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Delegates Present: Luke Andrejek, Selasi Attipoe, Ada Barach, Blake Barnett, Om Prakash Bedant, Polina Berezina, Jessica Blackburn, John Bundschuh, Steph Charles, Kacey Clark, Jacob Compaleo, Carrington Conerly (ALT: Chevrolet.1), Katherine Conner, Paul Consiglio, Robert Cremins, Adam Culiver, Robert Dahlberg-Sears, Archit Datar, Riley DeBacker, Austin DeGroff, Todd DeRose, Kendra Dickinson, Ty Drayton, Meaghann Dynes, Story Edison, Megan Espana, Steph Fanelli, Caroline Fitzpatrick, Bethany Frick, Jahmour Givans, Annedra Gladney, Robin Gordon, Colby Gregg, Paul Gregor, Jenna Greve, Sarah Haines (ALT: Ewing.244), Keira Hambrick, Jordan Hartman, Lindsey Hernandez, Morgan Heyde, Christian Hines, Gregory Jameson, Shontiara Johnson, Ashwin Kane, Noor Khalayleh, Ellia La, Yifan Li, Javonte Lipsey, Madeleine Lomax-Vogt, Xinyue Lu, Alan Lujan, Charles Mace, Zari Mahmoudi, Krutant Mehta, Doricka Menefee, Benjamin Mertus, Alexander Milder, Madison Mize, M. Dominique Nagasawa, Laura Neese, Aviva Neff, Wanderson Novais Pereira, Shane O'Neil, Brian O'Rourke, Felipe Pacci Evaristo, Jaychandran Padayasi, Maritza Pierre, Kelsey Pinckard, Rosie Rabati, Swetha Rajasekaran, Bryan Remail, Lauren Riley, Marie Rineveld, Morgan Ross, Mary Sagatelova, Ashweta Sahni, Erik Scaltriti, Michelle Scott, Karla ShockleyMccarthy, Kye Stachowski, Goran Stevanovski, Matthew Stuckey, Garrett Tatum, Greyson Teague, Ekaterina Tikhonyuk, Jamie Utphall, Ana Maria Velasquez Giraldo, Ericka Velez-Bonet, Derek Walton, Brett Wedding, Yitong Xin, Megan Zib

Delegates Absent: Ali AsghariAdib, Rob Barry, Anthony Bowersock, Yu-Chun Chang, Fouad Choueiry, Benjamin Duran, Nathaniel Heiden, Sarah Hyman, Pouya Kousha, Ho-chieh Lin, Matthew Maynard, Armando Roman, Akanksha Sahni, Melika Shahhosseini, Daniel Smith, Kumar Somnath, Andrew Wilson

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

Senators Absent: Akshay Asaithambi, Utkarsh Shah

Executive Committee Members Present: Katherine Conner, Caroline Fitzpatrick, Brandon Free, Jenna Greve, Abigail Grieff, Kathryn Holt, Sarah Light, Madeleine Lomax-Vogt, Raven Lynch, Nick Messenger, Aviva Neff, Wanderson Novais Pereira, Stephen Post, Conner Sarich, Michelle Scott, Carrie Anne Thomas, Leila Viera

Executive Committee Members Absent: Melika Shahhosseini

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 3:31pm

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. Land Acknowledgement

- 1.2.1. 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.

2. ROLL CALL

2.1. Carmen log-in

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. Minutes from December 4, 2020

- 3.1.1. Light.109: Amendment to add in the presentation of Act 2021-001.
- 3.1.2. Minutes approved.

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

4.1. President (Post.144)

- 4.1.1. CGS put out a statement condemning the violence that occurred at the U.S. Capital last week. We will be discussing a resolution later in this meeting supporting this statement.
- 4.1.2. The Graduate Ombudsperson position has been filled and the new person will be officially starting in this position by the end of January.
- 4.1.3. All graduate students are now required to get COVID tested weekly if you are on campus at all. There are some exemptions that you can submit for.
- 4.1.4. We are lobbying where we can to get higher education professionals to be included in the next round of people eligible to receive the vaccine. This would include graduate students who are teaching in person this semester.
- 4.1.5. As far as we know, there will not be a vaccination requirement for OSU in the future, but this may change.
- 4.1.6. The Grad School fellowship awards will be proceeding in the spring. The application dates should be announced soon. The funding situation is a little unclear at present so there may be fewer awards than normal. AGGRS will also be moving forward to award those in the spring, but the award decisions may not be made in a timely manner.
- 4.1.7. Brandon Free.41 has been appointed as Parliamentarian.
- 4.1.8. Questions:
 - Jameson.61: Is there an indication about how OSU plans to be involved in vaccine distribution to the general student population? Will OSU health insurance cover this vaccine?
 - As far as we can tell, there is not a specific plan in place yet. It's likely that SHI will cover it.
 - Holt.351: Is there any more clarifying information about the award timeline?
 - Not really. They've shifted the deadlines, but this doesn't solve our major concern that students need to know ASAP about whether they will be able to secure funding for their research before they undertake it.
 - Neese.13: There's concern in the dance department about the transparency of the selection process for the AGGRS award, especially in the context of the pandemic. Have the criteria changed at all?
 - We don't have a lot of direct information about who is receiving the funding.
 - Is there any information about security planning in place for the campus area this weekend when there are potential protests that may be happening downtown?
 - We expect that OSU Police will be out to keep any crowds away from campus.

4.2. Vice President (Messenger.37)

- 4.2.1. If you have served on a Senate committee in the past few years, you will be getting an email with a survey to gather feedback about your experience. This is to help a review committee determine the best way to revamp and reorganize these committees to be more effective. GCBC and Grad Council are both being specifically looked at and there will also be a new central group focusing on issues of diversity.
- 4.2.2. We are working with the Graduate School to build a centralized orientation for all new graduate students to familiarize people with resources, offices, etc. available to them.
- 4.2.3. The Engaged Scholars Grant will be offered again in the spring semester. Deadlines and application information is on the CGS website.
- 4.2.4. Officer elections will happen at the March delegate meeting. Please reach out to the current officers to find out more information if you are interested in running for a position.
- 4.2.5. The Hayes Forum is still accepting abstracts until next week and the forum is happening virtually April 9th. If you are available or have constituents who are available and interested, please volunteer to help out as we need people power to host all the presentation rooms.

4.2.6. Questions:

- Novaispereira.1: Can you resubmit an abstract if you want to make changes?
 - Yes, but your advisor will have to redo the online approval.

4.3. Treasurer (Lynch.389)

- 4.3.1. The application window for funding period 4 of CDG closes February 1st.
- 4.3.2. CGS got our money from the student activity fee, which was much lower than what we normally get. However, we have not been spending much this year and that money should roll over and be available for use next year when the spending freeze

4.4. Secretary (Light.109)

- 4.4.1. The application window for funding period 4 of CDG closes February 1st. 12 applicants were awarded in funding period 3 of CDG.
- 4.4.2. Reminder that you should look over the meeting minutes and the passed legislation once they are posted to make sure that your attendance and votes are listed correctly. All of this information is pulled from Carmen and handled manually so there is room for human error.
- 4.4.3. Questions:
 - Dahlberg-sears.1: What is the plan for hosting the Global Gateway Grant this summer? A lot of other awards and fellowships are not available this year and it would be a critical source of funding for some graduate students.
 - It's unclear yet as a lot of this funding comes from outside of CGS and so many or may not be available because of budget issues. We are working to see if there may be other ways we can support grad student research.

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

5.1.1. Strategic Communications

- Carrie Anne is working on a long-term structure for organizing and planning how and when CGS communicates, both internally and externally. There is a discussion post on Carmen for delegates to submit any feedback, comments, or suggestions about how to do this most effectively.

5.1.2. SERC

- The committee is still working on a project recycling gloves.
- Also working on a project to recognize graduate students who are doing work in line with OSU's sustainability goals, climate change, or sustainability.
- Also working to put together a joint statement written with sister committees at other Big10 institutions about divesting from fossil fuels.
- OSU is ranked very low as a bike-friendly university (silver level in a system ranging from bronze to platinum). The committee is working on a resolution that would ask for the university to work on plans to improve our rating to the maximum accessible level by 2025.

5.1.3. Arts & Culture

- Information about the upcoming symposium was posted on Carmen. Please distribute that to your constituents and advertise to your department.

5.1.4. Graduate Students Affairs

- The hours for the Lyft partnership have been expanded to 9pm-7am and the limit has been upped by \$2. Please reach out if you have questions or concerns about the Lyft program.

5.1.5. Health, Wellness, and Safety

- The committee is hosting an interactive program focusing on nutrition and exercise tips for continuing to thrive during the pandemic. Marketing info will be sent out soon.

5.1.6. Housing & Family Affairs

- The Grad School has release information about the award for grad student parents. Nominations open January 30th. Student parents should apply even though the award

amount is small as a large number of applicants gives us leverage to advocate for more support and resources for student parents moving forward.

<https://gradsch.osu.edu/graduate-associate-performance-award-gapa>

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. Act 2021-002: An Act Updating and Clarifying the Language of the Constitution of the Council of Graduate Students

- 6.1.1. This act, containing amendments to the constitution, was presented and will be discussed and voted on at the February delegate meeting.

6.2. Act 2021-001: An Act Reordering and Restructuring the Articles of the Constitution of the Council of Graduate Students

- 6.2.1. Light.109: The purpose of this act is to reorganize the articles of the Constitution to streamline and clean up the information. Additionally, the Code of Ethics and Values has been removed from the Constitution and made into a separate document.

6.2.2. **Questions:**

- None.

6.2.3. **Discussion:**

- None.

- 6.2.4. Act is voted on via Carmen survey.

- 6.2.5. Act passes (77 Yeas, 0 Nays, 3 Abstention).

6.3. Resolution 2021-014: A Resolution Reaffirming the Executive Committee's Statement Denouncing the Violence at the Capital and Condemning Insurrectionists

- 6.3.1. Lomax-vogt.2: This act supports the statement put out by CGS at the beginning of this week. We are asking the university to take a stronger stance on this issue.

6.3.2. **Questions:**

- None.

6.3.3. **Discussion:**

- DeRose.: Proposed amendment to Line 18 to say, "at the Capital".
 - Amendment is accepted as friendly.
- Tkhonyuk.1: The language in this resolution does not really extend to the international student population.
 - Dickinson.130: Line 24 mentions United States citizens specifically, but the role of lawmakers extends beyond advocating for citizens only.
 - Proposed amendment to alter this line to say "living and working within the United States"
 - This amendment is accepted as friendly.
- Sahni.16: Line 21 mentions that there were no deaths or injuries reported but there was at least 1 person who died.
 - This resolution is specific to the violence that occurred in Columbus.
- Hambrick.25: Proposed amendment to Line 18 to say, "participated in" rather than "allowed".
 - Fitzpatrick.271: Amendment to the amendment to say "enabled" instead.
 - Amendment is accepted as friendly.
- Givans.2: The current language of Line 25-26 condemns all insurrectionists, including the President and the electoral objectors. Is this what we want it to mean?
- Cremins.3: The language in Line 34 calls on OSU to further condemn insurrectionists but perhaps more specific language would be more appropriate.
 - Fitzpatrick.271: Change this language to say "these insurrectionists"
 - Amendment accepted as friendly.
- Dahlberg-sears.1 motions to extend debate for 1 minute.
- Riley.865: Proposed amendment to line 22 to change "2020" to "2021".

- 6.3.4. Resolution is voted on via Carmen survey.
- 6.3.5. Resolution passes (74 Yeas, 1 Nay, 6 Abstentions).

7. SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS

7.1. Delegate Issues & Concerns

- 7.1.1. Dickinson.130: Can we get more information about the resources that are available for students who come down with COVID and are sick for an extended period of time?
 - We will look into this specifically and send out any information we find.
- 7.1.2. Dickinson.130: Some international students who are on fellowships were not paid last year because they did not have U.S. bank account. Now, these students have returned to the US this semester but have not received any information from HR about their fellowships.
 - Hodak.2: A student on a fellowship should probably work directly with their program coordinator first and they can get in touch with the graduate school on their behalf. HR is probably not the first office that will have information, especially with the recent transition to Workday.
- 7.1.3. Barnett.615: The Environmental Health and Safety department is planning to roll out a new system for lab inspections that will have 15% of labs doing independent inspections rather than external audits. There are concerns that much of this will fall on untrained grad students. This concern has been raised to the University Research Committee as well. If you have feedback about this, please get in touch.
- 7.1.4. Lomax-vogt.2: Collecting signatures to get some local candidates on the ballot. If you are interested in signing this petition, please get in touch.
- 7.1.5. Scott.1445: Faculty Senate members have mentioned that they are worried about the possibility that they will have to take on a lot more responsibility for things like HR in the new Workday system.
- 7.1.6. Gregg.186: Professors at the last Grad Council meeting mentioned that some programs have graduation requirements for publication in specific journals. If your program does this, please share this information.
- 7.1.7. Edison.22: Students living in grad student housing will be put into quarantine housing with undergrads and are not allowed to remain in their apartments if they test positive for COVID.
- 7.1.8. Edison.22: Students who are mostly working off-campus this semester and no longer have parking permits are having to pay for parking or walk up to half a mile when they come to campus for mandatory weekly testing.
 - There are 10 spots in the JO North lot that are free for 10 minutes. Otherwise, this is an issue we are working on.
- 7.1.9. Wedding.10: Classes were arbitrarily determined to be in person or virtual this semester by professors. All students are charged a \$100 distance learning fee if they have at least 1 virtual class, even though this was a decision not in their control.
 - This was a problem last semester so maybe it is now appropriate to push this forward as a resolution. Most of our sister institutions are not charging this fee so maybe we can use this to push back.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 8.1. Next meeting is February 5, 2021 @ 3:30pm.

9. Meeting adjourned at 5:01pm.