



In Attendance: Carolin Mueller, Jules Lipman, Joachim Bean, Julie Dentzer, Auggie Heschmeyer, Yao Wan, Chloe Williams, Alex Wesaw, Elizabeth Koss, Amanda Montoya, Tracey Walterbusch, Omotaya Adeeko, Vibhor Agarwal, Maureen Alcock by alternate, Erin Allen, Abby Buffington, Kathryn Caliva, Steven Dalglish, Elizabeth De Luca, Prutha Deshpande, Geoff Dubrow, Kristyn Gumper, Hoda Hatoum, Nickolaus Larsen, Stephen Lo, Eric Loira, Melika Shahosseini, Elizabeth Stone, Vibhuti Wadhwa, Gregory Wheeler, Jessica Wilson, David Wituszynski, Luke Andrejek, Selasi Attipoe, Brienne Beaujelas, Justin Bower, Alec Clott, Michelle Cohen, Rebecca Dillard, Samantha Dodge, Julie Faieta, Coralie Farinas, Jahmour Givans, Kathryn Holt, Travonya Kenly, Jenny Le, Sara Mueller, Jennifer Perkins, Christopher Pierce, Lindsey Reymore, Christine Stamper, Nicole Tchorowski, Joshua Truett, Eunice Uhm, Petra Wallenmeyer, Elan Weiss, Bennett Whitaker, Nathan Young, Matthew Connolly, Chloe Williams by alternate, and Xiaochen Zhang.

Absent: Ati Alizadehbirjandi, Jason Anderson, Alan Bannister, Madith Barton, Mark Beattie, Kyle Benzle, Nicholas Black, Kara Braunreiter, Sara Cantonwine, Haley Chatelaine, Jennifer Cline Joy, Vinita Dahiya, Mario De Grandis, Jasmine Douglas, Meghan Flannery, Matthew Forquer, Jenna Freudenburg, Deep Gandhi, Cesar Gemelli, John Gill, Laurene Glimois, Douglas Hardtmayer, Haynes DaVonti, Lauren Henry, Elizabeth Hutson, Bushra Ismail, Elizabeth Klainot, Justin Kuric, Andrew Lassman, Matthew Latham, Erica Law, Felicia Lilien, Christopher Loiewski, Soumik Mandal, Mahan Mansouri, Jesse Manton, Anuraq Mazumdar, Katie McAfee, Shannon McLoughlin, Sarah Mielke, Marjorie Mignin, Nathaniel Onnen, Kate Ormiston, Erin Panczyk, Firman Parlindungan, Jessica pissini, Tiffany Polite, Brooke Rengers, Christopher Riley, Prashant Serai, Sundeep Siripurapu, Ryan Slechta, Trent Smith, Deena Snonke, John Stegall, Symon Stevens Guille, Malia Womack, Qionsihan Zhang, Kerry Hodak, Kathleen Wallace, Laura Hopkins, Daniel Puthawala, David Bowers, Juan Mendive, Donna Rutledge, Blake Szkoda, Anneliese, and Kaylee Hartman.

9. CALL TO ORDER at 3:33PM

9.1. Statement of Purpose

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

10. GUEST SPEAKER

10.1. Bruce A. McPheron, Executive Vice President and Provost

- 10.1.1. An overview was provided about the goals and the strategic plan in the graduate school. This included an emphasis on teaching and learning, research and creative expression, and access. Additionally, Dr. McPheron emphasized that the Ohio State University is also focused on the issues of academic through advocacy, leadership opportunities, etc. with

the intent to be the role model for other Universities. An overview of the previous director of the graduate school was provided and all of the work that he had done over the last few years, including the inclusion of graduate students and the community in discussions about how the University can improve. The determination was that diversity and inclusion and the graduate school are areas the University needs to focus on improving.

- 10.1.2. An overview was provided regarding funding. Dr. McPheron discussed the raises that have occurred in the past for graduate student stipends and agreed to continue focusing on increasing the stipends in the future. He also explained that fellowship announcements that have been sent out for graduate students to apply too. Additionally, he is collaborating with a colleague about benefits for graduate students and where there are opportunities to grow in this area.
- 10.1.3. Dr. McPheron also discussed the graduate student housing issues that he has been addressing over the past year. He addressed the issues with the laws and mechanisms in place to work to improve the quality of graduate student housing.
- 10.1.4. Dr. McPheron also emphasized recent efforts to improve upon the responsible conduct of research that is occurring at the Ohio State University to further improve the integrity and honesty in research. It is recommended that graduate students complete the training and emphasize this on their curriculum vitae.
- 10.1.5. The concern was raised regarding the raising tuition for graduate students and whether there could be a pause for graduate students once they enter their programs, similar to the program available for undergraduate students. Dr. McPheron agreed to look into this potential.
- 10.1.6. The concern was raised regarding the low percentages of doctoral students that go into tenure positions in academia and an additional concern was raised about how the University can lead the way in improving the way associated faculty are treated. Dr. McPheron agreed that this does indicate a need to review and address these concerns.
- 10.1.7. A concern was raised regarding increasing training programs for graduate students to ensure that the integrity of teaching, research, etc. is maintained or improved. Dr. McPheron agreed that this is a serious concern and indicated that when a new director of the graduate school is in place that will be an area that is addressed.
- 10.1.8. A concern was raised regarding increasing the presence of African American males in graduate school after noticing increasing diversity in graduate school, with the exception of African American males. Dr. McPheron reiterated this concern by stating that the Ohio State University used to be the leader in African American males in doctoral programs and no longer are. He explained that they are exploring the application questions to identify things that can be modified to improve these admission rates again.

11. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

11.1. Minutes from February 2, 2018

- 11.1.1. Gumper.1 moved to approve the minutes, motion was seconded, and motion carries.

12. OFFICER UPDATES

12.1. Treasurer

- 12.1.1. Ray Travel Award judging is underway! If anyone is interested in judging in the future, please email Montoya.29. The CGS Award Ceremony is March 29th 5-7pm, please attend! A reminder was provided about the responsible conduct of research training and how this is an important thing for graduate students to complete as this is a way to

protect us from research misconduct.

12.2. Secretary

- 12.2.1. The Career Development Grant website is experiencing technical difficulties in assigning the judges, Koss.31 offers her sincerest apologies as they work with IT to alleviate these problems and assign judges.

12.3. Vice President

- 12.3.1. Thank you to everyone involved in the Hayes Forum! Walterbusch.1 reminded everyone that you can nominate others or yourself for officer, delegate, or senate elections. Additionally, if you are leaving or graduating please recruit others from your program that may be interested in filling your position!

12.4. President

- 12.4.1. Through meetings with President Drake Wesaw.1 indicates that there will likely be increases in the graduate student's stipends and that everyone is doing everything they can to finalize this. Additionally, Wesaw.1 emphasized that the new housing options will likely be more expensive than Buckeye Village because they are new, however the University is doing everything they can to keep it as close as possible. In conversations with Dr. Jay, Wesaw.1 will be connected with someone to identify solutions for the childcare issues that were raised in the previous meeting. The PROSPER Act is still being explored as to the effects on graduate students, but Wesaw.1 encourages everyone to be educating themselves on this Act and prepared to advocate for graduate students if necessary. Dr. Drake recommended creating a graduate school letter writing campaign to send letters to Congress to advocate for graduate students.
- 12.4.2. A concern was raised regarding graduate student sick leave. Montoya.29 explained there are clear guidelines in the PhD student handbook, therefore if the guidelines are not being followed it may need to be something addressed in the school specifically. Wesaw.1 also agreed to look into support and resources regarding these concerns.
- 12.4.3. A concern was raised regarding lecturer's

13. COMMITTEE CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 13.1. Heschmeyer.3 requested everyone please complete the CGS Satisfaction Survey using this link: <http://go.osu.edu/cgssatisfactionsurvey>
- 13.2. Mueller.377 put in a plug for the lottery for symphony tickets, please keep checking in as there will be opportunities frequently! Also, keep an eye open for the writing workshop information that will be going out in an email to all graduate students soon!
- 13.3. Pierce.508 put in a plug for travel fund opportunities coming up. The first 22 labs to sign up and complete the program before Earth Day will get some kind of travel award. Funds are still being solidified, so the number will be determined soon.
- 13.4. Perkins.442 put in a plug to please advertise for the Health and Wellness day! Flyers were passed out in the meeting and a digital flyer will be sent to all graduate students shortly.

14. OLD BUSINESS

15. NEW BUSINESS

15.1. Act 1718-SP-001: An Act Establishing the 2018-2019 Delegate Apportionment for the Council of Graduate Students

- 15.1.1. A question was raised regarding what year the enrollment is taken from for next years delegate seats. Walterbusch.1 explained that the number was taken from 10 days in to the 2017-2018 academic year.
- 15.1.2. Motion carried unanimously.

15.2. RESOLUTION 1718-SP-001: A Resolution to Support "Race, Ethnicity, and Gender" as a Foundations Course for the General Education Curriculum at the Ohio State University

- 15.2.1. This resolution was brought forward by the delegate body, specifically by Whitaker.105.

- 15.2.2. Pierce.508 seconded this resolution being brought to the floor.
- 15.2.3. A question was raised regarding what is currently meeting the needs of diversity and inclusion in current curricula. Whitaker.105 explained that currently there are statements that diversity and inclusion is supported, but there isn't a specific course addressing this yet.
- 15.2.4. Various questions were raised regarding the implementation of this course including the syllabus, how many courses would be available, how they would differ by discipline and department, and whether this would add to current course requirements or be in place of something. Whitaker.105 explained the intention of this resolution is to show the support of a foundations course and then the specific implementation would be decided upon by the curriculum department.
- 15.2.5. A question was asked regarding the wording "Race, Ethnicity, and Gender" instead of overall "Diversity and Inclusion". Whitaker.105 stated that this is sort of the bare minimum, as a foundational requirement.
- 15.2.6. Heschmeyer.1 motioned to extend questions for 2 minutes, Dubrow.7 seconded, the motion carries with 2 abstentions.
- 15.2.7. The question was raised about why this resolution needs to be added if it is already required. Whittaker.105 stated this would facilitate specific requirements and ensure everyone is following it.
- 15.2.8. The question was raised regarding what other departments are already doing this and what kind of support we have in this area. Whitaker.105
- 15.2.9. Mueller.377 moved to add "the area of" on line 56 prior to "Race, Ethnicity, and Gender", Stone.655 seconded the motion, the motion carries unanimously.
- 15.2.10. Mueller.377 extended debate for two minutes, De Luca-Kontchou.1 seconded, the motion was approved with approximately 10 abstentions.
- 15.2.11. Whitaker.105 requested line 56 change "is" to "are", Heschmeyer.1 seconded this motion, the motion carried.
- 15.2.12. The motion was approved anonymously.

15.3. Officer Nominations

- 15.3.1. Montoya.29 will be running elections, so please direct any nominations to her.
- 15.3.2. The question was raised regarding
- 15.3.3. Heschmeyer.1 nominated Wesaw.1 for President again.
- 15.3.4. March 19th nominations for officers are due, they will have to accept the nomination for any of those positions. Voting will occur on March 29th at the delegates meeting in a closed ballot, everyone will have an opportunity to review resumes of candidates, here a brief overview about their experiences and engage in Q&A with the candidates.
- 15.3.5. Wadhwa.21 nominated Walterbusch.1 for Vice President.
- 15.3.6. Stone.655 nominated Koss.31 for Secretary.
- 15.3.7. Gumpfer.1 nominated herself as Treasurer.

16. DELEGATE CONCERNS

- 16.1. Dalglish.2 put in a plug for an upcoming workshop: "Ready to amp up your networking efforts? The Center for the Humanities in Practice will host its next workshop session on February 26th from 4pm to 5:30pm at Hagerty Hall 145. This session will introduce you to Ohio State's AlumniFire resource as well as LinkedIn – two key networking resources. We'll also discuss the challenges associated with networking (e.g., finding time to do it, increasing comfort level if introverted, maintaining one's network over time). The presenters for this session are Lauren Luffy from the Ohio State Alumni Association and Stephanie Ford, PhD from the Arts and Sciences Center for Career and Professional Success. Come join in the conversation!"
- 16.2. Stone.655 raised the concern about parking issues on West campus, specifically safety concerns about the sidewalks to the bus and parking lots. Gumpfer.1 requested everyone send emails to her so she can bring this up at the parking advisory committee meeting.

- 16.3.** Gumpfer.1 received alerts that someone had issues parking overnight at the Gateway, if anyone else has had these issues please let her know to help enhance the visibility of these concerns.
- 16.4.** A question was raised regarding the alcohol policy. Caliva.1 stated that there can be no reimbursement for alcohol in accordance with events that both faculty and graduate student are at together when they are at restaurants or personal homes. Wesaw.1 agreed to look into this more and provide updates shortly.
- 16.5.** Adeeko.5 raised the concern regarding OPERS automatically enrolling everyone in their program and is interested in collaborating with others to advocate for changes in this or education of graduate students to prevent other students from unknowingly enrolling in these types of programs.

17. ANNOUNCEMENTS

17.1. March 23, 2018 – 3rd Spring Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union

17.2. April 13, 2018 – 4th Spring Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union

18. Meeting adjourned at 5:31pm

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