



Delegates Present: Luke Andrejek, Ali AsghariAdib, Ada Barach, Blake Barnett, Om Prakash Bedant, Polina Berezina, Jessica Blackburn, Anthony Bowersock, John Bundschuh, Yu-Chun Chang, Steph Charles, Jacob Compaleo, Carrington Conerly, Katherine Conner, Paul Consiglio, Robert Cremins, Robert Dahlberg-Sears, Riley DeBacker, Austin DeGroff, Todd DeRose, Kendra Dickinson, Ty Drayton, Meaghann Dynes, Story Edison, Caroline Fitzpatrick, Brandon Free, Bethany Frick, Jahmour Givans, Annedra Gladney, Robin Gordon, Paul Gregor, Jenna Greve, Sarah Haines, Keira Hambrick, Jordan Hartman (ALT: Fenstermaker.11), Lindsey Hernandez, Morgan Heyde, Christian Hines, Sarah Hyman, Shontiar Johnson, Ashwin Kane, Ellia La, Yifan Li, Ho-chieh Lin, Javonte Lipsey, Madeleine Lomax-Vogt, Xinyue Lu, Alan Lujan, M. Dominique Magistrado, Zari Mahmoudi, Doricka Menefee, Benjamin Mertus, Alexander Milder, Madison Mize, Laura Neese, Aviva Neff, Wanderson Novais Pereira, Brian O'Rourke, Felipe Pacci Evaristo, Kelsey Pinckard, Bryan Remaily, Lauren Riley, Marie Rineveld, Morgan Ross, Mary Sagatelova, Ashweta Sahni, Erik Scaltriti, Michelle Scott, Karla ShockleyMccarthy (ALT: Chadwick.69), Daniel Smith, Juman Somnath, Kye Stachowski, Goran Stevanovski, Matthew Stuckey, Garrett Tatum, Greyson Teague, Ekaterina Tikhonyuk, Jamie Utphall, Andrew Varnau, Ana Maria Velasquez Giraldo, Ericka Velez-Bonet, Derek Walton, Brett Wedding, Yitong Xin, Megan Zib

Delegates Absent: Selasi Attipoe, Rob Barry, Fouad Choueiry, Kacey Clark, Adam Culiver, Archit Datar, Benjamin Duran, Megan Espana, Steph Fanelli, Colby Gregg, Nathaniel Heiden, Gregory Jameson, Noor Khalayleh, Pouya Kousha, Charles Mace, Matthew Maynard, Krutant Mehta, Jaychandran Padayasi, Maritza Pierre, Swetha Rajasekaran, Armando Roman, Akanksha Sahni, Melika Shahhosseini, Andrew Wilson

Senators Present: Shawar Ali, Aaron Beczkiewicz, Tyler Beauregard, Jenna Greve, Gala Korniyenko, Laine Rumreich, Conner Sarich, Dustin Servello

Senators Absent: Akshay Asaithambi, Utkarsh Shah

Executive Committee Members Present: Katherine Conner, Caroline Fitzpatrick, Colby Gregg, Jenna Greve, Abigail Grieff, DaVonti Haynes, Rania Khamees, Sarah Light, Madeleine Lomax-Vogt, Raven Lynch, Nick Messenger, Aviva Neff, Wanderson Novais Pereira, Stephen Post, Conner Sarich, Michelle Scott, Carrie Anne, Thomas, Leila Vieria

Executive Committee Members Absent: Kathryn Holt, Melika Shahhosseini

1. GUEST SPEAKERS

1.1. Carly Sobol (Grad/Prof Student Member of the Board of Trustees)

1.2. Molly Peirano (Interim Title XI Coordinator, Office of Institutional Equity)

1.2.1. Questions:

- Korniyenko.1: What should students do if they have disabilities protected by HIPPA but need accommodations?
 - HIPPA applies to medical professionals. If the student chooses to share that information, you can access that as an instructor and provide accommodations. The Student Disability Office is the only people who need to know the details of the student's disability and can work with the student to figure out what accommodations are needed. All instructors should follow the recommendations prepared by this office.
- Ali.637: Can you talk more about the genetic information that is protected?
- Edison.22: Are there options to report more systemic issues with particular faculty?
 - One option is to work with the department to have educational discussions to ameliorate some of the internal issues that are leading to problems. It's also sometimes helpful to craft some unit-specific guidelines.
- Drayton.18: How does your office interact with ODI?

- Every college has a diversity officer and there is a large group of these officers which the Office of Institutional Equity participates in.
- Will you learn the outcome of a complaint?
 - The complainant and the respondent will both receive documentation simultaneously.
- How can subtle issues from supervisors be addressed if they are on the borderline of what can and should be reported.
 - General advice is to speak up in situations where this occurs, even if it is not directed at you.
- There were new policies put in place over the summer. We encourage you to reach out if you have any questions.
- Have you experienced differences in how students of color reach out to and utilize this office?
 - There is always room to grow and the office welcomes any and all feedback about how inclusion and diversity can be improved.

2. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 3:44pm

2.1. Statement of Purpose

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

2.2. Land Acknowledgement

- 2.2.1. CGS acknowledges central Ohio as the traditional homeland of the Shawnee, Miami, Wyandotte and other Indigenous nations who have strong ties to these lands. Today, individuals from a broad range of Indigenous backgrounds call Columbus and central Ohio home.

3. ROLL CALL

3.1. Carmen log-in

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. Minutes from November 6, 2020

- 4.1.1. Minutes approved.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. Vice President Elections

- 5.1.1. Resumes and cover letters for all candidates are at the end of the meeting packet.

- 5.1.2. Candidates briefly address the delegate body and answer questions.

- Alexander Arnold
- Alessandra Margello
- Nick Messenger

- 5.1.3. Nick Messenger is elected as Vice President.

5.2. Resolution 2021-013: A Resolution To Make Delegates' Votes Public

- 5.2.1. Presentation time yielded by authors.

5.2.2. Questions:

- What was the voting process like before we moved online?
 - We simply took a rough vote by raised hands. If it was close, we would count votes.
- What will we do when we move back in person?
 - Even if meeting go back to an in-person format, it would still be possible and effective to use Carmen or another online platform for voting.

- Do other university groups and committees vote publicly as well?
 - Some do, some don't.
- 5.2.3. Discussion:**
- Sarich.6: It might be important for constituents to be able to see how their delegates are voting and representing them within CGS.
 - Conner.280: This system will provide a valuable metric for others to see the voting records of delegates, especially those who are applying for executive positions. It also allows us to better advocate for certain groups of constituents if we can say that all delegates from a certain unit voted for or against a piece of legislation.
- 5.2.4.** Resolution is voted on via Carmen survey.
- 5.2.5.** Resolution passes (60 Yeas, 7 Nays, 1 Abstention).

6. OFFICER REPORTS (as submitted in Delegate Meeting Packet)

6.1. President (Post.144)

- 6.1.1.** Applications now being accepted for the open chair positions.
- 6.1.2.** Additional funding has been made available for mental health.
- 6.1.3.** There will now be 2 two-day instructional breaks during spring semester instead of the originally advertised single day breaks
- 6.1.4.** The interview process for the grad ombudsperson are starting next week and someone should be chosen by mid-December, 2020
- 6.1.5.** Bruce McPheron and Susan Basso are both leaving. CGS will have representation on the Provost search committee and we will hopefully be involved in the process of
- 6.1.6.** Carrie Anne Thomas appointed as Strategic Communications Chair.
- 6.1.7.** Questions:
 - Dahlberg-sears.1: Are Bruce and Susan stepping down and moving on somewhere else?
 - Bruce is returning to his initial professor appointment but will continue to serve through June. Susan has resigned and there is already an interim chair in place.

6.2. Vice President (Haynes.242)

- 6.2.1.** Hayes Forum will take place April 9th in a virtual format. Applications are now being accepted until January 15th and faculty judges are also being recruited.
- 6.2.2.** Our new website will begin construction this month and will hopefully be live early next year.
 - Questions:
 - Korniyenko.1: What is the average award amount for Hayes winners?
 - It's listed in previous booklets for Hayes.

6.3. Treasurer (Lynch.389)

- 6.3.1.** 3 Graduate Student Engagement Fund awards have been given to applicants.
- 6.3.2.** 4 applicants were awarded in the last funding period of Ray.
- 6.3.3.** Questions:
 - Dalhberg-sears.1: For students who are conducting research-related travel, can Ray be used for this?
 - Scott.1445: Could Ray fund registration for conferences that are both in person and virtual?
 - Yes, as long as the reimbursement is not for travel.

6.4. Secretary (Light.109)

- 6.4.1.** The application window has now closed for funding period 3 of CDG (activities between January 1 and March 31, 2021). 16 applications are now being sent out to judges for review.

7. COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES (as submitted in Delegate Meeting Packets)

7.1.1. SERC

- The carbon footprint reduced during the pandemic but disposable items increased.
- Case competition open until February

7.1.2. Arts & Culture

- Virtual symposium on January 29th on Arts & Science in the Age of Culture of Care. Applications due December 14th.

8. SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS

8.1. Delegate Issues & Concerns

8.1.1. Dahlberg-sears.1: is there a policy in place about external fellowships and funding clocks?

- There is not a blanket policy but may be able to handled on an individual basis.

8.1.2. Derose.28: Has there been an update on the continuous enrollment question?

- The post-candidacy leave policy was supposed to kind of ameliorate this but unfortunately, there hasn't been a better solution yet and that may depend a lot on budget conversations that are still up in the air. The benefit of the continuous enrollment was to help out unfunded students and post-candidacy students by reducing the amount of credits hours students were charged for while also encouraging them to keep working on their dissertation.

8.1.3. Dickinson.130: The University is not accepting applications for Presidential Fellowships in the spring semester, but this was not announced until after the application deadline for fall had passed.

- As far as we know, the fellowship is simply pushed back, not cancelled completely. We made it clear to Dean Bertone that this was not a good way to handle this situation and announcements should have been made earlier. However, there seems to be some confusion

8.1.4. Tikhonyuk.1: New delegates need an orientation/on-boarding process.

- This year was definitely a very long process because many delegates were appointed after both of the election cycles. We are working on distributing some of these materials more effectively and there will be an orientation before the next delegate meeting.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 9.1.** Next meeting is January 15, 2021 @ 3:30pm.

10. Meeting adjourned at 5:42pm.