CGS Delegate Packet March 2017

- March Meeting Agenda
- February Meeting Minutes
- President’s Report
- Vice President’s Report
- Budget Report
- ISCC report
- Driving in Ohio
- Career Session Flier
- SHS Medical Disposal Flier
1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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

1.2. From the CGS CODE OF ETHICS

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING

3. GUEST SPEAKERS:

   Dr. Jennifer Evans-Cowley, Vice Provost for Capital Planning and Regional Campuses
   Michael Papadakis, Deputy CFO, Treasurer and Vice President of Financial Services & Innovation

4. Officer Updates (as submitted in Delegate Packets)

5. NEW BUSINESS

   5.1. Consideration of CEMP proposal
   5.2. Consideration of Delegate Election Timing Resolution
   5.3. Officer Elections:
       i  Treasurer
       ii  Secretary
       iii  Vice President
       iv  President

6. Committee Announcements

7. Delegate Concerns

ANNOUNCEMENTS: NEXT MEETING SENATE ELECTIONS April 21, 2017
Minutes from the 6th Delegate Meeting
February 24, 2017
Ohio Union

President Bowers.461 called the meeting to order at 3:36 pm.

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

**Approval of minutes**
The minutes from the January meeting were presented and were approved unanimously.

**Guest Speaker:**
1. **Dr. Monica Moll, University Public Safety Director**
   Since November 28th, 1/3 of time has been spent examining what happened during the incident on campus. We are looking at improvement areas; what went right, and what went wrong. Finishing up report to make sure it is complete and getting as much feedback as possible.

**Q&A Session**
Q – Noticed that areas near Chemistry building have a lot of foot traffic. Are there ways you can increase the safety in the areas? It is a typically targeted area.
A – Target areas changes by the hour during the day and across the days. We will look into it and can have a added security like cameras or lights etc.

Q – Can there be training for TAs and professors can watch in case this happens again?
A – There is a training class on these key principles that is given by officers. However, it is not well known. We can make it mandatory for everyone to watch those videos and can have an hour long workshop to go over the specifics. We are trying to get larger groups of people for such workshops. Everyone has to make a decision based on their best judgement. There isn’t any legal responsibility for TAs.

Q – Unable to get through to student escorts on campus. How long is average wait time?
A – People have used it like Uber. During bad weather they have lot of calls. University has partnered with a virtual escort (app) – keeps track of where you are going. We are adding people to take calls.

Q – What is the average hold time for the calls?
A – Don’t have specifics. But a new line has been added to mitigate the problem.

Q – Is the app available only for OSU students?
A – The app is free for students, but is available to purchase for all others.

Q - How can we increase awareness of courses and making them more accessible?
A – We need to get better at marketing the courses. It would take additional staffing to provide access to everyone. We need to get better at figuring out how to provide this to all people.

Q – How are you dividing the population from where you get the feedback – composition of the people giving feedback?
A – Virtually all groups were represented. Trying to make the training a little more nuanced. Shared classroom spaces are not helpful during emergency. Trying to get inventory and estimates of the shared classroom spaces.
Q – Why was there so much misinformation that was being texted to students?
A – They had to first make sure there was no shooter on campus. The officer saw the vehicle and called out that the car had hit pedestrians. The officer took chase and reported that knife was out. Then he reported that shots were fired and the person was down. Others reported to the dispatcher that shots were fired and hence that message was sent out. They wanted to make sure that there was no other person with a gun on campus.

Q - There was some confusion as buckeye alert was doing a test on the same day.
A – These things are decided far in advance and that test was postponed for a month. We don’t want to overuse the alerts. We use email and public safety services etc.

Q – Immediately after the incident there was some tension regarding some communities on campus.
A – Our focus is not the background of the attackers. We want to keep everything in perspective. We have been trying to work on things that will help us respond better than how we did.

Q - What is your stance towards using “mark as safe” feature of facebook?
A – It’s up to you, your own personal choice.

Q – When is the workshop coming up so that we can disseminate it. We have about 10,000 international students, would you be having an outreach on how to be safe for international students?
A – Information will be sent out to David. We would like to do that if such a program is not already in place. We would like to provide a broad overview of how to remain safe.

Q – What are you doing to increase safety on Neil and 12th particularly during construction? Reprograming of lights on Neil and 12th?
A – Call the police and they will take it up with the project managers. The pedestrians have to be careful as well. We will have more police officers around the area. Bicycle break rules in the campus. Please email me with these points and I’ll take it up with the police.

Q – Given that traffic patterns are changing on high street, something like a light that lights up when crossing will be helpful.
A – Good point. Those will be helpful when you are navigating.

2. Natalie Fiato, MPH, Prevention Coordinator, Sexual Civility & Empowerment
Part of the office of student life and advocacy center. Operates under support and prevention. Housed on the 11th floor of Lincoln Tower room 1120. Support coordinators are not counselors, but empowerment coaches/walking brochures. There are a lot of referrals done out of the office. Not a confidential resource. Survivor Gala is April 11th. SCEC meetings every month.

Q&A Session
Q – Will this presentation be made available?
A – Yes, I will share the info.

Q – In the last 12 months, international students have been in more emotionally abusive relationships. Is there anything we can do to help them?
A – Campus climate survey is out now. We will use that do look at statistics to take measures. Support co-ordinators have been looking into the cultural aspects.

Q – I would like to make note of this in our syllabus. How would you suggest we talk to undergrad students about this?
A – You can use the language that we use. You are more than welcome to promote our services.
I would encourage the promotion of our center.

Q – Do you have social workers intern in your department and is there an opening for it?
A – This semester we have taken on our first intern from social work. I’ll discuss this with others to talk about the possibility of more interns.

Q – Which resources can we direct employees to, who face such crimes?
A – We currently only look after the students. I’ve never had the question asked. It’s an excellent point. Employees have an assistance program and they can approach that through their HR.

Q – Do you do any specialized training to deal with sexual crimes during study/research abroad?
A – We might consider that in future. We have talked about it.

Officer Reports

President’s Report
• There is grad representation now on gen education curriculum.
• Energy management – met with provost to talk whether there is a chance for the senate to go through or have an input on it. They are working on it as of now. Spoke to the ad hoc committee chair Hoda.
• Buckeye Village and grad student housing – RFP was issued by university to see if public/private partnership was viable for grad housing. One more listening session that student life is hosting. There is going to be a committee between CGS and IPC for housing needs
• There is a real recognition to take charge of the stipend level. Last year’s proposal was to increase the stipend levels over the next three years. Vice-provost has not closed the doors on that. $750 increase is TBD.

Vice President’s Report
• Don’t forget to sign in
• Haye’s forum is a week from today. Please attend the forum.
• Consider re-running for the delegate positions and nominate someone if you don’t want to run.

Treasurer’s Report
• RTA fourth funding period applications is under review. Plan ahead for the next funding period.
• Had the RTA reception. Glimpse into what the awardees did with the award. Thanked the judges.
• Special thanks to Tori Nagash for organizing the reception event.
• Career development grant deadline is fast approaching.
• Survey regarding 15th and high will be sent out soon.
• Had a workshop on grants through CGS along with Olga, Tracey and Kerry.

Committee Chair Reports

Arts and Culture committee:
Two events next week. Monday evening: round table discussion. Thursday: first pop-up performance from 12:15-1

Health and Wellness committee:
Spring Wellness day on April 10th

Comprehensive Energy Management Plan:
Meeting on March 24th will be to showcase what has been happening in the past year
International Student Concern Committee:
Planning to have a career station for international students.

New business

Immigration resolution
Amendments –

Motion#1 - Fix grammar in third section and add a new “whereas” statement. 
Motion was seconded. Motion passed unanimously

Motion#2 - Add the word “strong” in front of opposition
Motion seconded. Motion passed unanimously

Resolution passed unanimously

Q – Will we be coming up with the new resolution if the ban is lifted?
A – Last line alludes to our continued opposition.

ACT 1617 SP 02
Introduced because timeline better fits the semester.
Ammendment –
Motion#1 - Strike off semester after fourth week and sixth week.
Motion seconded. Motion passed unanimously

Act passed unanimously.

ACT 1617 SP 03
Delegate apportionment

Q – Did not see the details on how the number of delegates were assigned based on the population of the department.
A - 0-99 students – 1 delegate. Every 99 students gets one delegate but the upper limit is 4.
Q – How many departments were affected by the cap?
A – Around 2 departments were affected by the cap - business and nursing
Q – The ratio mentioned in the act is 1 to 125 but based on your answer the ratio is 1 to 99.
A – Ratio is 1:99

First section 3 will be removed.

Act passed unanimously.

Nominations
Nominations for officers – 2017-18
Nominations will remain open till March 17. If a position has no nominations then it will be open till the elections.
No nominations for treasurer
No nominations for secretary
Nomination for vice president: Tracey Walterbusch
Nomination for president: Alex Wesaw
Delegate issues and concerns.
Q - Did CGS have any involvement in continuous enrollment?
A – It was seen as beneficial to students. It was expensive to be enrolled full-time earlier. They reduced the full-time enrollment credit hours but required continuous enrollment. Not sure if CGS passed a resolution.

Q – Mental health awareness and advocacy group is being organized. We are in the process of electing a committee and writing up the constitution. Please be on the lookout for our survey and newsletter. This is outside of CGS and you are highly encouraged to participate in that. Contact Remore.1.

Q – COTA’s decision to do away with certain stops has a lot of constituents into problems.
A - Lauren will look into it.

Immigration attorney is going to be on campus to give a talk on work visa. There is going to be a Q&A session. Business school – Thursday march 2nd 12-12:45 pm.

President Bowers.461 adjourned the meeting at 5:39 pm.
NOTE: DELEGATE MEETING MARCH 31ST WILL BE IN THE USBANK CONFERENCE THEATER 1ST FLOOR OF THE OHIO UNION

STOP THE PRESSES! I just received confirmation from the graduate school that for 2017-18 the minimum GA stipend has been increased to $15,750/ 9 month appointment. This marks the second straight year that GCBC’s recommendation has been accepted by the university’s administration totaling a 16.7% increase in the minimum stipend since Spring 2016! MANY thanks to the members of GCBC and everyone who’s work made this advance possible!-- david

Hello, I hope you had at least a somewhat restful Spring Break!

The main purpose of my update this month is to strongly encourage your attendance at our March meeting on the 31st. There are two important reasons for this:

- Election of officers for 2017-18
- Discussion of the Comprehensive Energy Management Plan proposal.

I am excited that we have a sizable slate of candidates for our 4 positions, and most positions are contested. It’s terrific to see that much enthusiasm and willingness to take on these roles.

As to the energy management proposal: yesterday, March 23, at the request of President Drake, Senate Steering Committee voted to call a special meeting of the University Senate on April 4th for considering the proposal prior to the presentation to the Trustees by the
Administration later that week. I believe that this marks the first special meeting called in such a manner in the last 40 years.

This means that our meeting on the 31st will have to also be the one at which we consider whether to take a position and instruct our senators to express such a position through their voting at the meeting on April 4.

I appreciate the work of our ad hoc committee on CEMP, under the leadership of Hoda Hatoum, has conducted over the past year. I've asked representatives of the Administration to be present to explain the status of the plan and what the anticipated next steps are, as well as to answer any of your questions prior to our discussion. It’s my hope that our CEMP committee members will then be able to share their thoughts.

Regarding other matters in the brief time since our last meeting:

- **Compensation Philosophy**—the special working group tasked with developing a philosophy around GA compensation has continued to meet. The other members appear to appreciate the work that has gone into the past couple of years’ GCBC reports and I remain cautiously optimistic that we’ll see meaningful and helpful work out of this group (of which I am a part).
  - Issues around benefits and housing have come up with this group. I have used this opportunity to express concern about the huge impact that COTA’s new routes is having on several grad students.
- **Housing**
I met with a large group of student life officials who work with various aspects of student housing concerns.

- I understand that there were some responses to the RFP for what the administration has anticipated as a replacement for Buckeye Village. I haven’t yet heard details, but have been assured that these will be discussed at the next scheduled meeting of administration with Buckeye village residents. In my meetings in the past weeks with both the student life folks and the Provost I’ve continued to express my/our concerns about the unique needs of our fellow students who form that community—and how what we know of the rfp risks not meeting those needs.

- Regarding graduate student housing more broadly, a survey of grad students is being prepared by Student Life based on the feedback they received at the listening sessions. I think that we could see greater resources available for future grad students as a result of our efforts.

- I’ve also brought the COTA busline issue to these housing officials.

- Federal immigration policies
  - Needless to say this is a continuing and evolving concern. The university appears to be taking matters quite seriously, but with the multiple potential consequences for graduate students, this will continue to need on-going CGS attention and voice.

- Survey of Departmental GA policies:
While we’ve made progress in the design of the survey, this won’t be a project that’s complete in this term. However we’re working to ensure that it moves forward and that the new CGS Administration is able to pick up and keep moving.

I think that concludes my penultimate report as your president. I very much hope that all delegates will attend the meeting on the 31st and stay through it, because while it will likely be lengthy, it will be one of the most important of the year.

As always, thanks for allowing me to serve as your president!

David
Vice President Report

  - Please share any feedback you have with me via e-mail at walterbusch.1
  - Increased student abstract submission from 417 (2016) to 441 (2017) by 5%
  - Increased volunteer judges 56 (2016) to 136 (2017) by 58%
  - Here is the link for photos from the event: http://www.ohiounionphotos.org/Student-Organizations/Student-Org-Events-2017/Hayes-Graduate-Research-Forum/
  - Thank you to everyone who attended, presented, volunteered. A special thank you to Dean Herness and the Graduate School, the Office of Research, Student Life Marketing, Student Life Events, and the wonderful advisors, Renee and Kerry.

- In order to make proper placements for next year committees, we are looking for feedback about your committee work. Please fill out the following form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeey2ddBdQkzELP_SlyHrfb7nqIJJwlPpK8Nuc0Tb-DGeO4A/viewform

- If you have not gotten a copy of your headshot, please send me an e-mail at walterbusch.1 and I will send you the link for the images.

- Thank you for your help regarding apportionment. With the final proposal passed we have 135 delegate seats for the 2017-18 academic year. In addition, only a few name changes and unit of representation changes were made:
  - **Unit of Representation Changes:**
    - Chemical Physics and Chemistry combined into Chemistry; Chemical Physics Preventative Medicine combined into Public Health
  - **Name Changes:**
    - Industrial Design to Design East Asian Languages to East Asian Languages and Literature
    - Integrated Biomedical to Biomedical Sciences Graduate

- **Delegate Elections** are coming soon. Please see the timeline below. 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
  - March 27, 2017 - Nominations open
  - April 7, 2017 - Nominations closed
  - April 14, 2017 - Voting Open. Voting for Delegates occurs online. Students are only able to vote for the delegate in their academic area.
  - April 21, 2017 - Voting Closed
  - April 28, 2017 - Positions Announced

- **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
  - March 20, 2017 - Nominations Open
  - April 7, 2017 - Nominations Close
April 21st, 2017 - Elections at CGS Meeting. Voting for Senators occurs in person and each delegate has a vote.

- I am open to any and all feedback you have about the Hayes or CGS as a whole. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Feel free to e-mail me or set up a meeting with me at walterbusch.1
## Council of Graduate Students
### Account Balances - Budget vs. Actual
#### July 1 through February 28, 2017

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| 3510 International Concerns   | 1,078.75         | 3,275.00 |
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ISCC March report

ISCC has the following to share:
1. Please help promote the career info and workshop event (flyer attached)
   Please join us at **Career Info and Workshop for International Students** in navigating challenges in job searches in the midst of current sociopolitical situations and learn valuable tips from the experts!

   **Invited Speakers:**
   - Stephen Singer - Fisher College of Business
   - Jacqui Hoke & Vian Saggio - Buckeye Careers Network
   - Amanda Yusko - Office of International Affairs

   **When:** Monday, April 3rd, 1 - 2.30 pm (registration starts 12.30 pm)
   **Where:** Senate Chamber Room, Ohio Union

   **RSVP:** [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HgTSZW](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HgTSZW)

   Lunch is provided -- Space is limited!

2. Please disseminate the legal info about **driving in Ohio** ISCC has been advocating for in the past year to educate the international students on the matter and help them be safer on the road (flyer attached)

3. The next meeting of **WPIEISS (Working Partnership for Intercultural Education and International Student Success)** is **March 31 from 2-3 pm (location TBD)**

4. We have Rich Nagle of OCIO responding to our proposal to establish a procedure of preferred last name.
   We are scheduling the first meeting with him on the week of 3/27.
   More info forthcoming.
IT IS ILLEGAL TO DRIVE WITHOUT:

- A VALID OHIO-ISSUED DRIVER’S LICENSE
- PROOF OF AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE
- PROOF OF THE CAR’S REGISTRATION
- VALID LICENSE PLATES

(International Student Handbook, p. 30)

A space for practice driving is available on campus. To use this facility, you need to get a weekend pass to ensure full compliance with the Ohio laws.

Contact OIA for more information: Enarson Classroom Bld 1st Fl.
(614) 292 6101
CAREER INFO AND WORKSHOP FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Join us in navigating challenges in job searching in the midst of current sociopolitical situations and learn valuable tips from the experts!

A Career Management Perspective on Effective Career Searches

Stephen Singer
Director, Career Management & Corporate Relations
Fisher College of Business

Available Career Resources Supporting Graduate/Professional Students

Jacqui Hoke
Career Counselor, Career Counseling & Support Services

Vian Saggio
Buckeye Internship Assistant Director

Immigration Considerations for International Students Seeking Employment

Amanda Yusko
Program Manager, Student and Scholar Services (OIA)

Monday, April 3, 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm
Senate Chamber Room, Ohio Union, 2nd floor
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