4. President**

- 12.4.1. 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.
- 12.4.2. 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.
- 12.4.3. A concern was raised regarding lecturer's

### **13. COMMITTEE CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 13.1. Heschmeyer.3 requested everyone please complete the CGS Satisfaction Survey using this link:  
<http://go.osu.edu/cgssatisfactionsurvey>
- 13.2. 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!
- 13.3. 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.
- 13.4. 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.

### **14. OLD BUSINESS**

### **15. NEW BUSINESS**

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

- 15.1.1. 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.
- 15.1.2. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **15.2. 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**

- 15.2.1. This resolution was brought forward by the delegate body, specifically by Whitaker.105.

- 15.2.2. Pierce.508 seconded this resolution being brought to the floor.
- 15.2.3. 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.
- 15.2.4. 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.
- 15.2.5. 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.
- 15.2.6. Heschmeyer.1 motioned to extend questions for 2 minutes, Dubrow.7 seconded, the motion carries with 2 abstentions.
- 15.2.7. 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.
- 15.2.8. The question was raised regarding what other departments are already doing this and what kind of support we have in this area. Whitaker.105
- 15.2.9. 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.
- 15.2.10. Mueller.377 extended debate for two minutes, De Luca-Kontchou.1 seconded, the motion was approved with approximately 10 abstentions.
- 15.2.11. Whitaker.105 requested line 56 change "is" to "are", Heschmeyer.1 seconded this motion, the motion carried.
- 15.2.12. The motion was approved anonymously.

### **15.3. Officer Nominations**

- 15.3.1. Montoya.29 will be running elections, so please direct any nominations to her.
- 15.3.2. The question was raised regarding
- 15.3.3. Heschmeyer.1 nominated Wesaw.1 for President again.
- 15.3.4. March 19<sup>th</sup> nominations for officers are due, they will have to accept the nomination for any of those positions. Voting will occur on March 29<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 15.3.5. Wadhwa.21 nominated Walterbusch.1 for Vice President.
- 15.3.6. Stone.655 nominated Koss.31 for Secretary.
- 15.3.7. Gumper.1 nominated herself as Treasurer.

## **16. DELEGATE CONCERNs**

- 16.1. 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!"
- 16.2. Stone.655 raised the concern about parking issues on West campus, specifically safety concerns about the sidewalks to the bus and parking lots. Gumper.1 requested everyone send emails to her so she can bring this up at the parking advisory committee meeting.

- 16.3.** Gumpper.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.
- 16.4.** 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.
- 16.5.** 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.

**17. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 17.1.** March 23, 2018 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Spring Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union
- 17.2.** April 13, 2018 – 4<sup>th</sup> Spring Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union

- 18.** Meeting adjourned at 5:31pm

**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 Mazzarella! 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>
<b>Income</b>		
Coca Cola Carry Forward	19,540.23	19,500.00
Coca Cola Endowment	15,883.21	15,883.00
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
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>206,566.47</b>	<b>203,883.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
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 Adminq	0.00	500.00
3340 Arts & Culture	600.00	2,000.00
3400 Del OutReach Grnt	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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February 14, 2018

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

July 1, 2017 through February 8, 2018

	Jul 1, '17 - Feb 8, 18	Budget
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	17,613.72	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	1,639.40
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	12,438.60
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	4,685.00
Mbrshp Fees	0.00	0.00
5000 Administrative - Other	0.00	0.00
Total 5000 Administrative	15,843.47	31,823.60
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](mailto: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:** March 16, 2018  
**RE:** Vice President's Report

### **Vice President Report**

- **Hayes Forum:** Hayes Forum was on March 2, 2018.
  - Thank you to everyone who helped and attended. Thank you especially to the Hayes forum committee, Kerry Hodak, and Teresa Krempson-Day.
  - We had 337 Hayes Applications with 40 winners. Winners will submit their research to the Ohio State Library Knowledge Bank in order to receive their cash reward.
  - We recruited judges (150) and our goal for this year (105) and exceeded our number of judges who served last year (96).
- **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/>
  - At the next meeting, I will provide you with the full timeline for each of the elections process including the officers, delegates, and senators.
  - **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/> or e-mail me to set up a meeting at walterbusch.1
    - Nominations will open March 26 and close April 16
  - **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/> or e-mail me to set up a meeting at walterbusch.1
    - Nominations will open March 20 and close April 7
- **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/>
  - 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.
  - If you are serving on external committee, don't forget to submit your committee report here:  
[https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_8csOIMBon6L0gux](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8csOIMBon6L0gux)
- **Apportionment:** Apportionment has been set for 2018-19. The approved act can be found on our website here: <https://cgs.osu.edu/posts/documents/act-1819-sp-002.pdf>
- **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](mailto:walterbusch.1@osu.edu)

**TO:** Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
**FROM:** W. Alex Wesaw, President  
**DATE:** March 16, 2018  
**RE:** President's Report

### **Updates from March 8, 2018 University Senate Meeting**

#### **Sexual Misconduct Training**

Along with the two other student governments, Faculty Council, University Staff Advisory Committee, I supported a resolution requesting that the University mandate sexual misconduct training across the campus. This resolution calls on the University to require training for all “faculty, staff, students, and administrators” on the topics of sexual misconduct education, prevention, and report. If you would like to read the entire resolution, you can find it here:

[http://senate.osu.edu/materials/senate/2018-03-](http://senate.osu.edu/materials/senate/2018-03-08/SexualMisconductResolution.pdf)

[08/SexualMisconductResolution.pdf](http://senate.osu.edu/materials/senate/2018-03-08/SexualMisconductResolution.pdf) The resolution was approved unanimously by the Senate.

#### **Intellectual Property Policy**

The Senate also unanimously approved revisions to the University's Intellectual Property Policy, which was last updated in the 1980s. I would like to thank Chris Pierce, who has been the CGS representative to this committee, for his work and contributions on updating this policy. Essentially, as graduate students, we retain ownership over property that we craft and develop ourselves. If something is developed out of sponsored research, by a graduate student, then the PI and the University retain ownership. For more detailed information about the policy approved by the Senate, please review the policy here:

<http://senate.osu.edu/materials/senate/2018-03-08/IP%20policy%20IPPC%20Final.pdf>

#### **32<sup>nd</sup> Hayes Research Forum**

On Friday, March 2, 2018, CGS, in partnership with the Graduate School and the Office of Research, hosted the 32<sup>nd</sup> Edward F. Hayes Graduate Research Forum. The event was a great success. I would like to thank VP Tracey Walterbusch, chair of the Hayes committee within CGS, for all of the hard work she and her committee put into ensuring that our annual event was successful. Also, congratulations to all of this year's winners.

#### **Delegate Meeting Follow-ups**

##### **Race, Ethnicity, & Gender GE Requirement**

From the draft that I reviewed of the General Education Proposal, under the Foundations section of the Proposal, there is a category for Race, Ethnicity, and Gender Diversity. This is in accordance with the Resolution CGS passed at the February 23, 2018 Delegate Meeting. You can review the proposal, if you'd like to, here: <https://oaa.osu.edu/sites/default/files/uploads/general-education->

[review/Proposal%20to%20Revise%20the%20General%20Education%20Component%20of%20Undergraduat.. .pdf](#)

### **Residency**

I am working with the University Registrar, Jack Miner, to determine how CGS and the Registrar's office can partner to hold workshops to make the Ohio Residency process easier to understand. Realize that gaining residency is governed by the Ohio Revised Code, so the University can really only try and make the process easier to understand rather than make changes to it. In the meantime, here is a link to their website covering Residency:

<https://registrar.osu.edu/Residency/index.asp>

### **Retirement**

I am working with the Graduate School, Office of HR, and the Office of Student Life to determine how to make the on-boarding process of Graduate Associates a little clearer in terms of retirement options. More to come.

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:** 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

**TO:** Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
**FROM:** Jules Lipman  
**DATE:** 3/12/2018  
**RE:** *CGS Government Relations Committee Update:*

The Government Relations committee continues to post informative updates to Social Media, our latest ones being about the Tax process for International students and Instate Tuition.

This month we commenced our video project. We recognize that many Graduate students are unaware of what CGS can offer, so we have developed a proposal for a short, informative video to explain what CGS is and how students can get involved. We will be contacting current OSU students and recently alumni of Film and Videography to help us develop the video. The video will be completed in time for the Fall semester; to be used at Graduate student orientations as well as featured on our website and social media platforms.

We are concurrently developing a proposal for a more delegate-facing video, which better explains the duties of a CGS delegate and the role of CGS within the broader OSU governing structure. This video will also be informed by the responses from the CGS Satisfaction Survey, which closed early this month.

This month we will also have delegates attending SAGE and NAGPS's Day on the Hill, to campaign on issues of importance to Graduate students.

Additionally, our committee will be analyzing the results of the CGS Satisfaction Survey this month. We thank everyone for their responses and we look forward to reaffirming what CGS does well and taking action on the concerns raised.

Best,  
Jules

**TO:** Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
**FROM:** Chris Pierce  
**DATE:** 3/16/2018  
**RE:** SERC Update, March, 2018

### **Initial Goals:**

1. Enroll 20 new labs in the OSU GreenLabs Certification Program
2. Create 50 new composting households in the grad. Student community through financial assistance and educational programs.
3. Create CGS Internal Sustainability Standards to govern CGS events and office spaces into the future, to reduce our institutional environmental impact
4. Create a Graduate Farming Initiative Exploratory Program. This informal discussion group will explore the possibility of developing an official student organization and potentially a class/capstone program in collaboration with the new “Omega Global Initiative” program, initiated by NASA scientist Dr. Jonathan Trent.

### **Goals Progress:**

1. The CGS/USG Greenlabs promotion has begun. The first 22 labs to sign up and complete the program by Earth day will receive a \$200 travel award for use by their research group. Within a week of the announcement of the program, 2 labs have enrolled in the program. We still need volunteers to help promote the program within their departments and through tabling events. If you want to get involved e-mail [pierce.508@osu.edu](mailto:pierce.508@osu.edu).
2. Unfortunately, the grant application to fund our Composting Initiative was denied. We are in discussion to try to find another source of funding.
3. The Omega Global Initiative group has taken off and is meeting regularly to create a proposal for an interdisciplinary sustainable farming project to be launched next year. If you are interested in getting involved, contact [pierce.508@osu.edu](mailto:pierce.508@osu.edu) or Kara [Braunreiter.1@osu.edu](mailto:Braunreiter.1@osu.edu), who has taken the lead on this project.

**TO:** Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
**FROM:** Dorma Flemister  
**DATE:** 3/16/2018  
**RE:** Graduate Student Affairs Committee Update, March, 2018

**Buckeye Village and the Future of graduate/family housing**

- The university re-submitted proposal requirements to the final three firms that could qualify to build new family and graduate/professional housing.
- Responses are required by the end of the first week in March.
- This approach will help keep rental costs down as the university understands rent is one of the key factors residents asked to be consider when pursuing new graduate and family housing options.
- A resident suggested that students be asked for input as decisions are made about amenity priorities
- The goal is for housing to be available for Autumn 2020.
- The specific statute the construction would occur under requires that residents must be Ohio State students.
- The firm that would build and operate the housing development would be subject to university-imposed Key Performance Indicators and other requirements as established by the university.
- A resident suggested strong requirements for housekeeping and that the firm consider wages as a way to promote quality service.
- The Kenny Road location is still being considered, but other locations may be put back in the consideration set.
- The next meeting with the Buckeye Village Resident Association's representatives will be held on Monday, March 26 at 7 p.m.

**Overall Committee Goals**

1. Establish new Graduate Student Affairs committee to address the major issues impacting the lives of graduate students. (**Accomplished**)
2. Recruit delegates/graduate students to join the committee. (**Accomplished**)
3. Monitor housing options available to graduate students and families (current and future). (**Monitoring with Administration and Ongoing**)
4. Advocate for expended mental health options for graduate students. (**Ongoing**)