



## 1. CALL TO ORDER at 3:38pm

### 1.1. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

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

## 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### 2.1. Minutes from July

- 2.1.1. Stone.655 motioned
- 2.1.2. Gumper.1 seconded
- 2.1.3. Minutes were approved with the modification of RTA to Hayes budget

## 3. GUEST SPEAKER

### 3.1. Scott Herness, PhD -- Interim Vice Provost for Graduate Studies & Interim Dean of the Graduate School

- 3.1.1. Thanks delegates for their service to the University and to graduate students.
- 3.1.2. Shared goal to made graduate education and life the best it can possible be.
- 3.1.3. Reviewed accomplishments of the Graduate School: raising the graduate student stipend over the last two years, with the help of many CGS delegates and committees!
- 3.1.4. Reminder: The Graduate School is helping finance the raises in stipends so that it could be implemented immediately despite each school's original budget.
- 3.1.5. The fellowships are within the graduate school and those have increased 40% over the last two years
- 3.1.6. They've had many discussions recently about the living stipend and how they compare across other big 10 institutions. They aim to continue increasing stipends to be competitive with other University's.
- 3.1.7. Graduate Education conversation update:
  - Initiated by the provost to see where we can take graduate education at Ohio State University over the next ten years: what are our goals (graduate students helped facilitate what these goals are, as well as graduate faculty, coordinators, professors, etc.).
  - The graduate school has identified specific aims in the area of diversity inclusion, professional development, and the funding environment.
    - These were discussed in depth throughout the spring semester and were discussed at the summit in May. After the summit in May, they had 600 ideas from graduate stakeholders on strategies to achieve these goals.
    - They concluded with a report at the end of the summer
    - This report will be presented to the provost and then released for everyone to review.
  - Diversity and inclusion: We need increased efforts for retention, in addition to the current efforts for recruitment.
    - The office of diversity and inclusion are working to provide meaningful events and supports for graduate students and the graduate school aims to be right there with them, aligning their goals.
  - Funding: Although funding is dependent upon each program, the graduate school is working on providing some guidelines and continuously raising the minimum stipends as discussed earlier.
  - Other Announcements:
    - Interim dean for the last two years, going on the third year, but is applying for the dean position. The search committee has yet to be decided.
    - Sharon Davies has left her position as Chair of Diversity and Inclusion

- and they believe they found a candidate that they will be offering the position too. More news to come!
- A question was raised regarding the discussion process that led up to the selection of the new Chair of Diversity and Inclusion in the Arts and Sciences. Originally graduate students and diverse stakeholders were brought into this conversation and were a part of the selection, however this was a failed search and these stakeholders were not brought into the next search.
    - Interim Dean Herness responded that it was advertised that had open forums and they elicited feedback afterwards and worked to try and get a candidate in and unfortunately that didn't work so at that point they continued to interview the candidates within the pool. So, now that we have someone she will be reaching out to you to fully engage with the CGS body and the graduate students that we as delegates represent so that we can continue to find out
  - A concern was raised about international students paying out of pocket for international lawyers, despite all of the law guidance available.
    - Interim Dean Herness explained that the Graduate School doesn't have the power to change that, however he is happy to connect students with the Office of International Affairs and advocate on behalf of graduate students. Additionally, there will be a search soon for the Chair of the Office of International Affairs as well.
  - An additional concern was raised regarding access to information regarding the current bans and the rights of international students.
    - Interim Dean Herness empathized with these fears and stated that after the ban Ohio State did respond quickly and provided a statement. There is information available about the ban and students rights at Ohio State through the Office of International Affairs. Again, Interim Dean Herness agreed to act as a connection between students and the office and agreed to advocate on behalf of all graduate students at Ohio State.
  - A question was raised regarding the search for a new Assistant Dean.
    - Interim Dean Herness explained that the position has been posted and they are interviewing candidates for this position. They are at the final stages of one interview and believe that they will be able to offer the job to one of those individuals soon. He believes this person will be a great fit and has lots of experience with student affairs.
  - Concerns were raised regarding security and the teaching assistants training in the area of campus security or lockdown alerts.
  - Degrandis.5 stated he is aware that this question has rose up to the president's level and although they don't know where they have landed on this, he knows that the conversations are happening!
  - Interim Dean Herness also explained that this would be a great question for the new dean assistant!
  - Bean.240 stated that there are active efforts going on to raise construction barriers and thinks it's the department of public safety most likely and Ohio State A&P.
  - Interim Dean Herness explained that although he is not involved with any efforts at this time he can bring this up when he talks to the provost in his regular meetings.
  - Interim Dean Herness concluded stating that the door is always open at the graduate school and anyone could come to him at any time with any questions.

## 4. OFFICER UPDATES

### 4.1. Treasurer: Amanda Montoya.29

- 4.1.1. Montoya.29 introduced herself and welcomed all graduate students and delegates!
- 4.1.2. One year ago it was Montoya.29's first CGS meeting and she said it was pretty overwhelming and tried doing additional research on Robert's Rules so she wants to thank all new delegates for diving into this experience with us and also encourage everyone to ask questions in the middle of meetings or reach out to us after!
- 4.1.3. Montoya.29 asked for any questions regarding the budget in the delegates packet. There were no questions at this time.
- 4.1.4. Montoya.29 provided an update that they are working on some budget transitions after a leave of an office assistant (Renee) but we'll get a complete fiscal year report to you soon.
- 4.1.5. RTA Update: finished judging for the second funding period, had 98 applicants, thank you to the judges. We'll be reaching out earlier to hopefully reduce the load and get more judges in future funding periods!
- 4.1.6. Working on a network of service opportunities for the Hayes Forum so if you see an email about volunteering on campus please feel free to forward it to Montoya.29 so she can create a

database to make it easier for students to find service opportunities

- 4.1.7. The question was raised whether or not you could be a judge if you are submitting an application.
- 4.1.8. Montoya.29 explained that you may not judge in the same period that you have submitted, but you can judge in other funding periods or in different grants.

#### **4.2. Secretary: Liz Koss.31**

- 4.2.1. CDG Update: judging is completed, awards will go out soon! Thank you to the judges that helped with this funding period!
- 4.2.2. Social media update: Please like our Facebook and Twitter pages and share our posts! If you have information from your committees or programs you would like to share please email Koss.31 or Connolly.93!

#### **4.3. Vice President: Tracey Walterbusch.1**

- 4.3.1. Walterbusch.1 reminded everyone to please write your name on the sign in sheet if you don't have a name tag and we'll get those and any corrections you need done for our next meeting!
- 4.3.2. Walterbusch.1 also asked that everyone please double check that your name is listed under the right committees and right programs as delegates on the CGS website. We are working to update everything!
- 4.3.3. 105/139 delegate seats have been appointed, there are still applications ongoing this semester for 12 seats! Also, Walterbusch.1 stated she is continuing to update committee placements, so you may continue hearing from me about those. Currently there are many still open including academic affairs, grant committees, communications, senate advisory, and many more so please email Walterbusch.1 with any interests you may have.
  - Stone.655 also asked about receiving a list of committees to blast out to constituents.
  - Walterbusch.1 agreed to send out a list to be emailed.
- 4.3.4. By our next meeting we should have 117 delegate seats, the election process will be opening for individuals to vote for their delegates with open seats Sept 6<sup>th</sup> and closes Sept 13<sup>th</sup> – Walterbusch.1 will email individual department chairs and people who are interviewed in those seats
- 4.3.5. If you missed orientation, we will have a make up orientation on Sept 29<sup>th</sup> at 230 pm!
- 4.3.6. Walterbusch.1 said please don't hesitate to ask questions or send an email about any questions you may have. She thinks she responded to all emails, but if there is one that she missed please come talk to her.
- 4.3.7. A question was raised about quorum and it was identified that 51% is quorum and for the summer it's 20% of the people that indicate they will be here over the summer. Hodak.2 stated it's based on the total # of seats filled, so if a seat is vacant it doesn't count against quorum.

#### **4.4. President: Alex Wesaw.1**

- 4.4.1. Wesaw.1 introduced himself and welcome all delegates. Wesaw.1 gifted all delegates with journals that had an interwoven pattern on the cover to symbolize the good work that we're going to do together this year for the graduate school and it can be used for delegate meeting notes
- 4.4.2. Wesaw.1 thanked all those who helped with the recent welcome events!
- 4.4.3. Wesaw.1 reported that there is an overview of speakers that are going to be coming this year, so please be sure to attend each meeting. This list is included in his presidential report in the delegates' packet.
- 4.4.4. Wesaw.1 reminded delegates that the committee chairs are available in president's report in the packet as well. Committee chairs will likely be reaching out to committee members if they haven't already to set up meetings soon.
- 4.4.5. Wesaw.1 reviewed the Time and Change Presidential Report and stated that there are 5 pillars that the plan is built around: teaching and learning, affordable and excellence, research and creative expression, academic healthcare. Wesaw.1 stated that they are still reviewing this and graduate students will be able to provide feedback about how we see these impacting us. Please review this on [go.osu.edu/strategicplan](http://go.osu.edu/strategicplan) to provide feedback, the more eyes we can get on these the better!
- 4.4.6. Wesaw.1 reminded everyone that the search for the dean. The search committee is next week; Wesaw.1 will be on this committee and will update all delegates and constituents as things progress.
- 4.4.7. Wesaw.1 provided updates that the Senate Steering Committee met last week and have set up an agenda, there will be a business meeting and then an orientation afterwards and they will provide us updates in the future.
- 4.4.8. Wesaw.1 stated CGS is working this year to create a committee report form so that we can provide updates by the 15<sup>th</sup> of every month about committee progress. Walterbusch.1 will email us each month to remind you to update everyone. The purpose of this is to stay on top of what's

going on across campus that impacts graduate students and be better prepared for the committee placements and advocate the best that we can for our fellow students. If you serve on multiple committees please turn in multiple surveys.

4.4.9. Wesaw.1 opened the floor for questions and no questions were raised at this time.

## **5. COMMITTEE CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 5.1. Puthwala.1, chair of academic affairs, stated that the general education review (they are looking to revamp the general education system, although we don't have to take those classes we teach a lot of those classes so they are overseeing this process) occurred over the summer and they received a lot of feedback and information to improve, they then went through and generated some ideas about whether or not there may be an extended curriculum. They are looking for some concrete proposals, we are expecting a report on that at the end of this month so next month we'll have an update for you about that and then it will be sent out for actual feedback
- 5.2. Hoda.9, chair of the international graduate students committee, stated the legal status for international students is the top priority so she asked delegates with additional concerns to email her so they can work together.
- 5.3. Pierce.508, sustainability and responsibility environmental committee (SERC), welcomed and introduced himself to the delegate body, he is hoping to get speakers set up so if anyone has recommendations on speakers please send them to him!
- 5.4. Faulk.30, chair of diversity and inclusion, introduced herself to the delegates and stated that this committee is not only about celebration and recognition, but also a point to advocate for individuals who are underrepresented. She explained that she is happy to talk about any issues that impact underrepresented students.
- 5.5. Mueller.377, chair of arts and culture, introduced herself and described the arts and culture committee as dedicated to making arts and culture more visible to students on campus and off campus. The committee had their first meeting was on Tuesday, some assigned members haven't gotten information yet but she'll be emailing you all and we will welcome more and more that are assigned to the committee as the year goes on! She's also looking for ideas and suggestions about ways to enhance visibility of arts and culture and also please send ideas that you would like shared!
- 5.6. Connolly.93, marketing and communications committee chair, introduced himself and the committee and asked that delegates PLEASE email him any ideas and events you want shared on social media so he can spread the word!
- 5.7. Wesaw.1 reported the emails of all committee chairs are in the packet

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

- 6.1. None reported on this date.

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

- 7.1. ACT 1718-AU-04: An Act Amending the 2017 – 2018 Delegate Apportionment for the Council of Graduate Students (Amendment to ACT 1617-SP-03)
  - 7.1.1. Gumper.1 motioned the Act for approval.
  - 7.1.2. Dubrow.7 seconded the Act.
  - 7.1.3. Point of order from Hodak.2.
  - 7.1.4. Wesaw.1 motioned for discussion.
  - 7.1.5. Melina.6 asked where to find this Act
  - 7.1.6. Koss.31 explained where things will be uploaded on the website
  - 7.1.7. Motion approved.

## **8. DELEGATE CONCERNS**

- 8.1. Hodak.2 wanted to take time to address the resources available for training for safety concerns; there is a YouTube channel and an active shooter video from Student Life. Officer Adam Taver is in charge of training. As far as addressing this concern for training of teachers and TAs- we can reach out to UCAT to set up the training for this!
- 8.2. Cantonwine.2 recommended you bring food for these events to help attendance rates!
- 8.3. Stone.655 raised the concern about parking and bus changes through CampusPARC – they're changing the buses around, they're going to changes again, and the buses don't actually stop in front of the buildings.
- 8.4. Wesaw.1 called for recommendations and ideas for Mark and Bill with CampusPARC because they're coming back next month, so please bring those questions and concerns at that time

- 8.5. Gumper.1 is on the parking committee, there hasn't been a meeting yet but please send me questions and concerns so that I can bring that to them up!
- 8.6. Witsuzynski.1 raised the concern that international students are now having their appointments terminated immediately after graduation instead of when they're term ends but we need to make sure that people are aware!
- 8.7. Hodak.2 stated that apparently this is happening across graduate students now (not just immigrants) across multiple University's and OSU is now following suit.
- 8.8. Pierce.508 recommended working on something we can disseminate to departments to update everyone as a public service announcement.
  - 8.8.1. Wesaw.1 agreed
- 8.9. Lopes-gemelli.1 asked about housing opportunities for graduate students and stated that he'd like updates about what's been going on over the summer!
  - 8.9.1. Wesaw.1 said he can handle these questions until there's a graduate student affairs chair.
- 8.10. Forrest-Schoessow.1, filling in for Mazumdar.14 raised the concern about accessibility and ease of the website in terms of finding delegates.
- 8.11. Hodak.2 and Walterbusch.1 are tirelessly working to improve the website and address these concerns.
- 8.12. Wesaw.1 thanked Walterbusch.1 on her efforts to revamp the website in the means of our budget.
- 8.13. Walterbusch.1 requested ideas and thoughts about ways to update it and organize it better within the budget.
- 8.14. Gumper.1 asked if we could just list delegates by program instead of schools.
- 8.15. Wesaw.1 stated this may in theory be easier, but they will work on it to see if it's a possibility.
- 8.16. Hodak.2 I can work with Walterbusch.1 to put up a PDF of delegate seats in alphabetic order so that you can open that up if you can't find them in the dropdown menu on the website.
- 8.17. Mueller.352 has a concern about VPN from off campus to address servers on campus. She stated it's hard to reach the library database off campus and people are having trouble using regular SSA.
  - 8.17.1. Hayes.212 said he worked with someone from the library and said you have to clear your history and then you can use it because they've changed the system and your computer is still looking for the old version.
  - 8.17.2. Freudenburg.2 said that there was a university wide policy that caused this change due to security concern and she received documentation of alternative ways to reach these things from off campus and information on how to connect with IT, so reaching out to IT would be helpful
- 8.18. Dalglish.2 raised concerns about the loopholes to get around the continuous enrollment to study at other institutions while studying at OSU.
- 8.19. Wesaw.1 said he can bring it up at his presidential meeting, but Hodak.2 said that they will not change this because it is what allows post graduate students to only take 3 credits after dissertation, she suggested asking about making a special excuse to work through these hoops because financially the University wouldn't be able to manage this.

## **9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 9.1. September 29, 2017 Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union Senate Chamber

## **10. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:20 PM.**