

CGS Delegate Package September 2016

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Council of Graduate Students
The Ohio State University

Delegate Meeting Agenda

Date: Sept 30, 2016

2nd Fall 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. 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.

1.2. From the CGS CODE OF ETHICS

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1. Minutes from August Meeting

3. OFFICER REPORTS

4.1 President (As submitted in meeting packet)

4.2 Vice President

4.3 Treasurer

4.4 Chief of Staff

4. GUEST SPEAKERS

4.1. OSU Chief of Police, Craig Stone

4.2. UCAT, Dr. Jessica L. Riviere

5. OLD BUSINESS

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. Proposed Resolution:

6.1.1. Act 1617-FA-001 An Act Adding a Representative from GCBC to CGS Exec Comm.

6.2. Delegate Issues and Concerns

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.1. October Meeting: 28th 3:30 PM Ohio Union Senate Chambers.

Senior VP for Student Life, Dr. Javaune Adams-Gaston "Dr. J.", will be addressing the delegate body.



President Bowers.461 called the meeting to order at 3:33 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 June meeting were presented and was approved without objection.

Senate Elections

There were 9 Applicants and two of them withdrew prior to the election. All candidates were contesting for the two open positions regardless of their College. They spoke alphabetically.

Bhuyan
Dodd
Hayens
Lopez
Messer

(The above 5 were not present for the election and neither did they send out their speech)

Kerry Hodak explained about the absence and clarified that the absence was not because of lack of communication.

Perkins.442 – Phd Candidate in Molecular Biology. Running for Biological sciences open seat. She is from Nevada and did her undergrad from ASU in biological sciences. Joined OSU in 2013. She has taken on several leadership roles to broaden her horizon and increase diversity. She served as the President of the student group in the department. Been a member of CGS for a year. Served on Ray travel award and student leadership award committee. Taught science in local middle and elementary schools. Would like to be a voice for the grad students.
Interested in GCBC, COAM, CSA.

Rawat.26- From India. Travelling across the world – father in merchant navy. Has experience in fundraising for cancer drives, counselling for youths. Has done her undergrad in engineering and is pursuing masters in HR. Has a good understanding of STEM and business. President Drake's 2020 vision resembles that of her own.

Wan.96- 6th year grad student in molecular genetics. Was there for the meeting even though he was not a member for the past year. He is from China. Served on the organization committee during undergrad. Doesn't have much leadership experience in OSU and hence wants to apply.

15 minutes Q and A –

Velez.71- Elaborate your experience with student life. How will you juggle the duties of senator and personal life?

Wan.96 – During undergrad – served 4 years for student life – VP for class of 30 students – representing them (similar to CGS). As a senior grad student he is used to working in labs. He attends meeting without being a delegate. Member of ISCC committee.

Rawat.26 – Organized cultural and sports events (plan and figure out logistics). Involved in conflict resolution and also served on Non-profit org. Prepared workshops for teachers and psychologist. She has a flexible schedule. Will work on weekends. Doesn't workout. Mornings are very free.

Perkins.442 – Served as a delegate last year and this year. Member of exec board of the dept. Was also its president. Initiated community outreach program for under privileged children. Used to stress and balancing life – not unfamiliar area for her. She'll be free from her presidential duties in September.

Serai.1 – what drives you to be a senator?

Motion to extend the time 10 mins- Puthawala.1 and rivera.252 second the motion. Anderson. 2299 objected to the motion. Walterbush called for a vote. The motion was passed 10 mins was added to the Q and A session.

Perkins – likes giving back to the community. She'll gain more diversity on a personal level by being a senator. Interested in working in small universities and being a part of committees and organizations. Good opportunity for career development.

Rawat – Courage and challenge drive her to work towards what she wants.

Wan – Really enjoys interacting with other students. Wants to be a part of international student's concern committee.

Reed Kurt.305 – What are your views on OSU's decision to privatize parking and energy management? Rawat – privatization is going to help with better management. If it's not going to do that then it's a bad idea for osu.

Wan – privatization of parking was bad. Campus PARC gets 1 star in customer service. Almost impossible to park without an A parking permit. Parking spots haven't been increased. Going to change parking permit because he can't afford the parking fee anymore. Wasn't aware about energy mgmt.

Perkins – Agrees with Wan. University should take measures that benefit the students. Been an issue parking on the campus. Lots are closing and more spaces are not being provided. Concerned about finding spots for medical people. Not for the privatization of parking.

Smith.11346 – what's the greatest strength in one word that you bring to this position?

Wan - motivation

Rawat – empathy

Perkins – leadership

Rivera. 252 – Are u available during senate meetings – all replied yes.

Without objection the body went into Executive Session Candidates left room – only voting members will stay in room.

Walterbush called the body back into regular session. Motion to remove absent candidates from the ballot made by Delegate Puthawala.1, seconded by Delegate Gumper.1. Motion was approved unanimously.

Officer Reports

President's Report

- Last week it was indicated that there were elevated levels of lead in water of some units in Buckeye village. He began working on the matter as soon as he received word about it from International Student Concerns Chair Wirza.1. He's met with several university leaders including

President Drake and all are taking the matter very seriously. There do appear to be some communication challenges which add to residents' stress and concern. Some of the communication issues are getting resolved. Asked health and wellness committee to look into it and present a report in September on how to be better prepared for such incidents.

- Several GAs were having issues with late fee authorization and were concerned about health insurance and credit hour enrollment. Dean is aware that the problem exists and they are fixing people's account individually. Leadership have set up committees to resolve the issue. Samuel Jordan.194 is the person who does the fix.
- During the meeting with Dr. Drake, he expressed interest in speaking during the November Delegate meeting. Bowers announced that meeting will be held in Law School. In their meeting President Drake provided assurance of his and the institution's support for everybody's first amendment right (protected speech)) and he noted that expulsion is not an automatic result of breaking rules while protesting.
- In October there is going to be 4-5 opportunities to get to know other delegates and officers over pizza.

Guest speaker - Dr. Scott Herness, Interim Dean of the Graduate School

Grad school is funding the increase in minimum stipend increase. 35% of the GAs were making less than \$15,000. He wants to work collaboratively and constructively with the GCBC and other committees towards making grad student life better. He wants to push for professional development of the grad students and legitimize it on transcripts. He plans on developing a couple of GISs for professional development. He wants to increase diversity of the grad student population. The provost would like to have campus wide conversations and one of the topics is futuring and envisioning a better graduate student life.

He opened the floor for Q and A

Q - Comment on GTAs and GRAs having collective bargaining power as employees of the university.

A - This doesn't directly affect us. We have had a track history of working together and achieving the desired results. We will work collectively to be the leader of the big 10.

Q – How is the grad school defining diversity? (Delaney.1)

A – Diversity scholarship defines diversity broadly. They have increased the number of scholarships. To define diversity they are trying to see where there is a need to increase diversity. Data on historically under-represented population is being looked into while making the decision.

Q- Velez.71 – what kind of program would you vision to create for the selected students for the diversity scholarship where they will feel safe and are mentally prepared for the grad life?

A – He wants the students to let him know. We wants students not only to survive but thrive in grad school. He is struggling with how to come up with programs that connect students. There is no big disconnect between scholarships given and retention.

Q – vieiradejesusgemelli.1– Feels that diversity does not include us. We are all in a box and not included in the community.

A – That is not true but it could feel like that. Did a survey of international grad student to understand their experience. He works with OIA and student life to improve things. He recognizes that we are a global institution. Facilitating the interaction between domestic and international students is mutually beneficial.

Q – Gumper.1- Colleagues might be interested in talking about diversity. What is your dot number?

A – Herness.1. Would love to learn more from the grad students.

Q – wirza.1 – What does 20 hours per week work load entail? Students don't know their rights.

A – He was aware that there have been several occasions when grad school had to intervene. If you are working more than 20 hours – talk to mentor or go to grad studies chair. If no assistance is provided approach grad school – they have resources and personnel to deal with that.

Wants to hear more from the students.

Vice President's Report

- Thanked the group of people who helped with orientation.
- We still have open delegate positions for the academic year.
- If your name is not correct on the card – please correct it and it will be corrected the next time.
- Will look at how many delegates to be assigned to each department.
- Asked the delegates to provide her feedback.
- Everyone should be on one committee – shoot an email if you are not assigned to a committee.

Treasurer's Report

- No budget report update yet
- There are three fliers – take some of them and pass them around in your department
- There are 4 funding cycle instead of 3
- Funded 9 applicants
- Looking for volunteers on Ray Travel committee
- Thanks Roger Anderson for the Treasurer orientation

Chief of Staff's Report

- Planning on ways to ramp the diversity and implicit bias training.
- Needs committee members for Diversity and inclusion.

Committee Chair Introduction

Diversity and Inclusion – Deborah Faulk.30

(Certification program, diversity lecture series – speakers from both academia and beyond, looking for committee members)

Health and wellness – Laura Hopkins.774

(support student health insurance committee, and spread awareness about student health care)

Marketing and communication – Matthew Connelly.93

(Contact him if you are interested in marketing and communication)

SERC – Chris pierce.508

(start collaboration with other student groups, come up with clever and smart ways to help grad students reduce usage of energy, initiate compost programs)

Delegate issues and concerns.

Wirza.1 – Asked David and others about suggested strategies for working with leadership dealing with the water issue in BV.

Bowers – There is a way to communicate effectively and happy to talk about it further.

Motion to have health and wellness committee look into the increase in lead levels in the buckeye village water made by Delegate Grady gambrel.15, seconded by Delegate rivera.252. Motion was approved unanimously.

Senate Election results

Biological sciences – Jennifer Perkins.

Social and Behavioral Sciences - Pooja Rawat

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned without objection

Greetings and welcome to the end of September! I'll use this update to provide a summary regarding local and national level advocacy agenda items of which you might not have been aware as we move forward. One of the national student advocacy groups to which CGS belongs is National Association of Graduate and Professional Students (NAGPS). As chair of the Midwest Region's Legislative Affairs committee, I recently attended the NAGPS Fall Advocacy meeting. In a nutshell there are 4 major areas on which NAGPS is working: Student Debt, Visa Reform, Open Access and Federal funding for Higher Ed. The major positions on each are as follows:

Graduate Student Loans Debt

1. Reunify the undergraduate and graduate rates to reverse the current inequalities
2. Reinstate graduate-professional students' eligibility for subsidized loans

Open Access

Support efforts that ensures public access to research that has been funded through taxpayer dollars.

Higher Education Funding

Support efforts to:

1. Increases and sustains research funding to the NSF, NIH, national labs, and other federal research agencies to account for budget caps and sequestration cuts
2. Reinstates and ensures future NSF funding for all types of political science research
3. Restores funding for the Javits and GAANN fellowship programs to \$39 million

Student Visas

Support a bipartisan approach to immigration reform. Specifically, seek:

1. Allow for domestic re-validation of F-type student visas
2. Increases the number of visas and green cards available to non-US born graduate and professional students

In addition to these issues, NAGPS discussed concerns regarding possible complications to institutions' funding of graduate associate insurance premiums as a result of new federal regulations. Several institutions, including our own, continue to work on this matter. I expect that we'll know more after the general election.

Locally, although not something that often draws close attention by many students, this is the year that we review the Code of Student Conduct for potential updates and changes.

Responsibility for this process resides in the Council on Student Affairs. CGS has 3 representatives to that body and I am serving on the ad hoc committee to review the Code. It might not be the most stimulating read, but I strongly encourage you to read the Code and let me know of any questions or concerns that might arise for you. There were some changes made in late August. The current version of the Code is available at <http://trustees.osu.edu/rules/code-of-student-conduct/>

Another major agenda item for this year is the visioning of the future of graduate education that our new Provost has called for. I met with him a couple of weeks ago to discuss this. Prior

to launching into the search for a new dean of the graduate school, Dr. McPheron has asked that a review of planning and visioning be done. He has asked interim dean Dr. Scott Herness to lead that process. I expect to hear more from dean Herness early next week and look forward to sharing more details with the delegate body at our September meeting.

I look forward to seeing you at our September meeting. OSU's Chief of Police, Craig Stone, has asked to stop in and briefly address the Delegate body. In addition, we'll hear a brief presentation of resources available to grad students through UCAT. Finally, we'll also have the opportunity to welcome some of our newly elected delegates as we hear a report from our Fall elections.

As always, thank you, both for your work on behalf of our fellow students and for allowing me to serve as your president!

David

Vice President Report

- Hayes Forum is on March 3, 2017 If you know faculty that would be good judges please ask them to volunteer: <https://cgs.osu.edu/hayes-forum/judges-information/>
- You should have received an initial contact from your committee chair by this point. Please send me an e-mail if you have not heard from your chair.
- First and second orientation occurred previous to the first and second CGS delegate meeting. If you were unable to attend the orientations, we will have one final orientation.
- Please don't hesitate to reach out if you would like to set-up a formal or informal meeting. Or if you have any feedback for me.
- The delegate nominations have been completed for Fall. Below are the numbers for each:
 - Overall Nominations: 55
 - Delegates elected (seats filled): 26
 - Runoff elections: 7
- As well as, the programs which we still need representatives:

Department

Engineering

Aerospace Engineering

Electrical & Computer Engineering

Landscape Architecture

Nuclear Engineering

Humanities

Philosophy

Law

Mathematics & Physical Sciences

Chemical Physics

Medicine

Allied Medicine

Nursing

Nursing; Nursing Practice- elected

Regional Campuses

OSU-Mansfield

OSU-Marion

OSU-Newark
OSU-Lima

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CGS Treasurer's Report

Date: Friday, September 23, 2016

CGS Budget, July 1 – August 31, 2016

Attached you will find the budget report that I have put together for your review. It reflects the transactions CGS has incurred between July 1 and August 31. The report is broke into incomes and expenses. Fiscal year 2017 began on July 1, 2016 and lasts until June 30, 2017. There are two columns on the right side of the page. In the first column, you will find the proposed budgetary amounts for incomes and expenses that were approved during the June 24, 2016 delegate meeting. The second column shows the actual incomes and expenses that CGS has incurred since the start of the fiscal year. Please note that under the income section, we have not received the distribution for the Global Gateway fund yet (which is normal) and we are still exploring options for funding of the possible NAGPS regional meeting here at OSU.

Ray Travel Award Committee

On September 16, 2016, the Ray Travel Award Committee convened. We discussed the possibility of holding a Ray Travel Award Reception and determined that sometime in the Spring Semester 2017 would be best so that we have enough time to plan the event accordingly. Other than that, the new committee members watched the training videos to prepare for reviewing applications when funding period 3 concludes on November 1, 2016. Speaking of which, we are always looking for additional volunteers to review applications. If you are interested please let me know and I'll be happy to meet with you to get you up to speed.

Ray Travel Award Funding Period 2 Winners & Funding Period Windows

Congratulations to the following graduate students, who won Ray Travel Awards under the second funding period:

1. Leslee Sprague, Biomedical Sciences
2. Sara Rodriguez-Arguelles, Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies
3. Kelly Yotebieng, Anthropology
4. Heather Peters, Health and Rehabilitation Sciences
5. Mark Calhoun, Biomedical Engineering
6. Ebony Bailey, English
7. Phillip Yuhas, Vision Science
8. Kelly Crowe, Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology
9. Ryan Kapa, Educational Policy

Please note that applications for funding period 3 are due on November 1, 2016 by 11:59 PM. These are the funding periods that the Ray Travel Award follows.

Funding Period #1

- **Application deadline: May 1 (Window to apply opens March 15)**
- Conference dates: July - September

Funding Period #2

- **Application deadline: August 1 (Window to apply opens June 15)**
- Conference dates: October - December

Funding Period #3

- **Application deadline: November 1 (Window to apply opens September 15)**
- Conference dates: January - March

Funding Period #4

- **Application deadline: February 1 (Window to apply opens December 15)**
- Conference dates: April - June

Delegate Outreach Grants

Finally, CGS has had two (2) applications for the Delegate Outreach Program, both were funded and one has already posted their follow-up post to the CGS website. To find the post as well as the Delegate Outreach Grant (which has been updated this year), please check out the CGS website: <https://cgs.osu.edu/blog/delegate-outreach-page/>

As always, I am happy to answer any questions any one may have either over email or in-person.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alex Wesaw

CGS Treasurer 2016-2017

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Council of Graduate Students
Budget vs. Actual
July 1, 2016 through August 31, 2016

	Budget 2016-2017	Jul - Aug 16
Income		
Coca Cola Carry Forward	16,000.00	14,532.13
Coca Cola Endowment	14,000.00	15,500.85
CSA Carry Forward	7,500.00	8,646.92
CSA Student Activity Fee	77,000.00	77,664.43
Global Gtwy	10,000.00	0.00
Global Gtwy Carry Forward	3,000.00	6,572.41
Grad Sch.--Hayes	9,000.00	9,000.00
Grant NAGPS Hosting	5,000.00	0.00
OAA Ray Travel	35,000.00	35,000.00
OAA Ray Travel Carry Forward	10,000.00	15,616.16
OR Hayes Endwmnt	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total Income	196,500.00	192,532.90
Expense		
1000 President's Projects		
1100 Discretionary	1,000.00	0.00
1300 Inauguration	1,000.00	0.00
Total 1000 President's Projects	2,000.00	0.00
2000 Vice President		
2100 Hayes	28,000.00	19,000.00
Total 2000 Vice President	28,000.00	19,000.00
3000 Committees		
3100 Exec		
3110 Retreat	3,000.00	0.00
3120 Awards & Rec	500.00	0.00
3130 Exec Disc	500.00	0.00
3140 Comm. Disc.	3,000.00	0.00
3150 MarCom	10,000.00	0.00
3160 Speaker Series	4,000.00	0.00
3100 Exec - Other	5,000.00	0.00
Total 3100 Exec	26,000.00	0.00
3301 Grants Admin	500.00	0.00
3340 Arts & Culture	3,000.00	0.00
3400 Del OutReach Grnt	3,700.00	0.00
3410 Communications	1,000.00	0.00
3500 Div & Inclusion	3,000.00	0.00
3510 International Concerns	3,000.00	0.00
3610 Ray Trv Grant Adm	500.00	0.00
3611 Ray Award Receptions	2,000.00	0.00
3700 Grad H & W	2,500.00	0.00
3710 SERC	2,000.00	0.00
3800 Org & Elect	500.00	0.00
3900 Senate Advisory	0.00	0.00
Total 3000 Committees	47,700.00	0.00

Council of Graduate Students
Budget vs. Actual
July 1, 2016 through August 31, 2016

	Budget 2016-2017	Jul - Aug 16
3300 Grants Admin Funds		
3310 Career Dev	12,000.00	2,550.00
3320 Global Gtwy	15,000.00	9,000.00
3330 Ray Travel Award	45,000.00	5,842.50
3300 Grants Admin Funds - Other	0.00	0.00
Total 3300 Grants Admin Funds	72,000.00	17,392.50
4000 Office Equip		
4100 Copier	500.00	0.00
4200 Equip.	400.00	0.00
4300 Furn.	0.00	0.00
4400 Supplies	1,000.00	26.00
4500 Telephone	1,650.00	0.00
4600 Technology	8,000.00	651.00
4000 Office Equip - Other	65.00	0.00
Total 4000 Office Equip	11,615.00	677.00
5000 Administrative		
5100 Student Life Init.		
5120 Fall Event	0.00	0.00
5130 Spr. Event	0.00	0.00
Total 5100 Student Life Init.	0.00	0.00
5300 Mtng. Refreshments	12,500.00	147.60
5400 Org. Dev.	500.00	0.00
5410 Travel	12,500.00	210.00
6000 Prkng Passes	4,685.00	3,745.92
5000 Administrative - Other	0.00	2.12
Total 5000 Administrative	30,185.00	4,105.64
8000 PY Encum		
8100 Career Dev.	500.00	0.00
8200 Global Gtwy	500.00	0.00
8300 Ray Travel Award	3,000.00	0.00
8000 PY Encum - Other	1,000.00	0.00
Total 8000 PY Encum	5,000.00	0.00
Total Expense	196,500.00	41,175.14

ICC September 2016 Report

The committee had its first meeting on Sept. 13 to plan the committee's programs for the year. We have identified six projects (BV lead contamination, ESL assessments, career opportunities for international students and graduates, students with multiple last names, and practice driving space) and a couple more under our radar to follow up. We decided to work in small teams in tackling these projects to accommodate member's interests and availability. We are now at the stage of studying the issues at hand but some are already underway to investigate them further.

We welcome other delegates to join us. Email me at wirza.1@osu.edu

Events/workshops/services:

- **Practice driving space** for international and out-of-state students is available at Kinnear Road location. Contact OIA at 614-292-6101 (140 Enarson Classroom Building) for registration process.
- [2016 International Photography Competition](#). Deadline: October 10, 2016. Contact Victor van Buchem (.1)
- **Seeking International Stories.**
The Department of Geography will conduct "Student Perspectives from around the World" video interviews that become part of the course World Regional Geography (GEOG 2750). [View a video example](#) to see how the interview is produced. Contact Ola Ahlqvist (.1)
- **International Support Group**
Beginning on September 22, weekly meetings will be held on Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. at Counseling and Consultation Service, 4th Floor of Younkin Success Center.

Currently enrolled undergraduate/graduate international students, exchange students and students from ESL programs are welcomed.

Please call 614-292-5766 or email Kayi Hui (.68) for more information. Group video is available at <http://go.osu.edu/Ba65>.

- **Optional Practical Training (OPT)** workshop - 100 Enarson Classroom Building
 - ✓ Wednesday, October 5, 1 p.m.
 - ✓ Tuesday, October 18, 10 a.m.

- ✓ Friday, November 4, 2 p.m.
- ✓ Monday, November 21, 3 p.m.
- ✓ Wednesday, December 7, 1 p.m.
- ✓ Monday, December 19, 2 p.m.

An online OPT course is now available through iTunesU. Visit oia.osu.edu for more details about how to complete this course online.

Curricular Practical Training (CPT) workshop - 100 Enarson Classroom Building

- ✓ Monday, October 10, 10 a.m.
- ✓ Thursday, November 17, 2 p.m.
- ✓ Tuesday, December 13, 11 a.m.

Resolution 1617FA-1
A Resolution Amending CGS Bylaws Regarding
Composition of Executive Committee

Author: David Bowers, President

Sponsor: Executive Committee

WHEREAS The Council of Graduate Students (CGS) is the representative body of all graduate students enrolled in The Ohio State University (established by Article II.I of the CGS Constitution); and

WHEREAS the Executive Committee is responsible for the business of the Council between its meetings; and

WHEREAS the Graduate Compensation and Benefits Committee is the only University Senate Committee always chaired by a graduate student;

Whereas current bylaws do not include a member of GCBC on the Executive Committee;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that Section V.1.B.ii., of the CGS Bylaws be amended in the following way:

One graduate student representative each from **the Graduate Compensation and Benefits Committee**, the Council on Academic Affairs, the University Research Council, the University Area Commission, and the University Senate ~~shall~~**may** be appointed by the President as voting members