



Council of Graduate Students
The Ohio State University

Delegate Meeting Agenda

Date: November 21, 2014
4th Autumn Delegate Meeting
Location Ohio Union,
Senate Chambers

Ohio Union Rm 2088A | 1739 N. High Street | Columbus, OH 43210 | (614) 292-4380 | cgs@studentlife.osu.edu

1. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 2.1.** Minutes from October 17th Meeting

3. TREASURER ELECTIONS (SEE RESUMES ATTACHED)

- 3.1.** Coy.82 and Bowman.979

4. OFFICER REPORTS (SEE ATTACHED)

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| 4.1 President | Coy.82 |
| 4.2 Vice President | Bowman.979 |
| 4.3 Secretary | Schunn.1 |
| 4.4 Treasurer | Open |
| 4.5 Chief of Staff | Bowers.461 |

5. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS (SEE ATTACHED)

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| 5.1.1. ACADEMIC RELATIONS | HOLOWACZ.1 |
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6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.1.** Any Delegate Issues and Concerns

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 7.1.** Autumn 2014 Semester Meetings and Special Dates

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| 7.1.1. | Friday, December 5 and January 16 Executive Committee, 3:30pm, CGS Office |
| 7.1.2. | Friday, January 30th 1st Spring Delegate Meeting, 3:30pm Union Senate Chambers |

Written Reports for CGS Delegate Meeting 11/21/14

Current as of 9:00 pm 11/14/14

Officer Written Reports

President/Josh Coy.82

- SAGE fall summit
 - o Great experience working with other large land grant universities and sharing best practices. Many valuable discussions were had, and new relationships formed.
 - o The long term SAGE advisor is UT Austin's Legislative Director Ellyn Perrone. Ellyn also was OSU's LD under President Holbrook, and founded the current DC office for OSU, as well as hired our current DC lobbyist. She is very pro-OSU and this is a welcome added bonus to our renewed relationship with SAGE.
 - o Legislative platform for DC will primarily be surrounding Immigration, Student Debt, and Research. The issues surrounding research funding were discussed in detail and will be addressed in any white paper created. Chloe will be helping to draft this portion of the platform.
 - o We expect to pitch OSU as next year's location for the SAGE fall summit, and I have begun reserving rooms for next year (around the Oct 24th weekend) in preparation for this. This would be a great opportunity for many CGS members to get involved with SAGE.
- Highball Halloween
 - o Highball appears to have been a success, all tickets were sold out in advance of the event.
 - o However, due to repeated problems with communication and negotiations with the SNA, it is recommended that neither CGS or OUAB repeat this event for a 3rd year.
- GCBC
 - o I've been working to accumulate the necessary data for the committee and the HR dept is currently compiling this.
 - o Also requested the cost associated with the possible next round of 3 yr increases from assoc Provost Brad Harris. Response was:
 - o "The Graduate School helped with an analysis to answer your question about the cost of implementing an increase to the grad minimum stipend of \$1,500/year for 3 years. The cost is estimated to be \$5.7 million over the three year period.
 - o The incremental cost per year is:

- Year 1 - \$1,179,423
 - Year 2 - \$2,214,435
 - Year 3 - \$2,298,961"
- o This level of cost is quite reasonable and in fact much lower than I expected.
- South Campus Gateway Expansion
 - o Edwards Communities has announced that they are to be the developer for the SCGE. <http://www.columbusunderground.com/edwards-communities-to-develop-south-campus-gateway-expansion>
 - o We had been led to believe that Campus Partners were far from deciding on a developer, but this does not seem to be the case, though no official announcement confirming this developer has come from CP yet.
- Christian Rideout to Speak at 1/30 delegate meeting
 - o She will be discussing career counseling services for graduate students, so please discuss this with your constituents to have questions prepared.
- Call for officers will be at the Feb 27th meeting!
 - o Hard to believe we are this close to the next round of officer elections in March, but we are! Just two meetings away and we will begin accepting nominations. If you or a constituent have any questions about duties, positions available, or any other questions, feel free to reach out to Michael or I.
- Please be sure to read all exec committee notes!
 - o Our exec chairs are working very hard for you and your departments on multiple issues right now. I'm very impressed with the level of commitment and work ethic this year, so please make sure to keep abreast of what is going on and reach out to them for any further info you may need or suggestions.

Vice President/ Michael Bowman.979

- We have two candidates running to fill the position of treasurer--David Bowers, our current Chief of Staff, and Anuj Shah, from Industrial Engineering. Their CVs are included in this meeting packet. Please look over both of them and come ready to ask questions of the candidates at the Delegate meeting.
- The Hayes Forum closed its application period at the end of the day, 14 November. I will update everyone with the results at the meeting. Thank you to all the delegates who hung posters and helped inform your constituents about the Forum.

Secretary/Morgan Schunn.1

- Council of Student Affairs

- o I am the chair for the Issues subcommittee for the council of student affairs. We are looking into safety issues across campus and expect to make a recommendation based on the issues we find. If you or any of your constituents have any safety concerns please let me know and we will look into them and try to get you any pertinent info.
 - The University District Safety Committee meets once per month to discuss safety concerns on campus and the surrounding area. The co-chairs would really like to see more student representation. The committee meets the second Wednesday of every month at 3:30pm at the Lane Ave Residence Hall. Please consider attending so student input can be heard. If you have any questions feel free to email me schunn.1@osu.edu
- Be sure to forward news updates to your departments when I send them out so information gets to all students (look for one once classes get started back up). In order to get these out to your department, try to compile a way to contact your constituents (email, Facebook, talk to your grad chair, etc) if you don't already have a plan.
 - o I plan to at least send out a summary news update after every meeting but will also forward other pertinent info as applicable.

Treasurer/Open

Chief of Staff/David Bowers.461

- Once again, thank you to all delegates who have hosted Outreach events so far! For anyone who's not sure how to go about making a grant request, or who is looking for ideas on what to do for an event, please check out the ideas posted on the Delegate Outreach blog (<https://cgs.osu.edu/blog/delegate-outreach-page/>)
- The recent trip to SAGE Fall meeting in Texas was impressive. By joining SAGE CGS has gained access to a network of highly engaged student advocates from peer institutions across the country. I believe that we will gain much, both in terms of learning others' "best practices," and from group advocacy efforts. On a side note, I returned to campus excited to know that we at Ohio State can be the source of "best practices" for several other institutions. CGS's array of grant opportunities, and the university's dedication to shared governance serve as two examples of our "national" leadership.

Standing Committee Written Reports

Academic Relations, Holowacz.1

- The GTA/GRA/GA survey is in the alpha stages, and is being edited to meet the standards of the executive board.

Arts & Culture, DiFranco.33

- The Arts & Culture Committee is in the midst of organizing two upcoming events for our "Grad Night Out" series: February at the Pizzuti Collection, and Clay Cafe this fall.

Communication & Outreach, Vang.18

- Like and share our Facebook!
 - o <https://www.facebook.com/CouncilOfGraduateStudents>

Diversity & Inclusion, Campbell.1651

- We are going to sponsor an event with a graduate student organization, the Christian Graduate Student Alliance (CGSA), that will likely take place in January. This event will feature an "inter-faith panel" with an open discussion about different faiths, beliefs, and perspectives and their relationship to academia and being a graduate student.
- Graduate student representatives from different perspectives will be on hand as panelists to lead the discussion. Panelists currently include representatives from: CGSA, the Secular Student Alliance, MSA, Hillel, and Seth Josephson from Wake Up Columbus/Buddhist Study and Practice Group. More details will be provided as they become available.
- Kellie Brennan, Compliance Direct and Title IX/Clery Coordinator in the Office of University Compliance and Integrity has reached out regarding the issue of Title IX and pregnancy discrimination. A new law has been passed in California which more strongly prohibits discrimination against pregnant graduate students; this law is the first of its kind in the United States. She is hoping to start a discussion on our campus about developing a similar policy for our graduate students, ahead of any state mandate that may occur in the future. If you are interested in this issue or have any referrals to colleagues or other professionals in the community, please either send this information to me (campbell.1651@osu.edu) or contact Kellie directly at brennan.241@osu.edu.
- We are looking for event and/or programming ideas from graduate students, and would be interested in discussing ways to partner or co-sponsor an event. Please contact me with any ideas or opportunities for programming for the remainder of the academic year.

Governmental Relations, Tull.20

- INTRODUCTION:
- After arriving back from the Student Advocates for Graduate Education (S.A.G.E.) Fall Summit at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas the Governmental Affairs Committee has several national issues to report out regarding. In addition, several other national issues have come to our attention.
- S.A.G.E. ISSUES:
 - o After meeting with our partner universities for three days at A&M, four main issues affecting students emerged as key. They included Indebtness and Taxation; Immigration; Research Funding; and Sexual Assault.
 - o Indebtnenss and taxation affect graduate students on a national level. Currently, those in politics expect an Omnibus bill to pass that will allow for provisions protecting graduate student stipends from unreasonable taxation. An omnibus bill is expected to “provide specific funding levels for federal agencies and programs.” Many anticipate this will serve students better than the passage of a Continuing Resolution (CR), of which the current CR will expire on December 11, 2014.
 - o Immigration exists as an issue for SAGE as it pertains to the STAPLE Act. S.A.G.E. supports the idea that we want foreign-born, but U.S. educated graduate students to stay here upon graduation. This pool of individuals are categorized as possessing “highly skilled labor” and seen as vital to the U.S. economy.
 - o Research Funding is an issue on the agenda for S.A.G.E. In addition, the issue of National Science Foundation (NSF) was discussed at our fall summit. It seems that the contention that proposals in the humanities are being rejected at higher rates does in fact prove correct. The Ohio State University has partnered with Rutgers University and University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill to investigate and look further into research funding in general and how S.A.G.E. can support research and scholarship. Please let me know if you want to be included in this conversation!
 - o Sexual Assault is also an issue that S.A.G.E. is discussing. It is the newest issue added to their list of topics as it pertains to graduate education and graduate student experience.
- NATIONAL ISSUES:
 - o A number of national issues are affecting graduate students, and the main ones include an amendment to the Higher Education Act of 1965 and the addressing of sexual assault by the Department of Education.
 - o The Higher Education Act of 1965 has recently been amended to promote an “accountability framework” in terms of the creation of Gainful Employment Regulations. These regulations seek to increase

transparency in costs of education, student debt, earnings, and completion at nearly all educational establishments.

- o The Department of Education (DOE) has released its final version of its rules governing the prevention and handling of sexual assault. These regulations fall under the Clery Act, the legislation that handles sexual assault on college campuses funded by the DOE.

Graduate Student Housing, Skubic.1

Grants Administration, Sandoval.32

- Career Development Grant:
 - o The application round for spring activities was Nov. 7th. Applicants will hear the results by Dec. 3rd.
 - o The workshops went very well and we got feedback that they were very helpful!
- Global Gateway Grant:
 - o No update other than the workshop (see above).

Health & Wellness, Ruderman.5

- The Battle against Hunger is a month long service and awareness initiative surrounding hunger and food insecurity. There are still some opportunities to get involved before November is over – more info can be found here.
- The ABD II Group is open to those who have passed candidacy. Focus on personal issues that surface while dissertating that impede academic progress. For more information, email Greg Alfred at alfred.34@osu.edu. Check out the Ohio Union's calendar of events for information on other groups available through the Younkin Success Center
- The Ohio Union is hosting the annual Celebrities for Diabetes event on **Tuesday, November 25th**. This fundraiser features dinner, a silent auction, and an autograph session with former Ohio State and Michigan players. In honor of legacy of former Buckeye and Raider football great Jack Tatum, all proceeds go toward diabetes and nutrition education, community detection and outreach, camp and youth programs, social services and urban initiatives. General admission is \$100.
- Want to bring Wellness Workshops to your classroom, organization, or cohort? The Student Life Student Wellness Center offers a variety of wellness presentations aimed to empower students to strive for balance and wellness. From Financial Wellness to Holistic Wellness to Stress Management, the SLSWC can tailor sessions to specific communities, including graduate and

professional students. To view, or schedule, a presentation please visit go.osu.edu/presentations

- o If you have questions, please contact the SLSWC at wellness@osu.edu

International Student Concerns, Anderson.2299

- The committee is meeting with several academic departments to find a solution for the issue that international students, who desire to drive in Ohio and must pass the Ohio driver's test, have no recourse to space for practicing driving (maneuverability) in Ohio state parking lots, as practice driving is banned.
- Public Safety Workshop for International Students...**Monday, Nov. 24**, from 4-6, Ohio Union first floor, Maudine Cow Room...
 - o An Ohio State police officer will give a presentation on safety geared for those who come from different cultural backgrounds. The workshop will also look at some of the English used in common safety situations, and may include role-playing. Q/A Session from international students will follow. All are welcome...
- Night At The Museum... **Jan 23, 2015** Friday Night, made possible by CGS
 - o International students and their families are invited to the Columbus Museum of Art. Having the whole museum to ourselves, enjoy delicious catering, dance and music, and touring Columbus's public art collection. Transportation available hourly. Event completely FREE to attendees. Priority registration to International Students and their families. Information on RSVP, transportation, and time forthcoming.
- Global Engagement Nights
 - o Put on by the Office of International Affairs, these great workshops and discussions take place **every Tuesday** from 6-7 in Oxley Hall 122.
 - o The **11/18** topic will be WELLNESS.
- <http://oia.osu.edu/news/2854-join-the-conversation-with-global-engagement-nights.html>

Senate Advisory, Krygowski.5

SERC, Faze.6

- Ohio State looking to move toward Comprehensive Energy Management:
 - o Leasing Our Energy infrastructure to a private entity that would operate our energy assets.
 - o Energy Conservation Measures: The same partner also would be responsible for funding and accomplishing energy conservation measures campus-wide, providing an opportunity to make significant gains toward Ohio State's aggressive sustainability goals.

- o Energy Supply: This partner would use its industry expertise and Ohio State's purchase power as one of the single largest utility customers in the state of Ohio to get the best deal on purchasing our energy supply in the long-term.
- o Affinity: The university also would investigate opportunities with this partner to attract funding to bring students to Ohio State and provide scholarships and internships, as well as opportunities for funding research and collaboration with faculty and students.
- o The first step in this process would be to Issue a Request for Qualification (RFQ), by the University. All RFQ's will be evaluated by the Presidents and Provost's Council on Sustainability to ensure all key stakeholders are being represented. University is going to keep key stakeholders involved in this process by ensuring that all information is released in a timely manner as deemed appropriate.

University Area Commission, Odden.2

- Public comment period for the University District Plan is over. UAC votes in December. Send any feedback to Colin Odden.2 by 5pm on December 1.
- UAC will consider writing a letter of support for a Clintonville-area plastic bag ban.

University Research Council, Yuan.125

- October meeting:
 - o Had presentations from IACUC and Environmental Health & Safety

Ad Hoc on Childcare, Gambrel.15

- We are formatting the information we have gathered into a more consistent and useful form.
- We are considering ways to ensure the information is kept up-to-date in the future.



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- 2.1. Minutes from September 19th Meeting, approved

3. GUEST SPEAKER, JOSH SADVARI.1, RESEARCH COMMONS

- 3.1. Manager of the developing research commons, PhD Student
- 3.2. Coming in targeted to and for graduate students
- 3.3. Graduate students don't feel there are places on campus dedicated to graduate students to use for research, this will be that place
- 3.4. Research commons allows different disciplines or departments to come together and work together and network and just learn from each other
- 3.5. library.osu.edu/researchcommons
- 3.6. researchcommons@osu.edu
- 3.7. Josh is open to come to any department to talk about the commons and get feedback
- 3.8. Sandoval.32- where will the consultants come from? Josh- There will be existing faculty and staff from library as well as additional staff hired. Also partnering with other groups/offices (office of research, IRB, etc)
- 3.9. DiFranco.3- How do you make an appointment? Josh- Ultimately most will be done through the website once the space is open. Consultations can happen in or outside of the space
- 3.10. Space set to open in January, 2016. Site is already open and there are already websites
- 3.11. Anderson.2299- Where will space be? Josh- 3rd floor of the 18th Ave Library
Anderson.2299- It is reserved for graduate students? Josh- No but that is who we are targeting. Anyone would be able to come in and get research space
- 3.12. Delegate- Are you guys collaborating with UCAT? Josh- We aren't at the moment because what we are focusing on is different but there is possible collaboration

3.13.Wedin.1- Research isn't the same across disciplines. How will it be general for all types of research? Josh- it is not exclusive to any area. There are some areas that are developing for some areas that don't have adequate support. We might have specific targeted programs eventually but that will depend on the interest of the departments

3.14.Odden.2- You can provide some resources that aren't available at the department level. You can assess the need and maybe you can't meet all the needs, maybe you can pull from the resources from the graduate students to help run workshops and groups Josh- Yes I left that out. The groups might not be run by staff but rather could be run by experienced graduate students. So if any of you are specialists and want to let me know then I can contact you about opportunities

3.15. Oti.4- Are you familiar with the steam factory- Josh- yes we are working with them to collaborate and possibly offer some of the same programs

3.16. Schunn.1- What will the space look like? Josh- the workshop space will only be set up that way all the time, but will be configured as study areas the rest of the time. There will group study rooms, conversation areas, dedicated work areas

3.17.Delegate- Thompson Library offers storage space. Could there be locker space there? Josh- we are thinking about building in locker space in group rooms or something like that

3.18. Anderson.2299- What is in the space now Josh- there is some empty area that used to be the digital union. The rest is nonquiet study area

3.19.Delegate- How is this different from other spaces like in Thompson? Josh- It is different because it is focused on research related services. It brings people who are not in the libraries into the spaces. You can be confident that people in there are working on things that are similar to yours. There will also be technology offered that isn't available other places. Can test out new programs to get a gauge of the demand for these programs. Delegate- How are you going to police this. Josh- The welcome desk will help with this by asking them what they are there for. Getting the mentality in place early on

3.20.Delegate- 18th Ave is open for 24 hours, what will this be open. Josh- We are looking to see what times it should be open for research. Off hours will be open to other people

3.21.Wedin.1- When you talk about it it sounds like you want people to be able to overhear conversations and be able to start conversations and connect with others when there is a lot of quiet space? Josh- it depends on what is going on in the space that day. Workshops and other things will be conducive to this collaboration and conversations.

3.22. Coy.82- Make sure to go back to your departments and get feedback. Let's get back together in the spring and talk through some of these things

4. OFFICER REPORTS (SEE ATTACHED)

4.1 President

Coy.82

4.1.1 Morgan Cichon (treasurer last year) will be interim for the month.

4.1.2 About David Rochman- There is not much I can tell you about that right now because there is an ongoing investigation. Hopefully we

will be able to talk about it in the next month or two following the investigation

4.2 Vice President

Bowman.979

- 4.2.1 We have posters for the Hayes Forum. Please grab one or two to put up in your department.
- 4.2.2 We held the first grants workshop yesterday. It went well. The second one will be next week.
- 4.2.3 Our treasurer position is now open so we need to have an emergency election. Nominations will open today. The election will be held at the next delegate meeting.
- 4.2.4 Are there any nominations. Bowers.461 nominates himself.
- 4.2.5 Holmes.190- Hayes Forum- People do not understand the rubric that is used by the judges. So when they get acceptance or rejection to understand what the score means Bowman.979- sometimes the feedback is not useful. We will work to make the feedback more useful.
- 4.2.6 Hammil.14- Has it been sent out? Bowman.979 we have been sending out to departments and out to newsletters that get to graduate students. Schunn.1- An email about Hayes went to all graduate studnets.
- 4.2.7 Rhamish.15- I didn't any emails Schunn.1- Please email me.
- 4.2.8 Kelley- Why is the rubric not available? A lot of places the rubric is available.

4.3 Secretary

Schunn.1

- 4.3.1 Sending out emails. Please let me know if you don't get them so I can make sure you are added. I will be sending my next one out Sunday or Monday so please look for it.
- 4.3.2 Check the website for updates and events in between emails. There are always things there you can share with your departments.

4.4 Treasurer

Open

4.5 Chief of Staff

Bowers.461

- 4.5.1 Remember to keep hosting delegate events and apply for the delegate outreach grant.

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6.1.1.Coy.82- HighBall wristbands are available down in the lobby. You can get two. Please let me know what it is like this year.

6.1.2.Difranco.33- Have had issues with the library losing books that you either return or never get delivered. There is no process in place to fight it

6.1.2.1.Odden.2- Craig? does advocacy for the library. You can sometimes get it off the shelf or just make sure to get a receipt when you return it. We can bring this issue to Cotalit.

6.1.2.2.Oti.4- Issue brought to me by a graduate student- The leader of the house committee has decided he will look into NSF grants and decide as worthy. A lot of the social sciences are being deemed frivolous. He is sending people to look into the grants. This is foregoing the grant proposal process.

6.1.2.2.1.Showalter.53- There is such a low funding rate in general. Is there any proof?

6.1.2.2.2.Oti.4- There is a quote that the SBS are not in the national interest

6.1.2.2.3.Odden.2- Is there a committee that can handle this? We could put it to committee and get something written up

6.1.2.2.4.Coy.82- We're setting up a meeting with Amy Baker so we can bring it up. We will be at SAGE and see if we can address it as a group

6.1.2.2.5.Delegate- Who is the senator? Oti.4- Lemar Smith

6.1.2.2.6.Nugent.40- Anthropology has been reviewed a lot by the senator. Some have written the senators to express concerns. Coy.82- If you are in Columbus it's Joyce

6.1.2.2.7.Anderson.2299- We should get more research into this before we move on it. This gets pulled out every election cycle.

6.1.2.2.8.Eismen.21- There is only one deadline for some ABSA does a lot of advocacy on this issue.

6.1.2.2.9.Coy.82 – we will send it to committee and talk at sage

6.1.3.Sandoval.32- Have you looked into the issue of the number of undergrads working in the office? Coy.82- They want me to go talk to them. We talked to HR about that. Want us to go straight to student services.

6.1.4.Diamond.135- issue in department- students on a GA appointment are automatically enrolled in OPERS. They don't really say anything. You can't really get out of it until the next year.

6.1.4.1.Difranco.33- one way to help your department is to have a financial representative come in and explain this to your department. You can contact them and have it all given back or moved to another account.

6.1.4.2.Wanske.1- Someone was told that you cannot get your money back until you are not employed for a full 12 months. But then you might not get it for 5 years or so.

6.1.4.3.Diamond.135- They don't want to be automatically enrolled.

6.1.4.4.Hamilton.879- Had this issue happen to me and our person was able to get money back and unenrolled.

6.1.4.5.Ramsden.2- I went to Ohio State for undergrad- You can get your money back 6 months and you are not automatically enrolled every year.

6.1.4.6.Ramesh.15- How much does it match?

6.1.4.7.Cichon- if you come on a fellowship then you are never told.

6.1.4.8.Gambrel.15- I was enrolled for a time then I became unenrolled. But I had been contributing for a number months there is a penalty you pay if you are not so much invested with them. So you would lose some of that money each month or year until no longer associated with the university

6.1.4.9.Munnelly.3- There is a form that you filled out your paperwork to unenroll.

6.1.4.10.Kahn,130- Refer to a committee- Seconded. Referred to academic relations. All in favor, nobody opposed

6.1.5. No more issues.

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President/Josh Coy.82

- Treasurer David Rochman has resigned from his position.
 - Michael will update all on the coming elections procedures to fill his vacancy.
- Our esteemed advisor, Kerry Hodak, is back from maternity leave.
 - Great to have Kerry back!
- The Career Center is putting on a grad school expo on October 21st that CGS is cosponsoring. If you are interested in helping out, contact me.
- Highball wrist bands are now available! Students are able to receive 2, but must specify the days you want to attend. So, you can get two for either Friday or Saturday, or one for each. I will be out of town for the event this year, so would welcome hearing opinions from those of you that do attend.
- Michael and I met with the Provost and HR offices.
 - The Provost indicated that the primary support for increases in grad stipends recommended by GCBC would come first from the Graduate School. Meetings are being scheduled for Michael and I to meet with Dean Osmer shortly.
 - GCBC is to meet for a rescheduled first meeting on 10/17. I look forward to hearing from the new chair and discussing their plan for this year.
 - HR meeting was informative. They consider the parental leave “generous” and do not support an increase in paid leave for adoptive parents for faculty/staff. They seemed willing to consider additional unpaid leave for graduate students, likely due to the low cost of such a policy change, as well as the reasonable argument that funded graduate students do not have vacation or sick time to pull from.
 - I spoke with Dr. Drake about our request and he was going to discuss with HR directly himself.
 - There is a possibility that HR will want more benchmarking data, and if that becomes the case, I intend to request that GCBC take this issue on more directly, since this issue should fall under their purview as a benefit if the discussion continues any further.
 - The discrepancy between the actual policy and what has been reported to The Dave Thomas Foundation has been corrected as a result of CGS pointing it out.

- SAGE Conference will take place Oct 23rd-26th in College Park, TX. CGS members attending are Josh, David B, and Chloe. We look forward to reporting back on the trip and helping the governmental relations committee fine tune their goals for this year.
- 5hr requirement issue for GTAs. This issue may better be informed after we have more survey data, but I have asked the depts affected to first discuss amongst their local student orgs regarding what specific issues they have. It is important to remember that employment in Ohio is “at will” so you can be required to carry other duties if you are not working a full 20 hrs from your primary assignment. However, there are issues of how the determination that teaching one class equals 15hrs, and the equity of the way in which assignments with different levels of effort are distributed. On the other side, students must also be able to show that it actually does take 20 hrs to teach a class if they are going to argue against an additional 5 hr requirement. More as this develops.
- I will be advocating for a change in the student code of conduct to include affirmative consent. This is in the beginning stages of development, but Dr. Drake approved of such a path, and I hope to involve all student governments in this effort.

Vice President/ Michael Bowman.979

- Remember to promote the Hayes Forum among your constituents. I hope to have posters printed soon and request delegates take one or more to hang up in their departments.

Secretary/Morgan Schunn.1

- Attendance at meetings is crucial to serve as a representative for your colleges. If for some reason you cannot attend a meeting, you are expected to try to find an alternate from your college to attend in your place and notify of this.
- Send me events for the blog and events calendar.
- Be sure to forward news updates to your departments when I send them out so information gets to all students (look for one once classes get started back up). In order to get these out to your department, try to compile a way to contact your constituents (email, facebook, talk to your grad chair, etc) if you don't already have a plan.
 - I plan to at least send out a summary news update after every meeting but will also forward other pertinent info as applicable.

Treasurer/Open

Chief of Staff/David Bowers.461

- THANK YOU to the delegates who have held Delegate Outreach events with your constituent programs.
- Also thanks to those who have posted reports about their events on the Delegate Outreach Blog--there's good info in those posts if you're thinking about holding an event and are wondering what to do!

Standing Committee Written Reports

Academic Relations, Holowacz.1

- The GTA/GRA/GA survey is in the alpha stages, and is being edited to meet the standards of the executive board.

Arts & Culture, DiFranco.33

- Members are working towards a comprehensive University and Community Arts & Culture calendar; will be contacting Student Life, and Greater Columbus Arts Council.
- Also currently organizing graduate networking events at including local art space, Pizzuti collection, and a performance and research exhibition opportunity at the Dublin Arts Council.

Communication & Outreach, Vang.18

Diversity & Inclusion, Campbell.1651

- We had our first event of the year on 10/6 – the Graduate Student Welcome & Networking Night; 38 graduate students attended and we received great feedback. Several students made a point to thank us for having the event and asked that other networking-type events be put on in the future.
 - We will be sending out a follow-up survey/email to these students to solicit more feedback and information about what specific programming they would like to see in the future.
- A couple of events are in the works for later this semester; look for updates on the committee blog and the CGS website. More information will be shared when it becomes available.
- If you have any ideas for a programming or events on campus, or would like to talk about partnering with our committee, please contact Tori Campbell (campbell.1651).

Governmental Relations, Tull.20

- The Governmental Affairs Committee will hold its 2nd meeting of the semester on Friday, October 10th at 3:30 p.m. in the CGS offices.

- Governmental Affairs is in a bit of a holding pattern due to elections
- Attending S.A.G.E. October 23-26th at Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas will likely inform what Governmental Affairs works on for the rest of the year
- Our current focus includes internal policy with CGS, including:
 - Standing Rules
 - Attendance Policy for Senators
 - Research Funding for OSU

Graduate Student Housing, Skubic.1

Grants Administration, Sandoval.32

- Career Development Grant
 - The application is now open for the next round of applications, due by Nov. 7th.
 - The funding period is: January 12, 2014 – June 5, 2014 (spring semester).
 - FYI: You may apply for an event before you have received confirmation about your acceptance or participation.
 - Please note that as of August 2014, food is no longer an eligible expense. This decision came from the office since students wouldn't follow the rules regarding eligible food expenses, and because the receipts didn't always specify that the locations were in transportation centers per the guidelines. This also aligns with the purpose of the grant more, which is to support professional activities. Few people actually submitted food expenses.
 - There were some slight IT problems with the online application in the last round, the second time we used the site. I communicated with the IT department and they don't anticipate further glitches. However, if you or your constituents have problems with the site on this round, please let me know ASAP since the CDG does have a hard deadline. Though the system will accept applications until 11:59pm on Nov. 7th, please encourage your constituents to apply by Nov. 6th (most of the problems occurred on the last day last time, but fortunately it was clear that they had uploaded their application).
- The demand for the grants workshop exceeded the space limitations of the room so we added a second workshop on Oct. 23rd, which will also be filled to capacity.
 - At this meeting, we will report on the workshop on Oct. 16th.

- Thank you to Mao and Morgan for putting the word out there so quickly through social media: we filled up in record time!
- Global Gateway Grant:
 - No update other than the workshop (see above)

Health & Wellness, Ruderman.5

- Online Wellness Assessment Launches!
 - Learn about your WELLNESS and the resources available to you! Take the new online Wellness Assessment during the month of October, and be entered to win a pair of Beats.
 - Just go to go.osu.edu/wa and find out where you stand in the nine dimensions of WELLNESS.
 - Get the knowledge to be your best because how you live your life today matters

International Student Concerns, Anderson.2299

- OSU Wilce Student Health Center provides a variety of vaccinations to students. The cost of many of them are covered by comprehensive student insurance plan.
 - Flu Shots are available now at the Wilce Pharmacy without appointment (open 8:30-4 daily).
 - Also, mass flu shot vaccinations will happen at the RPAC on Oct 9, 15, and 23 from 2-5 p.m. Flu shots are covered with the student insurance.
- Grad/ Prof Students and Families can enjoy Family Fun Day (Pumpkin Painting and Crafts) at Buckeye Village--- sponsored by OUAB! Soon... **Oct 11, 2014.**
 - This is a great event for international students and their families. Cost is free, but RSVP required. See OSU OUAB Website:
<http://ouab.osu.edu/>
- Calling Native English Speakers....The Office of International Affairs is looking for domestic grad/ prof students to be paired with international grad/ prof students in their English Conversation Partners. Not too late... program participants will receive a certificate in cross-cultural communication, in addition to new international friendships. See OIA website:
<http://oia.osu.edu/workshops-and-events/english-conversation-partners.html>
- Details forthcoming about a night at the Columbus Museum of Art and Personal Safety Workshop for international students.
- Brown bag session: "Finding a job in the professoriate": Dr. Adrian Rodgers from the College of Education will lead this talk on Thurs, 10/16/14 at 3-5 pm in Arps Hall 060.

Senate Advisory, Krygowski.5

SERC, Faze.6

- Interested in learning more about OSU's sustainability initiatives? Join SERC in collaboration with FCOB Net Impact to hear from representatives from the Office of Energy and Environment, Student Life and the Office of Energy Services and Sustainability on November 13. Information regarding the location and time will be announced to all graduate students soon.

University Area Commission, Odden.2

- University District Plan review process is ongoing. University Area Commission is expected to vote Wednesday, November 19, but discussions will be held at the October 15 and November 3 meetings. The Plan will dramatically affect the residential, commercial and infrastructure conditions and options available in the areas adjacent to campus.
 - Graduate students are generally underrepresented in these discussions -- your attendance and feedback are welcome.

University Research Council, Yuan.125

Ad Hoc on Childcare, Gambrel.15