

Exec Meeting Minutes  
October 13, 2022  
Notes taken by Mercy Amankwah

1. Meeting Commenced at 5:01pm
2. Attendance
  - a. Officers Present  
Cameron Griffith (CG), Ray Garner (RG), Mercy Amankwah (MA), Aneesha Avashti (AA), Kyle LaFollette (KL)
  - b. Officers Absent  
Michelle Gotto (MG), Doroteja Rubez (DR) and Emerson Page (EP) - (under the weather)
3. Student Sustainability Council & Sunrise CWRU
  - Two representatives (Cecile and Ben) came in to share the guiding framework, past accomplishments and current goals of the Green New Deal for CWRU.
  - People in attendance gave suggestions on areas to target.
  - Indicated that if interested in helping achieve their goals, we can connect with them. Discussed their past work. They are working to introduce a Climate minor course by working with the Environmental Science department.
  - They are soliciting more signatures currently for their campaign and would need assistance getting the word out.
  - They shared their current priorities including expansion of the RTA pass program (for not only undergrads but grads), university recognized community-led (grads and undergrads and etc) climate action council, increased resources for the Office of Energy and sustainability. Currently 2 people work there.
  - Reach out to Avi@ [abh74@case.edu](mailto:abh74@case.edu) to help out with campaign strategy and planning. Sign on to their guiding framework and read the full green new deal for cwru report on [linktr.ee/GND4CWRU](https://linktr.ee/GND4CWRU).
  - RG asked that they forward their information (mainly links) to what they have done etc to GCAS and GSC to put in our newsletters. RTA pass program might be challenging - RG pointed out.
  - CG gave pointers to things they can bring attention to. The fact that some buildings don't accommodate people with disabilities and working environments to buildings like those in the humanities.
  - Regan from Anthropology pointed out that she can link them to GSC and exchanged emails with Cecil and Ben to connect them with the right people in GSC.
4. Officer Reports
  - a. Presidents' Roundtable:
    - Bad health insurance

- GSC president has raised this issue with administration
- Dental is only through dental school
- No insurance for vision
- CWRU has one of the highest deductible
- Some departments don't have reimbursements for health insurance.
- Alumni board has been made aware and they are interested in making things better for us. Razaq is very active in updating the Alumni board meeting to make them aware of our health insurance situation.
- The Admin of health insurance at CWRU will be attending the GSC exec meeting so if you have questions or anecdotes, forward to CG (cxg419) or RG (crg56) to forward to Razaq (rod10).
- Ohio has Dental Insurance - It's highly discounted. Ohio gov't dental insurance
- Any grad student enrolled in courses is food stamp eligible
- Reproductive health stuff
  - Vending machines with reproductive health care things (condoms, pregnancy test) in them
  - There will no longer be the plan B discussed earlier. It's not being really announced to the public
  - There are only two vending machines.
    1. 3rd floor of medical building (need card swipe to have access to building)
    2. Fribley commons ( RG will have to double check that) .
  - Task force seems more ambivalent about adding more vending machines.
- AA mentioned that one of the faculty from Physics wanted to know who to contact in GCAS to find out how GCAS addressed reproductive health and women issues etc. RG stated that AA sent an email letting the faculty member know he can contact RG or MG.
- If you need pregnancy accommodations, go to the office of equity as a grad student.

b. GSC Meeting - KL reported:

- University administration meeting addressing student Health insurance concerns to be held on October 19th
- Officials from university will be tackling university responses to overturning Roe vs Wade on the next general assembly meeting on November 2nd 5:30-6:30
- Student org funding available.
- Applications opened for director of professional development
- Cedar point tickets available on sale soon; no transportation provided; carpool groups will be arrange
- Updates regarding faculty senate meeting
  - Women initiatives: Some vending machines converted to reproductive vending machines. Some reproductive health materials available in office of multicultural affairs, office of diversity and inclusion and women center

- Info and seminars about pregnancy and contraceptives were being planned; they did not provide enough details.
- Provost office looking for new faculty. Official letter will be sent out soon regarding those concerns.

c. Treasurer:

AA reported that \$55 was spent for starbucks and trivia gift cards since last meeting

5. Old Business

a. Graduate Student Scholarship and Creative Endeavors Grant

- Deadline: October 28, 2022
- Grant application submission platform: CampusGroups:  
Rules and other relevant information on the grant and application process as well as recording of the three seminars can be found on the website.
- Highlight: **pivot** - website that is instrumental in searching for grants in a well crafted manner. This was discussed in detail in one of the seminars.
- CG and RG gave a summary of discussions that went on the past 3 organized seminars.
- Things to note:
  - Spend all funds by June 30, 2023  
RG mentioned that after talking to Lauren, it looks like June 30 is a hard deadline, however things might change next time as this is a pilot project.
- Alberto B. asked about requesting funds for a group project where not all the students are in CAS.
  - RG answered that once the PI is from Arts and Sciences they can apply but only one person will get the fund.
  - Alberto indicated that he might want to be on the panel if he doesn't apply for the grant.
- More review panelists needed
  - Interested people should email CG (cxg419) or RG (crg56)

b. Update on union-type tasks

- Meeting with department leadership
  - RG gave an overview on GCAS adopting a union-type role for CAS.
  - RG had a meeting with two presidents, Sam and Maura from Music
  - RG pointed out that we might not have the power to do that according to our constitution.
    - Want to have some sort of president's roundtable for CAS where the presidents from other departments will discuss how to navigate this union type role for GCAS
    - RG asked that he be emailed if anyone him with questions and suggestions before he sends out emails

- A&S Finance Committee Report  
MA gave an update from the committee meeting. Committee met on Monday October 10th. Working on gathering relevant information. Afterwards, DR will put together a survey afterwards for CAS and then another for GSC.

c. Constitutional Amendment

- Nothing much gets changed except the general assembly meeting. GCAS exec board meetings are canceled and the general assembly meeting will replace it.
- Subsection B of section 1 in article 5 is being removed. So everyone at CAS can attend GCAS general meeting and only Reps can vote.
- RG will send changes to department reps and executive committee next week

d. Fall Wine & Canvas Social Update

- Do it Jolly Scholar. Challenge is finding someone to host it (possibly Sarah from Art History)
- We have to get funding through GSC so we can easily get alcohol as CAS doesn't allow us to serve alcohol.
- Cameron is thinking of making it a co-sponsored event to access more funds
- Targeting to hold event on 1st or 2nd full week of November

6. New Business

a. Campus COVID Policies

- CWRU is becoming more hands off concerning COVID
- COVID dashboard is no longer on CWRU website so not really showing information on progression of COVID cases on campus.
- GCAS to push for vending machines to be restocked frequently (Vending machines are not refreshed daily but weekly)
- RG to ask administration these questions:
  - i) Will the university require everyone to receive an updated booster shot?
  - ii) Will the university bring back the COVID dashboard?
  - iii) Will the university require professors to move to online instruction if cases spread?
    - RG will ask but not optimistic that online instruction will hold. University doesn't want actual registered classes to go to online sessions.
  - iv) Will CWRU provide additional booster shots?
    - Might have to schedule appointment with UH if booster shot needed

b. DEI Training

- RG would like the officers to go to one of these:
  - i) Power of Diversity Lecture: Diversity and Democracy on 10/19
  - ii) Change Agent Series: Microaggressions on 11/17
  - iii) LGBTQ Center Safe zone Training on 10/19
- RG will send out a poll to decide which one we should attend

7. Open Forum

Nothing came up.

8. Meeting Adjourned at 6:06pm