



Present: Omotayo Adeeko, Khaled Altabtbaei, Rachel Bican (alt), Alec Clott, Emma Cobb, Leah Demko, Elliot Dhuey, Ehsan Estiri, Jim Evans, Julie Faieta, Brandon Free, Jahmour Givans, Kevin Ingles, Nariman Laal Dehghani, Carly LaRosa, Stephen Lo, Madeleine Lomax-Vogt, Cesar Lopez-Gemelli, Eric Loria (alt), Julius Metcalf, Rohit Mukherjee, Kate Ormiston, Alejandro Otero Bravo, Christopher Pierce, Conner Sarich, Lena Schreiber, Matthew Sermersheim (alt), Utkarsh Shah, Kelsy Steele, Symon Stevens-Guille (alt), Kyle Sullivan (alt), Blake Szkoda, Leo Tchorowski, Alexandra Tuggle, James Uanhoro, Sarah Walton, Christopher Wiegman, Soroush Zamanian, Marcus Ziemann

Absent: Selasi Attipoe, Om Prakash Bedant, Mark Boyce, Eric Brinkman, Roxana Buda, Emily Callahan, Quichang Cao, Joseph Chambers, Yu-chun Chang, Mercedes Chavez, Vinay Chauhan, Alyssa Chrisman, Adam Chupp, Hannah Dahlberg-Dodd, Robert Dahlberg-Sears, Steven Dalglish, Jenn Dane, Elizabeth De Luca, Prutha Deshpande, Zaynab Diallo, Adrienne Ditommaso, Isabel Emanuel, Steph Fanelli, Kathrin Frenzel, Bethany Frick, Kayla Gantt, Laurene Glimois, Nlingi Habana, Tasha Henderson, Mary Hill, Kathryn Holt, Audrey Hungerpiller, Neethi Johnson, Marjorie Kelley, Katherine Kieninger, Elizabeth Klainot-Hess, Pouya Kousha, Justin Kuric, Nickolaus Larsen, Erica Law, Christopher Loiewski, Nicolas Lugo, Soumik Mandal, Becky Mayse, Samantha McWhorter, Aaron Murnan, Emily Nordquist, Alexandra Nowak, Tricia Oyster, Erin Panczyk, Christopher Phelps, Alexander Podczewinski, Jamie Rausch, Linzey Rice, Jack Rooney, Christopher Riley, Cole Robertson, Michael Schwartz, Prashant Serai, Melika Shahhosseini, Yibo Shao, Shruthi Shetty, Ryan Slechta, Nithya Sivashankar, Amanda Smith, Sundeep Siripurapu, John Stegall, Caitlyn Trevor, Eunice Uhm, Aparna Unnikrishnan, Vibhuti Wadhwa, Matthew White, Joshua Williams, Yu-Lun Wu

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

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. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. Minutes from April 12, 2019

- 3.1.1. Ziemann.2 motioned to approve the minutes.
3.1.2. Metcalf.221 seconded the motion.
3.1.3. Minutes approved.

4. OFFICER INTRODUCTIONS (as submitted in Delegate Meeting Packet)

4.1 President

- 4.1.1. Post.144 thanks the current delegates for their service and informs attendees that we are in the process of transiting to the new executive committee board. Last year's committee has been very helpful in this transition.

4.2 Vice President

- 4.1.2. Bauman.193 will be working with committees and elections. She would like to work on improving engagement within the delegate body.

4.3 Parliamentarian

- 4.1.3. Khamees.5 is here to make sure that we are following all the rules and laws of CGS.

4.4 Treasurer

- 4.1.4. Haynes.242 has been working with outgoing treasurer Gumper.1 to learn the role- they are currently finishing up judging for the latest funding cycle of the Ray Travel Award.

4.5 Secretary

- 4.1.5. Light.109 has been working with outgoing secretary Torma.9 to complete the judging for the current cycle of the Career Development Grant.

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

5.1. None.

6. Delegate Concerns

6.1. Loria.3 and Tchorowski.1 report that their department (Electrical & Computer Engineering) has a consistent problem with IT, lack of training with ITAR, clarity about what can be and cannot be sent over email, etc.

- Wiegmann.3 suggests that they check for some training on Buckeye Learn as a place to begin.

6.2 Lomax-Vogt.2 says that she is one of three people running for three delegate spots in her department (Chemistry) but was not elected. Another candidate received 2 emails.

- Gumper.1 motions that the elections committee investigate this error.
- Motion passes.

6.3 Laal Dehghani.1 says that the reimbursement process for the delegate outreach grant is too lengthy- takes about 4 months.

- Gumpfer.1 suggests that this person should reach out to her and also Teresa Kempton-Dray to try to figure out what happened so that Haynes.242 can address this issue moving forward.
- Wiegmann.3 says that one problem may be the service center for the department that is slowing down the process.
- Adeeko.5 had a similar issue and wonders if it is possible to get a CGS P-Card to avoid the reimbursement problem. Haynes.242 says that he thinks that you must be a university employee with extensive training in order to use a P-card.
- Post.144 reiterates that this is something we need to address in the future.

6.4 Uanhoro.1 asks for information about the process by which the stipend increases are decided.

- Post.144 says that he is involved in this process and reports that there is concern that stipends are too low and a process is being implemented to make this more transparent and a cooperative.
- Szkoda.1 says that we should wait until the final report from this year is published before taking any action.

6.5 Uanhoro.1 wants to know what will be addressed by the new committee for families (Housing & Family Affairs) and whether an external committee on this topic already exists.

- Post says that this new committee was needed to address the over-burden of the Grad Student Affairs Committee and if an external committee is warranted, that will be considered.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1. An Act Establishing the 2019-20 CGS Standing Committees (ACT 1920-SU-001)

7.1.1. Post.144 presents the new list of CGS Standing Committees for the coming year. Government Affairs has been moved out of Government Relations to align more closely with the university organization. Safety was added to Health & Wellness to move it from under the purview of Grad Student Affairs Committee. Lots of issues will be relevant this year for families and this prediction warranted the creation of a new committee to address this. External collaborations committee will work on increasing CGS collaboration with other organizations on campus and at the national level like NAGPS. This may also include a liaison program with other organizations. Marketing & Outreach replaces Marketing & Communication to emphasize the important of outreach across campus.

7.1.2. **There are no questions or discussion points to address.**

7.1.3. Metcalf.221 moves to vote on the act.

7.1.4. Lorai.3 seconds.

7.1.5. Act is approved.

7.2. An Act Establishing CGS Meeting Dates 2019-20 (ACT 1920-SU-002)

7.2.1. Post.11 presents meeting dates to align with University Senate Calendar so that we can move any relevant resolutions university wide. Act lists meeting time at 4:00pm instead of 3:30pm to accommodate delegates with more restrictive schedules. 3:30-4pm may serve as an open forum time to discuss any concerns that do not need to see the full floor.

7.2.2. **Questions:**

- Wiegmann.3 asks whether the end time will now be 6:00pm instead of 5:30pm. Metcalf.221 suggests Mondays as an alternate meeting day. Post.144 says that because the meetings has always been Friday, they should remain on Friday

7.2.3. Ingles.27 moves to discuss the act.

7.2.4. **Discussion:**

- Pierce.508 mentions that even 3:30pm meetings have dragged on to 6:30pm.
- Wiegmann.3 suggests that important things should be placed later in the meeting so that those can attended by everyone, even those who struggle to commute and arrive on time.
- Szkoda.1 suggests that a 6:00pm hard stop be implemented but Pierce.508 says that we should not just cut off important discussions.
- Hodak.2 mentions that Friday afternoons are the best because they are fewer classes, seminar, and other academic conflicts.
- Uanhoro.1 points out that agenda rearrangements might not be possible and still follow Robert's Rules.
- Clott.1 mentions that incoming delegates are already expecting Friday afternoon meetings.
- Shah.1285 says that he likes this move because it gives people more time to get work done in the afternoons.
- Demko.17 asks how long this 3:30pm start time has been in place and the answer, provided by Hodak.2, is since 2001.
- Post.144 explains that he would still like to use the half hour from 3:30-4:00pm for invited speakers or delegate concerns with formal business beginning at 4:00pm.
- Faieta.7 says that it might look bad to have poor attendance at a 3:30pm speaker and that these speakers may be of wide interest to all delegates.
- Wiegmann.3 says that as we have all chosen to represent our peers and we should try to stay fresh with an earlier start time.

7.2.5. Gumper.1 moves to vote on act as written.

7.2.6. Szkoda.1 seconds.

7.2.7. Act does not pass.

7.2.8. Pierce.508 moves to reconsider the act.

7.2.9. Demko.17 seconds.

7.2.10. Motion proposed to amend the act to list all meeting start times at 3:30pm instead of 4:00pm.

7.2.11. Motion passes, act is amended.

7.2.12. Metcalf.221 moves to vote on the act.

7.2.13. Ingles.27 seconds.

7.2.14. Act passes.

7.3. A Resolution Regarding Sustainable Food Choices at CGS Delegate Meetings (RES 1920-SU-003)

7.3.1. Pierce.508 describes that SERC would like to mitigate CGS's environmental impact by replacing full meal service at delegate meetings with a coffee hour and light refreshments.

7.3.2. **Questions:**

- Metcalf.221 wants to know if there will be cookies- Pierce.508 says that they are snacks so, probably.
- Questions are asked about which foods are the worst in terms of environmental impact. SERC members clarify that generally all kinds of meat are the worst offenders.
- Clott.1 mentions that most food is thrown away by University Catering and asks if we can simply prevent this from happening by distributing it in takeout containers. Pierce.508 clarifies that per Union policy, food cannot be donated or taken out of the Union.
- Questions are asked about simply reducing the amount of food. Hodak.2 mentions that this is tough because we do not know what attendance will be at any meeting. The current policy is to order for 50% of expected people. The minimum number of people to order for to get this buffet-style service is 25 or 30 but if you do this, food may run out before all delegates have arrived. Food may encourage delegates to be more involved. SERC has tried to correlate attendance with ordering but that was unsuccessful. Possible to move from buffet style meals to sandwiches instead but this will not fall under the 30% discount that we currently get. Haynes.242 mentions that we may want to meet with Larry Moore (catering at the Union) to get some ideas to address this issue.

- Shah.1285 points out that we are not trying to take away food from delegates, we just want to stop wasting so much food.
 - Post.144 mentions that the meetings may be moved from the Union because we have outgrown the space so in the future, we may not even have to deal with Union Catering.
- 7.3.3. Altabtbaei.1 moves that we table this discussion until next meeting when the location of meetings has been set.
- 7.3.4. Estiri.1 seconds.
- 7.3.5. Motion to vote on moving discussion to June delegate meeting.
- 7.3.6. Motion fails.
- 7.3.7. Metcalf.221 moves to discuss the act.
- 7.3.8. Pierce.508 seconds.
- 7.3.9. **Discussion:**
- Seicol.1 suggests that this resolution should be split to become less complicated and address the issues of food ordering and CGS's environmental impact separately.
Larosa .15 clarifies that it would be almost impossible to disentangle these issues.
- 7.3.10. Motion to amend the last line of the resolution to say, "THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Council of Graduate students provide light snacks, coffee, and refreshments at delegate meetings in lieu of full meal service provided that the meeting is held at the Ohio Union."
- 7.3.11. Motion is seconded.
- 7.3.12. Motion passes.
- 7.3.13. Hodak.2 clarifies that food has already been ordered for the June meeting but the order can be altered.
- 7.3.14. Metcalf.221 moves to vote on the amended act.
- 7.3.15. Motion is seconded.
- 7.3.16. Resolution passes.

7.4. A Resolution Supporting the Study of the Unique Challenges and Barriers Experienced by Graduate Students Who Are Parents (RES 1920 SU-004)

7.4.1. Questions:

- Clott.1 asks why the resolution asks for a survey rather than something more actionable like a task force. Uanhoro.1 says that is a larger issue and ideally, this eventually would become a task force.

7.4.2. No discussion.

7.4.3. Gumper.1 moves to vote.

7.4.4. Motion is seconded.

7.4.5. Resolution passes.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

8.1 Senator nominations are open from now until the end of the next meeting. It will remain open if no nominations are received.

8.2 June 7, 2019 – 2nd Summer Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union

8.3 July 19, 2019 – 3rd Summer Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union

9. Meeting adjourned at 4:50pm.