



COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Delegate Packet

September 5th, 2025

Location: Ohio Union Senate Chambers & Zoom



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Agenda

General Delegate Meeting | 5 SEPTEMBER 2025 | Senate Chambers, Ohio Union & Zoom

1. **CAMPUS CONNECTIONS** [3:30]
 - 1.1 Dr. Melissa Shivers, Senior Vice President of Student Life
2. **CALL TO ORDER** [4:00]
 - 2.1. **“To effectively advocate and program to ensure that The Ohio State University graduate student experience is the best it can be.”**
3. **ROLL CALL** [5 min]
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** [5 min]
5. **OFFICER REPORTS** [25 min]
 - 5.1. President’s Report – Sabrina Durso.19
 - 5.2. Vice President’s Report – Anna Zaitseva.1
 - 5.3. Treasurer’s Report – Adam Tjoelker.4
 - 5.4. Secretary’s Report – Kaz Gary.102
 - 5.5. Parliamentarian’s Report – Andy Vance.128
 - 5.6. Chief of Staff’s Report – Blue Lerner.111
6. **COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS** [20 min]
 - 6.1. Academic Affairs – Vacant
 - 6.2. Arts and Culture – Holly Engel.210
 - 6.3. Diversity & Inclusion – Vacant
 - 6.4. Government Affairs– Charlie Mace.103
 - 6.5. Graduate Caucus – Jon Fritz.288
 - 6.6. Graduate Compensation and Benefits – Bryan Perez Soto (PerezSoto.2)
 - 6.7. Graduate Student Affairs – Tinu Oduloye.1
 - 6.8. Health, Wellness, and Safety – Deb Pathak.89 & Luke Van Niel (Vanniel.5)
 - 6.9. Housing and Family Affairs – Lauren Levesque.31
 - 6.10. International Student Affairs – Ashutosh Soni.117
 - 6.11. Membership Wellness – Aryn Robinson.2283 & Katie Conner.280
 - 6.12. Research and Data Operations – Bill Wang.13945 & Shiddharta Ramprakash.4
 - 6.13. Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility – Casey Ortbahn.1 & Katelyn Amstutz.87
7. **OLD BUSINESS** [0 min]
8. **NEW BUSINESS** [0 min]
9. **SPECIAL ORDER ITEM** [30 min]
 - 9.1. **Delegate Issues and Concerns**
10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** [5 min]
 - 10.1 **Next General Delegate Meeting: Friday, October 3 at 3:30pm (Senate Chambers & Zoom)**
11. **ADJOURNMENT** 5:30 PM



CGS Virtual Meeting Ground Rules

1. Be open, flexible, considerate, and kind!
2. Speak your discomfort if something is bothering you.
3. Challenge the idea, not the person.
4. You will be automatically muted when you join the meeting. Please keep your audio MUTED, unless asking a question.
5. You may ask a question by submitting it directly in the “Chat” box; or if you would like to ask via video/audio, use the “Raise Hand” feature in the “Participant” section and the chair will recognize you. Sarah will be monitoring to ensure they are brought up.
6. You may keep your video on or off as to whichever is most comfortable for you, but we may ask you to turn off your video should connectivity issues arise.
7. Please be visually presentable, if using video, and limit background activity.
8. This meeting will be recorded for note taking purposes, and in hopes to share our meetings in the future.



Meeting Minutes for Approval

General Delegate Meeting | 11 JULY 2025 | Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER

3:31 PM

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

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- Approved by CGS majority via Zoom

4. OFFICER REPORTS

3:33 PM

4.1. President's Report – Sabrina Durso.19

4.1.1) Over the past month:

- Exec: We welcomed Jon Fritz back as Graduate Caucus chair!
- Grad School:
 - Retention rates at a 5% loss, expected to get worse, difficulties with helping international students attend OSU
 - Provost invested in 8% min. stipend increase over the next two years, looking into 12 month funding
 - Bridge Funding: \$1.5 million worth waiting on approval from Provost; ERIK Director moved on from OSU
- Student Life:
 - Carter not coming to our meetings, but Dr. Shivers will be here in September; asking Provost shortly
 - President and Provost will be meeting with student gov. leaders once a semester
 - Senate Bill 1 officially implemented June 26. Land Acknowledgements not permitted. LGBTQ+ website taken down.
 - The Buckeye Commons: Hiring Committee is going great!

4.1.2) Working on:

- Sunrise Conversations:
 - IF YOU HAVE A PROFESSOR WHO IS WONDERFUL AT SUPPORTING STUDENTS, PLEASE LET ME KNOW!
- OIA Welcome Week Picnic:
 - CGS Co-sponsoring this event!
- CGS Involvement in Service:
 - Going great! Will be involved in BuckeyeThon and MLK Jr. Day of Service and will be hosting grad/prof only service events
- OSU Library:
 - System updated so check your account; no fees for those books not showing up on record

4.2. Vice President's Report – Anna Zaitseva.1

4.2.1) Items over the last month:

- Finished:
 - Delegate & Senate Committee Interest Surveys – will be sending out reminders if you haven't completed those yet!
 - Delegate/CGS Orientation: We now have a confirmed date and time: August 22, 10 – 2 PM. As a reminder, this event will be hybrid and we strongly encourage everyone to attend.



- In Progress:
 - Senate & Delegate Committee Assignments
 - Delegate Onboarding
- 4.3. Treasurer's Report – Adam Tjoelker.4
- 4.3.1) **RTA Application Period Open:**
- Current application period for RTA is open as of June 15th and will remain open until August 1st. Current period covers travel dates between October 1st and December 31st, 2025.
- 4.3.2) **Out of Office in July:**
- I will be away throughout the month of July in the Yukon collecting data for my PhD project. I won't have access to internet from June 29th to July 24th. If you have any urgent questions regarding the Ray Travel Award for questions for the treasurer, please email cgs@osu.edu!
- 4.4. Secretary's Report – Kaz Gary.102
- 4.4.1) **As Secretary:**
- Delegate Meeting Packets from this year are up on the CGS Archives on cgs.osu.edu!
 - Special thanks to Sabrina for getting those up
 - Plan to have up our new 2025-2026 Delegate Meeting Packets and will update those throughout the year
- 4.4.2) **As CDG Chair:**
- CDG cycle 2 is now open from June 15th to August 1st! Please remind your constituents if they want to travel in the fall/winter.
 - If you'd like to be a judge, please reach out to me at gary.102@osu.edu!

5. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

3:43 PM

- 5.1. Arts and Culture – Holly Engel.210
- 5.1.1) **Nothing to report this month!**
- 5.2. Government Affairs– Charlie Mace.103
- 5.2.1) **Meetings:**
- Government Affairs meetings will start in the Fall – let. Me know if you would like to get involved!
- 5.2.2) **SB1 Updates:**
- Petition to stay/repeal Senate Bill 1 failed and SB1 will not be on the ballot this Novemeber
 - Ohio voters can petition to:
 - Amend the state constitution
 - Add to the revised code
 - Repeal existing laws
- 5.3. Health, Wellness, and Safety – Deb Pathak.89 & Luke Van Niel (Vanniel.5)
- 5.3.1) **Planning for 2nd Accessibility Stakeholders' Symposium is in full swing!**
- Join us on October 7th 20205 for a day of advocacy and community building focused on accessibility on campus! Plus free catered food and CGS/HWS swag! Stay tuned for more details
 - Please don't hesitate to reach out if you would like to join the Symposium planning or have advocacy needs we can support! Happy summer!



5.4. Housing and Family Affairs – Lauren Levesque.31

5.4.1) **Grad Student Housing Survey:**

- Used to inform CGS advocacy around housing and cost of living issues
- Currently Drafting
- Feel free to contact me with suggestions

5.4.2) **Housing Education Workshop:**

- Focused on how to deal with your landlord/property owner
- Co-sponsored with OCCSE
- Will be held October 27th, 3:30 – 5:00 PM in Senate Chambers

5.4.3) **Grad Student Roommate Fair:**

- Co-sponsored with OCCSE
- Sometime the spring semester (February?)

5.5. Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility – Casey Ortbahn.1 & Katelyn Amstutz.87

5.5.1) **Planned Meetings with OSU Leadership:**

- Planned meetings with contacts from FOD, Student Life and the Sustainability Institute to discuss our plans for next year. Will have those over the next few weeks!

5.6. Membership Wellness – Aryn Robinson.2283 & Katie Conner.280

5.6.1) **Nothing to report this month!**

6. OLD BUSINESS

7. NEW BUSINESS

3:52 PM

7.1. Executive Session

7.1.1) **Motion to move into executive session by Connor.280**

- Seconded by PerezSoto.2
- Approved by CGS majority via Zoom

8. SPECIAL ORDER ITEM

4:26 PM

8.1. Delegate Issues and Concerns

8.1.1) GradForms Early Submission

- **Connor.280:** GradForms is getting an update, so if you plan on defending or doing candidacy this semester, just make sure you look at the dates! They want stuff submitted earlier now this year.

8.1.2) Leave Policies for Grad Students



- **Unnava.4:** I have a friend in another department who got sick and missed her quals. Her department basically told her that she failed and was getting kicked out. I had her go through SLDS and file temporary disability. Is there University or graduate school-level guidance on how this stuff is handled?
- **Durso.19:** Even after getting SLDS temporary disability, the student was still disqualified?
- **Unnava.4:** There was a first round of quals in the beginning of the semester that they didn't know about and then they got sick during the second round of quals and were told they were going to get kicked out or just be a master's student from then on. The student accepted that, because they didn't know anything was wrong. I told them to go through SLDS. They got it sorted, and I think they're going to take their quals in the Fall, but they were ready to not have a position in their department anymore.
- **Durso.19:** The student is ok and able to do their exams which is good to hear. Send me an e-mail summarizing everything and I can forward that to Matt Page from the Graduate School. He knows the grad handbook really well, so if it's not included in there, we can see if it's something to be included for next year. We are in the middle of updating the leave policy, so it might be a case of the policy just hadn't updated yet. Thank you for bringing this up.
- Motion by **Connor.280** to end Delegate Issues and Concerns early
- Seconded by **PerezSoto.2**

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

9.1 Next General Delegate Meeting: Friday, September 5 at 3:30pm (Senate Chambers & Zoom)

10. ADJOURNMENT

4:35 PM



Officer Reports

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Sabrina Durso, President
DATE: August 31, 2025
RE: President's Report

Welcome (back) to C.G.S. everyone,

I hope you all had wonderful summers full of adventures, good health, family and friends, and a perfect balance of rest and productivity—and I wish the same for this semester! Whether you're new or returning, I am looking forward to working with you to ensure the graduate student experience at The Ohio State is the best it can be, all while getting to know you and your passions. Always feel free to say hi in person after the meeting, in the C.G.S. Office (Room 2088 in the Ohio Union), or via email! If you see me in person though, please make sure to introduce yourself every time as I don't have the greatest eyesight.

Over the Summer:

- Met with President Carter:
 - Anna and I met with President Carter last week. We updated him on graduate student concerns regarding the S.B.1. Reporting Process for G.A.s, International Students, and funding. He reassured us that he is doing all he can to support graduate and international students. We also asked about updates to childcare that I worked on in Summer 2024 and he has promised to look back into this issue. It was a good meeting overall.
- Graduate School:
 - Bridge Funding has been approved! If a graduate student is in need of help with funding due to grant loss, their advisor should contact The Graduate School.
 - Incoming International Student population is down by 19% but this is largely due to a mix-up in the College of Engineering. The Office of International Affairs and The Graduate School continue to think of ways to support this particular student population.
- National Association of Grad/Prof Students (N.A.G.P.S.):
 - Working with N.A.G.P.S. to support and work with BIG10 and Flagship Universities around the country! Hopefully we will be attending a Legislative Action Day in D.C. this semester.
- Getting C.G.S. Involved with Campus Service:
 - On September 11th, BE KIND is hosting one of their HUGE food packing events (details below my signature)! I strongly encourage any C.G.S.er to attend either of these sessions and to share them with your colleagues! It's a great opportunity to make a HUGE impact (plus, it certainly adds service hours for anyone hoping to apply for the Ray Travel Award). **Space is limited and on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you plan to attend, please fill out this Microsoft Form (https://go.osu.edu/cgs_be_kind) and linked Registration Form so that I can connect you with other CGSers in attendance. I will be at Session 1.**
 - Join C.G.S. as we Pay It Forward for Community Commitment on Saturday, September 20 in the Ohio Union! Volunteers will have the opportunity

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to participate in 2-3 hours of on-site service at the Union, or serve at a local nonprofit organization. Day-of registration will begin at 9:30 a.m., no pre-registration is required for individuals. **Fill out this form by Friday Sept. 12 to participate with CGS (https://go.osu.edu/cgs_day_of_service)!**

- C.G.S. x O.I.A. International Block Party:
 - This event went off without a hitch! We expect nearly 500 students came out to the event! We spent over \$2000 in catering that was gone in an hour, Brutus showed up and took cute pics with everyone, and a ton of campus resources came to discuss how they can support international students!
- Email Fix:
 - I worked diligently over the summer to ensure our newsletter was coming from an official O.S.U. email. Our readership rate went from 25% to nearly 50% since the switch!
- Digital Accessibility:
 - I worked with the University Digital Accessibility Team to work on a Request for Purchase of a Learning Management Scanning Tool that will integrate accessibility into CarmenCanvas. More on this soon!

Working On:

- Seating ACADEMIC AFFAIRS and DIVERSITY & INCLUSION!
 - **Help C.G.S. get a full Executive Committee this year by chairing a committee!** Contact me if interested!
- Regalia Project:
 - C.G.S. has been working for almost two years to get an academic regalia lending library and we are in the final stages of doing so! Hoping to have this up and running by Spring Commencement! HUGE thanks to Jon Fritz for leading so much of this effort!

Updates from Past Delegate Issues and Concerns:

- None were stated, but I thought it might be nice to update SB1 concerns here:
 - SB1 Complaint Process: Still working with the Civil Rights Compliance Office to ensure The Graduate School has say in outcomes determined by the SB1 reporting process. Currently, the [Campus Free Speech Policy](#) states this in regard to the reporting process: “All other individuals acting in a faculty capacity, including staff and students teaching courses, will be sanctioned by the executive vice president and provost or their designee in accordance with university policy.”
 - Land Acknowledgments: G.T.A.s cannot use Land Acknowledgments in their courses, though a case may be made if said acknowledgement is relevant to the course. Because an instructor/G.T.A. is in their employment role in the classroom, they would not be speaking in their personal citizen or even non-employee student role (like you would have at C.G.S. events), rather they would be speaking in their university employee role, and would thus be subject to the guidance that states “Land acknowledgments are considered statements and cannot be issued on behalf of a unit, college, department, etc.” This being said, the S.B.1. Compliancy Committee is looking into this matter.
 - If you have any questions regarding S.B.1., please do not hesitate to contact me.

Go Bucks and C.G.S.,
Sabrina Durso.19



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Anna Zaitseva, Vice President
DATE: September 1st, 2025
RE: Vice President's Report

Greetings all,

Welcome (back) to OSU and CGS! It is always an exciting time here on campus, and it has been even more joyful for me this time around because of my increased involvement. As Vice President, I got to be a part of several welcome events these last two weeks, and it's been a blast to get to meet and talk to so many of you in CGS and other graduate students on campus.

My priority for now remains taking care of delegates and making sure we recruit and seat as many folks as we can. Here are more details on that:

- **Delegates/Elections**

- Completing runoffs from Spring'25
- Elected delegates' applications approved, assigned to seats, academic verification from the departments and graduate school secured, added to mailing list, etc.
- Website updates with seated delegates (pics, department assignments etc.)
- Fall elections are running!
- Special election for Senator (will be done at the end of CGS meeting 10/3)

- Work on committee assignments for 25-26 for all CGSers
 - All done with exceptions of final scheduling issues as they arise, and assigning any fall electees to committees
- Delegate/CGS orientation took place on 8/22 (THANK YOU to all who attended and had incredible energy!)
- Orientation recording and PowerPoint are shared

I'm starting to approach Hayes 2026 forum preparations, but that still sounds like future Anna's problems (although I'm already starting to panic a bit).

As always, please never hesitate to reach out. I generally try to respond within 48 hours, but if you don't hear from me for longer than that, please send me a gentle follow-up. I'm on the job market this year, and while I take this work very seriously, I imagine there will be times when I have to prioritize job applications and interviews (hopefully!) but I will always get back to you.

Happy fall semester and GO BUCKS!
Anna Zaitseva.1, VP



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Adam Tjoelker, Treasurer
DATE: September 5th, 2025
RE: Treasurer's Report

Hello everyone,

I hope you all had a restful summer and are ready for the new academic year! I have a few updates about the SAF annual report, how to spend money, and an update for the Ray Travel Award.

Student Activity Fee Annual Report

Over the last few weeks, I completed the CGS Student Activity Fee (SAF) annual report for the Council on Student Affairs (CSA). This report summarizes all the events held by CGS over the last financial year (FY25) that used SAF funds. CGS had a highly productive year last year, with an increase in SAF funding already approved starting in FY26. We are looking forward to continuing to host the new annual Accessibility Stakeholders Symposium in addition to many other successful events that took off last year. Thank you to all the committee chairs who submitted event summaries for this report! If you are interested in learning more about the report, please reach out to me.

New Project Registration From

Before you spend any of your committee's budget, please reach out to me to confirm your remaining balance if you are unsure of your remaining funds. Once you are ready to plan an event, the first step for your committee is to fill out the new student government [Project Registration Form](#). After you have completed the form, please have your committee chair save a PDF version of the form to the shared folder in the Executive Committee Microsoft Teams to help me track your planned events. After we have approval for the event, we will continue with the regular RFP (Request For Purchase) process as before.

Ray Travel Award Update

Congratulations to the 22 award winners from the FY26 Funding Period 2 applicant pool! We had a highly competitive round of applications this period with many highly qualified applicants. The 22 winners were ranked by our judge scoring and selected based on the historic ~30% acceptance rate. I would like to give a special thanks to all of the judges who reviewed applications this month! We could not run the Ray Travel Award without the incredible support from our judges. Earlier in August, I ran a training session to get all the new RTA committee members trained in time to participate in this round of judging. If you are interested in volunteering as a judge for the Ray Travel Award, please reach out to me by email.

Yours in service,
Adam Tjoelker.4



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Kaz Gary, Secretary
DATE: September 2nd, 2025
RE: Secretary's Report

Welcome to (or back to) CGS!

I hope summer was restful, energizing and fun for everyone. Coming back to the academic year, here's some helpful reminders and information to make our meetings run smoothly. Additionally, I am also the Chair of the Career Development Grant committee and have some updates for all of you!

Meeting Reminders:

- **Please sign in on the sign-in sheet** if you come to meetings in-person! This way, I can record your attendance, and we know you're doing your job. If you have an alternate coming in your place, please make sure to have them sign in for you!
- **Please say your name.# before you speak at general body meetings!** This is so I know who's speaking and can record everything accurately for you all. Try to speak loudly and clearly into your microphone if you'll be attending in-person. Help me to help you!

CDG Updates:

- For those who don't know, the Career Development Grant is 1 of 2 grants funded by CGS! They are awards of up to \$350 available to fund graduate students for any career development expense such as conference travel & lodging, licensure exam supplies & fees, professional society membership dues, etc. (We don't reimburse for per diem expenses!) Cycle 2 of funding just ended, however cycle 3 will open September 15th. **YOU AS DELEGATES CAN APPLY FOR THIS TOO!**
- CDG cycle 2 closed on August 2nd. In total, we have 21 applicants this cycle and the judges have been hard at work. Due to technical issues with the online portal, judging has been delayed. However, we will have the results out to you by the time of the first meeting on the 5th! Thank you to everyone who judges for CDG 😊

Happy fall semester,
Kaz Gary.102



Committee Chair Reports

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: VACANT, CGS Academic Affairs, Chair
DATE: August 31, 2025
RE: Academic Affairs Chair Report

Seat Vacant. Contact CGS President Sabrina Durso.19 if interested.

Primary Mode of Work: Advocacy

The Academic Affairs Committee works closely with the Graduate School, the Office of Academic Affairs (OAA), the Council on Student Enrollment and Progress (CESP), and the Council on Academic Affairs (CAA) to ensure graduate students are receiving the best and most inclusive educational experience. The committee advocates for graduate students on issues related to academics, including research funding, faculty-student relationships and mentorship, and university/college/departmental policies.



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Holly Engel, Arts and Culture Chair
DATE: September 5, 2025
RE: Arts and Culture Chair's Report

Dearest CGS,

There is little to report for Arts & Culture, except that we will be holding our first meeting on Thursday, Sept. 11 from 10-11am in Hagerty Hall 206 and on Zoom at [this link](#). Anyone who is interested is welcome to join! We will be discussing our plans for the year, which include creating a student survey about arts and culture at OSU, planning possible events for the year, and deciding how to revamp the Arts & Culture website.

Fondly,

Holly Engel.210



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: VACANT, Diversity & Inclusion Chair
DATE: August 31, 2025
RE: Diversity & Inclusion Chair's Report

Seat Vacant. Contact CGS President Sabrina Durso.19 if interested.

Primary Mode of Work: Advocacy, Events

The Diversity & Inclusion Committee is committed to bringing about mutual understanding and respect among all individuals and groups at the University and to eliminating all forms of discrimination. In recognition that the development of human potential is a fundamental goal in a democratic society, this committee promotes an education system that values cultural and ethnic diversity and understanding; that provides for the preparation of students for full and meaningful participation in a changing world; and that promotes equitable and fair treatment in every aspect of campus life and employment for all persons regardless of race, color, national or regional origin, sex, age, religion, veteran status, disability, and body shape or size. This committee is dedicated to programming centered on education, awareness, activism, and building social communities for diverse groups of graduate students.



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Charlie Mace, Government Affairs Chair
DATE: September 1st, 2025
RE: Government Affairs Chair's Report

Hi everyone,

The first meeting of the Government Affairs Committee will be on September 5th. At this meeting we will discuss plans for the upcoming academic year.

Thank you,
Charlie Mace.103



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
 FROM: Jon Fritz, CGS Graduate Caucus, Chair & Senator
 DATE: September 5, 2025
 RE: Graduate Caucus Chair Report

Hey everybody!

Welcome back to the fall semester, hope your summer was relaxing, productive, fun, etc. etc.! A lot of information incoming on this first report of the year so...buckle up!

Graduate Caucus AY2526: I'll be the new chair for Grad Caucus for academic year (AY) 25-26. After serving previously in CGS as a delegate and two years as the Treasurer and Ray Travel Award (RTA) committee chair, I'm looking forward to this new role as both your senator and chief senator wrangler. For this first report, I'd like to include all senate committees with graduate student representation (see table below). If you have a concern that falls under these different committees, please feel free to contact them or me if you'd like for me to facilitate a connection. Note that in the list below **senators are highlighted in yellow**, **delegates are bolded**, *executive committee members are italicized*, and superstars with no formal position within CGS are underlined. Yes, it's a lot to look at, but it's only for this one report. Additionally, for this report, I have not included any updates from senators since the summer; if there is anything pressing, I will discuss those during the September 5 general body meeting. However, moving forward, expect something from each committee on their activities (or lack thereof).

Senate Committee Name	Grad Representative.#
Athletic Council	<i>Anna Zaitseva.1</i>
Committee on Academic Technology (CAT)	<i>Sabrina Durso.19 (temporary)</i>
Council on Academic Affairs (CAA)	Andrew Miles.375 & Andy Vance.128
Council on Academic Freedom & Responsibility (CAFR)	Vacant
Council on Enrollment and Student Progress (CESP)	Braydon Lazzara.14 & Peter Carrera.55
Council on Student Affairs (CSA)	Kirsten Myers.2377 (chair) , Oluwadamilola Salau.2 , Gabe Myers.2039
Council on the Physical Environment (COPE)	<i>Casey Ortbahn.1</i>
Library Committee	<u>Brian Rocha.5</u>
Diversity Committee	Cyenna Ulrich-Cech.1
Evaluation of Central Administrators (EOCA)	Vacant
Fiscal Committee	<i>Anna Zaitseva.1 (temporary)</i>
Government Affairs	<i>Charlie Mace.130</i>
Graduate Compensation & Benefits (GCBC)	Bryan Perez Soto.2 (chair) , Megan Hill.2534 , Sara Sequeria.23 , Kirsten Myers.2377 , Kaveri Sarkar.115 , Zachary Miller.8871
Intellectual & Property, Patents, and Copyright (IPPC) Committee	Jon Fritz.288



Research Committee (URC)	Courtney Jewel.196 & Holly Engel.210
Rules Committee	Jorge Clavo Abbass.1
Senate Steering Committee	Sabrina Durso.19

Senate calendar: Our first senate meeting of AY2526 will take place September 25th at 3:30pm. Senate meetings are open to the general public and, while Graduate Caucus represents and speaks on behalf of CGS, you are welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings as a stakeholder in university governance. Generally speaking, senate meetings occur on the last Thursday of the month and are highlighted in yellow in the calendar below:

 **THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY** **AY25-26 SENATE CALENDAR**

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Open senator positions: We are currently looking for three more senators to join our ranks: one from math, engineering, & physical sciences and two at-large senators. If you have any interest or questions in the position, please email Durso.19 & Zaitseva.1 & CC Fritz.288. Additionally, you can review the senator application & information on our website: <https://cgs.osu.edu/get-involved/run-for-senator>.

If there is anything we as senators can do to be more approachable or represent your concerns as a CGS body more appropriately, please get in touch with any of your senators. We're here to represent your interests and we look forward to serving you in the coming academic year.

All the best,
Jon Fritz.288



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Bryan Perez Soto, Graduate Compensation and Benefits (University Senate Committee) Report
DATE: September 5th, 2025
RE: Graduate Compensation and Benefits Chair's Report

Salutations earthlings,

Welcome to the 25-26 Academic Year! Excited to get this new year up and going. The graduate compensation and benefits committee (GCBC) is a committee of the University Senate (not the CGS body) with the goal of enhancing and protecting the compensation of graduate students at The Ohio State University. GCBC is currently in the selection process to set a meeting time for the year. Meetings are to occur on the second week of each month. The committee is currently composed of 6 graduate students, 3 faculty members, and 2 administrative members. You can see the senate website here: [GCBC Website](#)

A reminder of the duties and responsibilities of the committee are as follows:

1. Study the adequacy and other attributes of the university's policies and provisions including stipends, outside professional services, and supplemental compensation.
2. Conduct research and provide advice on economic support of graduate associates, professional development, quality and design of benefit programs, and appointment terms.
3. Make recommendations to the university senate, the graduate council, the graduate school, and the office of academic affairs as appropriate.

Yours truly,
Bryan PerezSoto.2



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Tinu Oduloye, Graduate Student Affairs Chair
DATE: September 5, 2025
RE: Graduate Student Affairs Chair's Report

Hi everyone,

GSA had their first meeting on Friday, August 29. In this meeting, I gave an overview of Graduate Appreciation Week (GSAW) and we discussed plans for GSAW (events and swag). Our next meeting will be in mid-September. If you are interested in attending future meetings, please reach out!

Best,

Oduloye.1



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Deb Pathak and Luke Van Niel, Health, Wellness, and Safety Chair
DATE: September 5th, 2025
RE: Health, Wellness, and Safety Chair's Report

Hey everyone,

A huge welcome to our HWS committee members this year, both new and old!
Planning for the 2nd Annual Accessibility Stakeholders' Symposium on October 7th is in full swing! Sign up today!

Sign up link: [Registration Link](#)

Looking forward to working together!

Sincerely,
Deb & Luke
Pathak.89 & Vanniel.5



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Lauren Levesque, Housing and Family Affairs Chair
DATE: August 28, 2025
RE: Housing and Family Affairs Chair's Report

Hello,

We will be holding our first committee meeting on Wednesday, September 3rd. One of my main goals for that meeting is to develop an itinerary for the October 21st Off-Campus Housing Workshop. Additionally, I just received all the feedback on the 1st draft of the housing survey. I will be incorporating that feedback into the 2nd draft and sending it out to my committee members for additional comments and feedback. My goal is to have that done by early October.

Best,

Levesque.31



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Ashutosh Soni, International Student Affairs Chair
DATE: September 2, 2025
RE: International Student Affairs Chair's Report

Hey everyone,

I do not have something to report for this meeting. However, I am planning to start setting up our monthly meeting for ISAC committee members soon. I am sure we will have some ideas for events by the next delegate meeting. Also, if any delegate is interested in joining us, we would be happy to have them.

Thanks,
Soni.117



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Aryn Robinson and Katie Conner, Membership Wellness Chair
DATE: September 5, 2025
RE: Membership Wellness Chair's Report

Hi everyone,

Succulent Serenity: Tuesday, September 16th from 6p-8p in the Creative Arts Room (Lower Level), Ohio Union

MW will be holding a succulent planting event to facilitate members getting to know each other while also having a space to relax. Space is limited, RSVP using the link

<https://forms.office.com/r/v8cyEmgCrR>

First Meeting: TBD, Please contact Aryn and Katie if you would like to attend

CGS Group Chat: Please join the CGS group chat on WhatsApp to connect with other CGSers. QR code is in the meeting slides.

Membership Shoutouts

Link for the Membership Shoutouts Form <https://forms.gle/Tpxf47dx9ZPm9Q7f6>

Please use Membership Shoutouts to share good news in your life or to shine some well-deserved light on a fellow CGSer.

Thank you,

Robinson.2283 & Conner.280



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Bill Wang and Shiddharta Ramprakash, Research and Data Operations Chair
DATE: Aug 30, 2025
RE: Research and Data Operations Chair's Report

Hi all,

We will talk about WIC (a food voucher program targeting low-income households with a pregnant person, an infant below the age of 1, a child between 2 and 5). We hope to spread the words about this program and encourage eligible parenting graduate students to enroll in WIC.

Best,

Wang.13945 & Ramprakash.4



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Katelyn Amstutz and Casey Ortbahn, Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility
Committee (SERC) Chair
DATE: September 5, 2025
RE: SERC Chairs' Report

Hi everyone,

We are planning to hold our first meeting on Friday, September 12 at 12 pm, please contact Katelyn or Casey for the Zoom link if you would like to attend! We will be discussing our plans for the year, including a Time for Change event and the sustainability advocacy, education, and partnerships we plan to engage with.

Best,

Amstutz.87 & Ortbahn.1