



COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Delegate Packet

November 7th, 2025

Location: Ohio Union Senate Chambers & Zoom



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Agenda

General Delegate Meeting | 7 NOVEMBER 2025 | Senate Chambers, Ohio Union & Zoom

1. **CAMPUS CONNECTIONS** [3:30]
 - 1.1 Ryan Lovell, Associate Vice President for Holistic Student Support and Well-being
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** [30 min]
 - 6.1. Academic Affairs – Anastasia Shikanova.1 & Danwyn Aranha.7
 - 6.2. Arts and Culture – Holly Engel.210
 - 6.3. Diversity & Inclusion – Johnathan Chisam.1
 - 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** [15 min]
 - 7.1 An Act 2526-FA-001: An Act Updating and Clarifying the Language of the Constitution of the Council of Graduate Students
 - 7.2 An Act 2526-FA-002: An Act Updating and Clarifying the Language of the Bylaws & Standing Rules of the Council of Graduate Students
 - 7.3 An Act 2526-FA-003: An Act Concerning the Amendment of the Budget for the 2025-2026 Academic Year for Council of Graduate Students
8. **NEW BUSINESS** [20 mins]
 - 8.1 Senator Elections
9. **SPECIAL ORDER ITEM** [30 min]
 - 9.1. Delegate Issues and Concerns

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10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

[5 min]

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

11. ADJOURNMENT

6:15 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 | 3 OCTOBER 2025 | Senate Chambers, Ohio Union and via Zoom

1. CAMPUS CONNECTIONS **3:30 PM**

- 1.1 Dean Mary Stromberger, Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Dean of the Graduate School, and Dean Trevor Brown, Dean of the John Glenn College of Public Affairs

2. CALL TO ORDER **4:06 PM**

- 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

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- Motion to approve by **Chisam.1**
- Seconded by **Connor.280**
- Approved by CGS majority

5. OFFICER REPORTS **4:09**

PM

- 5.1. President’s Report – Sabrina Durso.19

5.1.1) General Updates:

- Around the Oval
 - Discussed housing and childcare; Over 33/34 childcare classrooms re-opened
- Meeting with the Provost
 - Talked SB1 and 9-month to 12-month funding model for GAs
- Grad School
 - Updated them on concerns regarding Huron IRB and building infrastructure concerns
 - Grad School found 613 students, or \$12.4 million, used Grad Plus Loans; Emergency Bridge Funding only had 7 applications; total enrollment up by .5%, down 2.3% for international students
- University Senate
 - Discussed SB1 concerns, told not to worry; Senate sunset Diversity Committee; Next Senate will have OIA discuss international student concerns and we will vote on Asynch Voting Day
- Public Safety
 - Drones and Chalk
- CGS Getting Involved
 - 11 CGSers came out to help pack 304,776 boxes for food and Rohit and I helped Creative Living

5.1.2) Working on:

- Seating Academic Affairs and Diversity and Inclusion --> If you want to join D&I now is the time as we should hopefully have a chair by November's meeting
- CGS's 70th Anniversary on April 1, 2026 from 5:30 to 7PM in the Performance Hall

5.1.3) Updates from Past Delegate Issues and Concerns:

- Meeting with Ryan Lovell for Parking
- TTM's helping with CampusParc
- Going to Dean Horn for Building Maintenance



- Following up with GSA for Budgeting Resource Event

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

5.2.1) **Internal and Delegate Updates:**

- Seated 14 delegates after closing out fall elections
- 83 delegates total!
- Ongoing recruitment from business, social work, public affairs, public health, and regional campuses

5.2.2) **Hayes Forum 2026:**

- Reached out to the committee members to set up a time for our first meeting
- CFP is October 1st – November 26th
- Sent out the "Save the Date" email to admin, deans and "family and friends" of CGS
- Recruiting judges
- Selecting and ordering swag and something special to celebrate the 40th anniversary

5.3. Treasurer's Report – Adam Tjoelker.4

5.3.1) **Budget Amendment**

- This month, I created a draft for the FY 2025-2026 budget amendment. The updated budget incorporates some planned changes and minor updates to the CGS budget. (You will see and hear more about this later in the meeting.)

5.3.2) **Ray Travel Award**

- Funding Period 3 (September 15th to November 1st) is open! Please remind your interested constituents to apply and start their applications early! We expect a very competitive pool again this fall.
- If you are interested in volunteering as an RTA judge, please send me an email! I have already heard from a small number of people who I am planning to host judge training for in late October/early November.

5.4. Secretary's Report – Kaz Gary.102

5.4.1) **As Secretary:**

- Nothing to report!

5.4.2) **As CDG Chair:**

- CDG cycle 3 is now open until November 1st. Please remind your constituents of this opportunity and e-mail me at gary.102@osu.edu to judge!

6. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

4:21 PM

6.1. Academic Affairs – Vacant

6.1.1) **First meeting of the year**

- Had our first meeting where we introduced ourselves and our concerns, and discussed what Academic Affairs has done in the past
 - Regalia project in the works
- We look forward to discussing our plans for the committee at the next meeting
- If you'd be interested in chairing, do please reach out!



6.2. Arts and Culture – Holly Engel.210

6.2.1) **Last meeting:**

- Arts and Culture Survey and Pathfinder Document
- Open Mic Night
- Next Arts and Culture Meeting
 - Thursday, Oct. 9 at 10 AM, Hagerty Hall 206

6.3. Diversity & Inclusion – Vacant

6.3.1) **Last meeting:**

- We will have a chair in October, pending Exec approval
- If you'd like to join, please email Sabrina Durso.19!

6.4. Government Affairs– Charlie Mace.103

6.4.1) **Voter registration deadline is October 6th!**

- OSU Votes will be tabling in the Union Great Hall all day (5PM – 6PM) on the 6th
- Pick up some OSU Votes pamphlets for information!

6.4.2) **Government Affairs Newsletter**

- We are working on our next newsletter now, and plan to send it out later this month

6.5. Graduate Caucus – Jon Fritz.288

6.5.1) **A new year, Education for Citizenship 2035, and SB.1:**

- CESP: Asynchronous Learning Day for Nov General Elections (every two years)
- Library: Transition of the Library Services Platform over the summer
- AAC: Accreditation doc. guided by 'State of the University' address
- COPE: Housing concerns aligning with Education for Citizenship 2035
- IPPC: Role of IPPC in faculty misconduct and ownership of course materials under SB 1
- URC: How SB1 impacts research at the University

6.5.2) **University Senate on 9-25-2025: SB.1 compliance from over the summer**

- Next mtg: October 30th, 3:30-5pm in-person at Sullivant Hall 0220 or via Zoom

6.6. Graduate Compensation and Benefits – Bryan Perez Soto (PerezSoto.2)

6.6.1) **First meeting occurred on September 8th**

- Talking points: stipend increase, Buckeye Village, and month appointments
- Feel free to email me with recommendations or concerns regarding current compensation and benefits
 - For issues with receiving payments or incomplete payments, reach out to Sabrina or your program/department chair

6.7. Graduate Student Affairs – Tinu Oduloye.1

6.7.1) **Committee Meetings**



- We met twice in September
- Next meeting: mid-October

6.7.2) **GSAW Swag Preference Survey**

- Select & rank preferred swag you want to see at GSAW!
- Link: go.osu.edu/gsawswag

6.8. Health, Wellness, and Safety – Deb Pathak.89 & Luke Van Niel (Vanniel.5)

6.8.1) **Last Meeting**

- Met September 18th to finalize plans for the Accessibility Stakeholders' Symposium occurring next Tuesday, October 7th, specifically figuring out flyer distribution
 - Our efforts have helped as registration increased by 50% since then
- If you would like to attend, follow the link to the [registration form](#) or scan the QR code.
- Feel free to advertise the event to those interested in access within your units, and if you're interested in volunteering, reach out to Luke (Vanniel.5) or Deb (Pathak.89)!

6.9. Housing and Family Affairs – Lauren Levesque.31

6.9.1) **Off-Campus Housing Education Workshop**

- Monday October 27th 3:30 – 5 PM in Senate Chambers
- Hybring Event, recording will be posted to the CGS website
 - Presentation from OCCSE followed by student panel
 - Will cover:
 - Tenant rights and responsibilities
 - Communicating with property owner
 - Navigating relationships with roommates
 - Living in Columbus
 - Looking for volunteers for student panel. Currently seeking grad students who are/have:
 - International student
 - Rented a house
 - Lived both on and off campus as a graduate student
 - Please contact Lauren (Levesque.31) if you are available and interested in participating in panel

6.9.2) **OCCSE Off-Campus Living Expo**

- Tuesday October 14th, 11 AM – 3 PM in the Ohio Union Performance Hall
- Representatives from in-network property owners, local businesses, OSU offices and the City of Columbus
- CGS will have a table
- Please contact Lauren (Levesque.31) if you are interested in helping



6.10. International Student Affairs – Ashutosh Soni.117

6.10.1) **General Updates**

- WhatsApp Group - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/lz3uPlqxZdLHM7t7jA0F4Z>
- Planning to have our first meeting this week.
- Event idea – collaborate with OUAB to have an international movie screening as part of the 'Flicks for Free' event. Event for next semester as this semester's movies are finalized.
- Folks interested to join ISAC, reach out to me – soni.117

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

6.11.1) **Wellness Bingo**

- October Environmental Wellness Bingo Challenge
- Find attached to the Delegate Packet email
- Jumpstart your wellness or continue your momentum!
- Complete at least 3 BINGO monthly cards throughout the year and submit to MW to be entered into a prize drawing

6.11.2) **CGS WhatsApp Group Chat**

- Reminder to join the CGS WhatsApp Group Chat
- Blow off steam & bond with fellow grads
- Find CGSers with the same interests as you
- Receive time-sensitive updates and announcements

6.11.3) **Socials Poll**

- Go.osu.edu/mw_socials_poll
- Help us show folks who we are!
- “Lightning Round” Interview Series
 - Short questions to show people who our members are, what they do, interests, etc.
- “Day in the Life” posts
 - Showing videos and photos of an average day in a CGSers’ life
 - Can be located anywhere (i.e. not restricted to Columbus Campus only)

6.11.4) **Adopt a Local Cat**

- Looking for a special someone to cuddle this winter?
- Adopt a cat!
- Check out OSU Alum run Saup Services
- Go.osu.edu/saupservices

6.12. Research and Data Operations – Bill Wang.13945 & Shiddharta Ramprakash.4

6.12.1) **Reminder for WIC!**

- Please let us know if you need more copies of the flyer

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

6.13.1) **Meetings**



- We had our first meeting on Sept. 12. These are the topics that our committee is interested in:
 - Planning a Time For Change event
 - Improvements for campus sustainability and environmental care
 - Sharing sustainability information with graduate students
- Our next meeting will be October 10 – Zoom link in report

6.13.2) Sustainability Tips

- U.S. households need energy to power numerous home devices and equipment, but on average, more than half—52% in 2020—of a household’s annual energy consumption is for just two energy end uses: space heating and air conditioning." - [U.S. Energy Information Administration](#)
- Reduce your energy consumption, and save money, with the following recommendations:
 - Set your thermostat to an optimal temperature.
 - Winter: 68 to 70°F
 - Summer: 78 °F
 - If you can, turn your thermostat off or down by 5-10 degrees when you are not home and during peak hours.
 - Winter: 6 am to 9 am
 - Summer: 2 pm to 6 pm
- Remember: Turning your thermostat higher does not heat/cool your home faster! It just increases your energy consumption and your bill!
<https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/programmable-thermostats>

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

4:42 PM

8.1 Senator Elections

8.1.1) Candidate: Gabe Myers.2309

- Introductory Speech:
 - First year in Master’s in BioEthics
 - Previously served in University Senate as a USG rep
 - Served in various Senate committees, currently serve as CGS rep on the Council of Student Affairs (CSA)
 - Shared governance is important and hopes to continue this model

8.1.2) Candidate: Rebekkah Akintade.3

- Introductory Speech:
 - Fourth-year PhD Student in Aerospace Engineering
 - Has been both a Teaching and Research Assistant
 - Advocate for transparency and fairness in college affairs
 - Make sure graduate students’ voices are heard across both teaching and research matters



8.1.3) Q+A:

- **Connor.280:** If you are not elected, how do you intend to stay involved in graduate advocacy?
 - **Myers.2309:** I am still interested in serving on the Council of Student Affairs. I worked on a land acknowledgement resolution and hope to continue to advocate there.
 - **Akintade.3:** I am still a delegate for my department, so I will still be involved in advocating for graduate students.
- **PerezSoto.2:** Of the Senate committees that are available, which one would you guys be interested in serving in?
 - **Akintade.3:** Committee for Academic Freedom and Responsibility
 - **Myers.2309:** Council of Student Affairs, so any sub-committees on that
- **Chisam.1:** Why do you want to be a Senator, as opposed to just being Delegates?
 - **Myers.2309:** Senate is super important for having an equal speaking and voting ability. It's a floor to bring concerns to more than just graduate students. I've noticed how different it is from USG to University Senate and want to continue in that role of advocacy.
 - **Akintade.3:** I would get to have first-hand information for the Committee on Academic Freedom that I serve with as opposed to waiting from other Senators or students.
- **Fritz.288:** What is your experience working with non-graduate students towards a common goal or idea?
 - **Akintade.3:** I have had other opportunities outside of campus where I've volunteered in various conferences and facilitated programs.
 - **Myers.2309:** A lot of experience comes from USG, I served on multiple shared governance committees. Justice and Equity director for two years. Have lots of experience working with administrators and other different students in advocacy.
- **YerramsettyPrashant.1:** So, within your committees of interest, if there was one concern that you want to have an impact on, what would that be?
 - **Myers.2309:** For Council on Student Affairs, I know this year we are going to be, reviewing the Code of Student Conduct again, and I know a lot of the different issues were things that were brought up earlier about, COAM and AI and SB1. Helping with graduate students concerns on these things would be my main priority.
 - **Akintade.3:** With SB1, it affects Graduate Student teaching assistants specifically. I hope to help with the issues affecting these students and with the concerns brought up to Dean Stromberger today.
- **Sonalkar.3:** What is one area you may find challenging if elected?
 - **Akintade.3:** Being an international student, I may not be free to say what I want to say if things get political.
 - **Myers.2309:** There's a lot I want to accomplish, and I know I can't accomplish everything in 1 term. Knowing that things won't happen in just 1 year and focusing on starting these processes.



- **PerezSoto.2:** As Senator, you will be in rooms that CGS won't be in. How do you feel you're equipped to handle those conversations?
 - **Myers.2309:** In shared governance, we all have equal voices so it's important to remember that
 - **Akintade.3:** We all should have equal voices, but there are situations where others outshine others. I was a Secretary and Committee Chair and had to advocate for students to higher-ups, so I do have experience with that.
- **Fernandez.412:** What is a goal that you want to achieve in University Senate within the academic year?
 - **Akintade.3:** One goal I'd like to achieve is better dissemination of information. My department didn't have a CGS delegate, so I didn't get a lot of information about CGS or University Senate, so I'd like to do better with that this year.
 - **Myers.2309:** Being really active in the upcoming Code of Conduct process and making sure the grad students' voices are heard. Mainly SB1 and AI concerns and just making sure they are passed along.
- **Chisam.1:** How confident are you in your ability to promote the views of the council rather than yourself? And secondly, should there be a conflict in those two? How is it that you intend to navigate those tensions?
 - **Myers.2309:** In USG, we had a lot of those experiences discussing different issues in Undergraduate Caucus before general meetings. Ensuring that even if I have certain personal views that ultimately the views of graduate students are the ones being given to the Senate.
 - **Akintade.3:** I did some background work and found that we would have a Graduate Caucus general meeting to understand the views of CGS to make sure those are given out.
- **Chisam.1** moves to end delegate issues and concerns early
- Seconded by **Pizzulo.2**
- Approved by CGS majority

8.2 An Act 2526-FA-001: An Act Updating and Clarifying the Language of the Constitution of the Council of Graduate Students 5:01 PM

8.2.1) Amendment Overview

- Per Council of Student Affairs, every student org's constitution must have updated language regarding certain issues
- Updated definitions of different meetings
- Vice President used to be able to become the President but we've added in the possibility of just electing a new president
- Updated language on dissolution policy, have an exemption from Student Life so don't have to include that language



- Language that is currently included says CGS must introduce an act to dissolve the Council and councilmembers will have the following month to discuss and vote upon the act

8.2.2) Discussion

- **Levesque.31:** Is the fear that if the University were to dissolve us, we wouldn't have any framework or back-up plan and the power would lie in their hands?
- **Durso.19:** I think that it's just the concern that if you have no wording, what does that mean. There's a world in which Legal Services comes back to us in a month and tells us we need to have disillusionment wording, at least then I can give them something that the CGS body voted on.
- **Connor.280:** There's a lot of questions right now if there are orgs that are given special preference. This will back us up and show that we followed the rules.
- **Pizzulo.2:** This language would protect us from people trying to dissolve us. Is there language in here that only the Council can dissolve and not the University?
- **Connor.280:** We've never had disillusionment language before because we're a student government and embedded into the fabric of the University. It's only being introduced this year because the Council of Student Affairs is now requiring all orgs to have that language.
- **Durso.19:** This entire discussion is for that reason exactly, if we should include the language or not.
- **Pizzulo.2:** Is there a way to explicitly say that only we have the right to dissolve ourselves and not the University?
- **Durso.19:** The school's constitution and bylaws supersede ours. So, I worry about being too explicit because of Legal Services.
- **Harper.932:** What is the current process for disillusionment?
- **Durso.19:** There is none. We are not allowed to dissolve unless the University explicitly asks us to.
- **Miller.8871:** Would there be any way that we could get someone from Legal to look over the wording?
- **Durso.19:** I've tried and Legal doesn't want to look over it just yet. Thus far, we've brought it to Student Life, who didn't have any issues. In the past, Legal hasn't had issues with the way we word things.
- **Gokey.5:** I'm a President of another student organization and we've had to discuss our constitution with Student Life extensively. Does anyone know why they're being particular about the language this year? What's the motivation behind it?
- **Connor.280:** The Council on Student Affairs has passed a new set of guidelines/requirements. We, the staff, are beholden to them.
- **Durso.19:** They have the authority since they provide the student activity fee that allows everything to run. This has been difficult for many, many orgs to resolve.
- **Gokey.5:** Just more confused about why it needed to happen this year. But thank you, appreciate it.



- **YerramsettyPreshant.1:** Other student orgs at different colleges didn't have support from their colleges but were able to get external letters of support from students at other colleges. If this happens to us, could people from external colleges help support us?
- **Durso.19:** I'm part of a Big 10 external graduate student coalition, and we absolutely stand in solidarity with each other. CGS is governed by CGS unlike many other student governments at different colleges. Again, it would be really hard to dissolve us as we're written into the fabric of the University.
- **Chisam.1:** Should our dissolution not still involve consultation from the university since we are a big part of it?
- **Durso.19:** I would argue that this getting approved by Student Life would be the consultation that we would need. Additionally, the biggest aspect that we would need help on is dissolving our finances, and that is the second part of this section, which is any CGS assets and debts would be handled as advised by the university, and CSA. In this scenario, I would rather go to my advisor and say, what would you like us to do, than to write in official language, I have to go to my advisor to understand what I'm allowed to do.
- **Chisam.1:** But we are now saying that we have the sole authority to dissolve us without consulting them, even though they, in part, are the reason for our existence.
- **Durso.19:** CGS could still exist without a student activity fee. The right to dissolve would still be on us, even if we have no money.
- **Miller.8871:** I wonder if we should say 2/3 majority vote AND approval from the university for dissolution to make the process even more stringent for dissolution
- **Connor.280:** That's why we tried to talk with the Office of Legal Affairs. They have concerns setting the precedent that we are under the administration. They don't want to put it in official writing and be liable for us. It does say "members of CGS seek disillusionment", so this gives us some protection against the University.
- **Sonalkaer.3:** If, for any reason, we get dissolved, what happens to students who get paid through Student Affairs?
- **Durso.19:** In section 13.2 "CGS assets and debts will be handled and advised by Ohio State". For Anna and I, it's on our departments to find the funding for us. President Carter has supported shared governance and wants to keep us, so for now, I don't think we need to worry about that.
- **Harper.932:** I've been both on the student and staff side of these wording issues. I think the way it's worded currently would be the most legal and appropriate way to say this. I don't disagree to the concept of working with University, but I wouldn't want to put it in paper and beholden to them.
- **Ortbahn.1:** The first sentence says "in the case that members of the Council of Graduate students seek disillusionment...", what if the pressure to dissolve comes from higher up in OSU admin and not from members within?
- **Durso.19:** I can then use the Constitution to defend us and use the language that only the members of CGS can dissolve us.



- **Miller.8871:** Just clarifying my thought, I was trying to make it almost a "two key" process that both keys have to turn not just one.
- **Durso.19:** I completely understand, I just want CGS to be the sole keyholder.
- **Dillman-Hasso.1:** Is there any way that the University could control who could be in CGS?
- **Connor.280:** No, we have full control and autonomy over that. Unless we discriminate against a protected class, they have no say in who is or isn't in CGS.
- **Durso.19:** Since we have people overlooking our bylaws, the only way the University could step in is if we were breaking the law. There shouldn't be any contradictions or discriminatory language in our bylaws for us.
- **Musch.7:** As the delegate from Anthropology I'd be concerned about the timeframe. Anthro students spend months in the field doing research so it's harder to get my constituents opinions on matters. What was the logic for proposed timeline?
- **Durso.19:** The logic of the timeline is this is how CGS operates. We put something here in general delegate meetings and then the next meeting we move for a vote on it. If we needed to lengthen the process we could.
- Motion to end the discussion period by **Chisam.1**
- **Pizzulo.2** seconds
- Approved by CGS Majority

8.3 An Act 2526-FA-002: An Act Updating and Clarifying the Language of the Bylaws & Standing Rules of the Council of Graduate Students 5:32 PM

8.3.1) Amendment Overview

- Clarifying language for the website and who gets access for it
- Clarifies language that summer meetings are on Zoom
- Concerns about voting being public, we would like to amend this current bylaw back to anonymous voting
- Making sure the constitution updates matched the bylaw updates.

8.3.2) Discussion

- **Pizzulo.2:** Any of our constituents could request our voting information, but it wouldn't be public to anyone else?
- **Durso.19:** In the past, CGS archives had public record of voting and how delegates voted on issues. This would mean that wasn't public anymore.
- **Harper.932:** Is there a process for requesting the information in the Act and what that entails?
- **Durso.19:** Largely, it would be a FOIA request to some extent. Taking away "This data will be appended to the end of the meeting minutes before they are publicly distributed." Instead "Votes occurring during an executive session, both procedural and legislative, will not be recorded and publicly distributed."
- **Connor.280:** It would be analogous to attendance where we pulled this off the public website. It would be a case-by-case basis, but the request would go to one of the officers and they would handle it there.



- **Harper.932:** If we're leaving it at the discretion of the people at the top, it would be good to look into if there's any comparing bodies throughout the country or what it would like to request this information.
- **Connor.280:** We can get something up before next meeting and present it there.
- **Miller.8871:** Could there be a way for outside parties that are not directly being represented to access voting data with the current phrasing?
- **Connor.280:** The only people allowed to access non-publicly available data are the constituents. Other people in departments can not request information about a delegate that's not their department's delegate.
- **Connor.280** moves to end discussion early
- **Oduloye.1** seconds
- Approved by CGS majority

8.4 An Act 2526-FA-003: An Act Concerning the Amendment of the Budget for the 2025-2026 Academic Year for Council of Graduate Students 5:48 PM

8.4.1) Budget Amendment

- Carry-forwards from Coke funds are updated
- New President's project: CGS 70th Anniversary event
- Stipends added to the Secretary and Treasurer \$2000 each
 - **Durso.19:** Regarding this, it reflects their time as chairs as well as the difficulty in filling these roles since they don't get paid already. Because the student activity fee will be used to pay individuals, Dr. Shivers is the one who has to personally approve it.

8.4.2) Discussion

- **Harper.932:** It appears there's going to be a surplus at the end of the year in the current budget, will this be carry-forward next year or does it get wiped clean?
- **Tjoelker.4:** We do our best to balance the budget but each account that we receive money from has it's own way of carry-forward or not. For example, our funding for the Ray Travel Award and the Career Development Grant, there's no concern if we don't spend that down, that will carry forward. SAF specifically, there are procedures we need to follow to request carry forward. If we have outstanding things that need to be funded, like the approved Academic Regalia project, we're allowed to keep the SAF carry forward. We can talk about the numbers, but I think, personally, a little bit of a buffer is good, and, if we needed to carry forward SAF, for example, that's the one we're worried about.
- **Connor.280** moves to end early
- **Oduloye.1** seconds
- Approved by CGS majority

9. SPECIAL ORDER ITEM

5:57 PM



9.1. Delegate Issues and Concerns

- 9.1.1) Lost Access to Bureau of Labor Statistics
- **Connor.280:** Several international students have reached out to me to let me know they've lost access to sensitive data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and need it for their research. Is this only our problem or are other students experiencing this? And also, can we bring this to admin and do they know what's going on?
 - **Durso.19:** Has anyone else heard of this concern? I'm going to bring this to the Provost and pull OIA's data to see what's going on.
- 9.1.2) Scholarships not being handed out
- **Pizzulo.2:** Had folks come to me about scholarships not being appropriated. Apparently there was money earmarked in the colleges and we were told it was delayed and then it never went out. The response I got was that the scholarships were delayed and then were told the money might be given to not-fully funded students. Was wondering if anyone else knew about this?
 - **Durso.19:** Alexis, send me an e-mail and we can talk with the Provost about this issue.
- 9.1.3) Equitable Reimbursements of ENG Scholarships
- **Sonalkar.3:** Students who receive engineering scholarships are getting the money in two different ways. There's a disconnect because some people are getting direct deposit and some are having to go through a spend authorization.
 - **Durso.19:** Is this just in your particular department? I will follow up with the Provost, but it should be up to the leadership in the engineering department. I will connect with the Provost, it could be a lack of someone paying attention
- 9.1.4) SACNAS Conference Proceedings
- **Smith.15196:** Regarding SACNAS, you are allowed to still attend with OSU funds if you're presenting research. But it still needs an approval from someone about the research in order to use OSU funds to go.
 - **Durso.19:** Just to clarify, people got sent an e-mail that if a conference has a focus on diversity, that the University would not be allowed to use funds to go to these conferences. Department chairs across the University came together and told administration that they should be allowed to go and this was the result from the administration.
 - **Pathak.89:** In Astro I have heard similar murmurs about conference money not getting sent to the department from the Chair, but nothing more specific. I've been told Dean Horn and Olesik are being bugged by dept chairs but don't have any official communication on this.
- 9.1.5) Departmental Travel Awards
- **Sen.130:** For attending conferences, Horticulture and Crop Science Department has only 1 Travel Award which is \$500. A student can receive it only once during their entire academic life. Is there a way to find more funding opportunities for graduate students in departments who do not have as much funding for travel?
 - **Durso.19:** This is something people must advocate within their departments for.
 - **Tjoelker.4:** And you can ask and apply for the Ray Travel Award.
- 9.1.6) Executive Session
- **YerrasmettyPreshant.1** moves to go into an Executive Session
 - **Connor.280** seconded
 - Approved by CGS majority
- 9.1.7) Run-Off Delegate Elections



- **Fernandez.412:** I'm from Public Administration and one of the new delegates this year. I found it to be a confusing process to get here in this room as a delegate. When I ran last year, because my degree program is so small I didn't get all of the votes that I needed to become a delegate. Then, I suddenly got an email last week to let me know I'm a delegate, so just asking for clarification on that process.
- **Durso.19:** There is a stipulation in our bylaws about departments with less than 10 students, but I'll hand it over to Anna.
- **Zaitseva.1:** This is because you didn't have enough votes in the first cycle, but you got enough votes in the run-off.
- **Connor.280:** Because elections can't be discussed here, we should have a discussion outside of the meeting.

9.1.8) Group Football Tickets for Graduate Students

- **Ulrich-Cech.1:** I have a question about football tickets. When I was buying my tickets, there was no guest ticket packages. You could only buy 2 if you're married. It was very frustrating for me as I want to take some guests.
- **Durso.19:** My advice is to find a buddy in here and use their account to buy a ticket. Athletic Council is the place to voice these concerns. Anna sits on this committees and can make sure your concerns are heard.
- **Zaitseva.1:** The policy was introduced so that undergraduates don't re-sell tickets.
- **Durso.19:** Because the rules apply to undergraduates, they have to apply to us so that's where that comes from. We can follow up with you next meeting.

9.1.9) Biological Sciences Buildings and FOD

- **Levesque.31:** Can you include the biological buildings in your meeting with Dean Horn to discuss budgetary concerns
- **Durso.19:** Yes, I'll be discussing these issues with multiple buildings.
- Motion to end Delegate Issues and Concerns early by **Chisam.1**
- **Pizzulo.2** seconded
- Approved by CGS majority

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

10.1 Myers.2309 and Akintade.3 are elected as Senators

10.2 Next General Delegate Meeting: Friday, November 7 at 3:30pm (Senate Chambers & Zoom)

11. ADJOURNMENT

6:21 PM



Officer Reports

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

Dear CGSers I'm oh so grateful for,

I hope you all had the spookiest of Octobers and are taking care of yourselves as we head into the end of the semester. I do hope each of you are able to take a moment of rest during Thanksgiving Break. If you're able, this Holiday Season is also an excellent time to give back to your community by volunteering at [your local food kitchens or food pantries](#). I'm also aware this may be a difficult time for many of us financially—if you or your colleagues are struggling, do consider reaching out to [Student Advocacy](#) or the [Monda Student Resource Center](#). Both are very well-equipped to help those in need.

Over the Past Month:

- Exec Committee: We finally have a full executive committee now that we've welcomed Anastasia Shikanova and Danwyn Aranha as Academic Affairs Co-Chairs and Johnathan Chisam as Diversity & Inclusion Chair. Also, I ordered new CGS Banners because one broke, so that's fun!
- Graduate School:
 - The GradSERU data should be online fairly quickly.
 - Academic Affairs is looking into how to make consequences for first time COAM offenders less harsh (currently, they receive a zero on the assignment and a 1/3 reduction in letter grade for the course).
 - The Department of Horticulture and Crop Science has adopted an AI policy that allows students to use AI without penalty. They provided suggestions on how to do so for each department or Grad School wide. If you'd be interested in this information, do contact me—though, this largely seems like it'd need LARGE faculty buy-in to achieve such a policy.
- University Senate: We approved having classes held asynchronously every two years on Election Day and heard OIA give updates that CGS heard last year in Graduate Council.

Working on:

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- 70th Anniversary: Blue and I have reserved the Performance Hall for April 1, 2026 from 5:30 to 7PM. We have purchased promotional items and will confirm with University Archives at the start of the new year.
- PhD Regalia Lending Library: We have officially started the process to purchase 14 sets of PhD regalia for our PhD Regalia Lending Library. I'm hoping to have it up and running by Spring Commencement. Right now, I need to make a website page for it, as well as the Qualtrics to support the initiative. I'm also working to find a place to house the Lending Library—my biggest hope is that we can use the Alumni Association building so grads can pick them up and drop them off there, while making a connection with OSUAA.

Updates from Past Delegate Issues and Concerns:

- Loss of Access to Federal Databases: Since March, no new projects are being approved that want to use data from the BLS, SAMSHA and EEOC data. You can read more about which specific data are not currently available [here](#). Our Census collaborators expect that researchers will again get access to these data at some (unspecified) future date. Nobody can access the data until the government reopens. The last time the FSRDC Executive Directors met with OSU Census collaborators, the policy regarding access was that everyone (regardless of citizenship or visa status) can apply for and get access to FSRDC data if they have lived in the US for 3 of the last 5 years (not continuously) and for the last year (continuously).
- EHE Scholarships: Reaching out to the Chief Admin Office of the EHE to understand what is happening. Will keep CGS and concerned delegate informed.
- Building Concerns: Meeting with Dean Horn the morning of CGS meeting.
- Parking: Still waiting to hear from Transportation and Traffic Management. Will keep hounding them about temporary parking near the RPAC, transitioning to a monthly payment system, and advocating for better parking at the Gateway Garage.

Thank you all so very much for all you do for our community,
Sabrina Durso.19

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Anna Zaitseva, Vice President

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DATE: October 31st, 2025

RE: Vice President's Report 🗨️ 👤

Greetings, beautiful people,

It's hard to believe that the best month of the year is already over! I hope you all enjoyed all the seasonal activities.

It's been a busy month, with Hayes' tasks starting to add up and the job application season in full swing for me. Below are some updates and action items.

- Ordered decoration items to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Hayes.
- Put in the request for swag item designs and price estimate (items: picnic blanket, thermal cup, pins) and submitted a Request for Purchase to Adam.
- Reached out to Eagle Exhibits, who we contract for poster session materials, setup, and takedown.
- Met with Anna Sullivan-Kvam to discuss Hayes and figure out some funding-related things.

Action item:

- SHARE THE HAYES ABSTRACT SUBMISSION LINK: <https://cgs.osu.edu/programs-events/edward-f-hayes-advanced-research-forum/information-for-applicants/abstract-requirements>
- AND THE JUDGE RECRUITMENT LINK: <https://cgs.osu.edu/programs-events/edward-f-hayes-advanced-research-forum/information-for-judges>

If you are having issues accessing your program's mailing lists, please let us know so we can work it out.

As a reminder, all CGSers (except for me) are eligible to apply! So I hope you do so and encourage all your friends and peers to participate.

I hope you all have a cozy month!

Anna Zaitseva.1

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates

FROM: Adam Tjoelker, Treasurer

DATE: November 3, 2025

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RE: Treasurer's Report

Hello everyone,

This month, I have a couple of items to report on including the proposed budget amendment and a technical issue with the Ray Travel Award portal.

Budget Amendment

After the first viewing of the proposed budget last month, delegates will be voting on the proposed ammended version of the 2025-2026 CGS Budget this month during the November general meeting. There were some minor updates to the budget since the last viewing to update numbers and a clarification of the Hayes line item. Updates from the last viewing include:

- Coca-Cola Endowment distribution changed from \$19,500 estimate to the actual value of \$19,883.96 received
- Student Activity Fee distribution changed from the estimated value of \$76,154.00 to the actual value of \$87,325.04 received
- Expected income for Hayes from the Office of Research and the Graduate School changed from \$20,000 each to an estimated \$13,000 each. This number was changed due to a misunderstanding of the total payout expected from missed payments from prior years. Final amounts have not been confirmed as of the date of this report.
- The Hayes line item in the budget (formerly a combined total of \$30,000) was broken into two parts:
 - Hayes \$13,000
 - Hayes Awards \$17,000

This change was made to more accurately reflect how the Hayes budget was being spent. The external funding from the Office of Research (ERIK) and the Graduate School (a combined \$20,000 per year) is used first to directly pay Hayes award winners before the remaining money hits the CGS account. (The difference between the \$20,000 income from ERIK and the Graduate School and the award payouts is the source of the additional expected Hayes income this year due to missed payments from previous years.)

- The Technology line item under "Office Equipment & Technology" was changed from \$5,364 to \$6,078 due to an increase in the cost of the Constant Contact email marketing service in the new contract for 2026.

Ray Travel Award

Funding Period III 2025-2026 closed on Saturday, November 1st. Technical issues with the RTA website portal on Friday, October 31st prevented some applicants from accessing the portal on Friday. On Saturday, the entire web portal was unavailable. As of the time of the writing of this report, the issue has not yet been resolved, and an extension will be granted for applicants who were not able to complete their applications after the website is back online.

I would also like to extend a big thank-you to the two new judges who attended the RTA judge training that I held on October 29th. If you would also like to volunteer to judge applications for the Ray Travel Award, please contact me and let me know! Judging for Funding Period III will begin soon.

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As always, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions about the CGS Budget or the Ray Travel Award.

Yours in service,

Adam Tjoelker.4

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Kaz Gary, Secretary
DATE: November 7th, 2025

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RE: Secretary's Report

Fellow CGS'ers,

As Secretary:

- Please make sure when you attend CGS meetings online that you are joining with your first AND last name visible! Even better, please put your name.# as well. This helps me identify you quicker for attendance! As always help me to help you 😊

As CDG Chair:

- The CDG portal was down for a time on Friday afternoon/evening due to technical issues in Student Life online services. CDG and Ray chairs recognize that applicants may not have been able to submit their applications in time due to this outage. We've **extended the deadline for Funding Period 3 to November 5th at 11:59 PM**. Please help spread the word to your continents as they may have been affect by this outage. **If anyone has any additional questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out to me or Adam!**

Keep warm!

Kaz Gary.102

Committee Chair Reports



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Sabrina Durso, CGS Academic Affairs, Interim Chair
DATE: October 31, 2025
RE: Academic Affairs Chair Report

Dear brilliant CGSers,

By the November General Body Meeting, this committee should be chaired, pending executive committee approval. Until we have an official Academic Affairs chair, I (CGS President, Sabrina Durso) will be chairing this committee.

This month, we discussed all things PhD Regalia Lending Library. We also talked about AI Fluency and intend to share a survey regarding the initiatives implementation thus far. It is important to note that one committee member was asked if they used AI while completing candidacy.

If you're interested in joining Academic Affairs, please send me an email at URSO.19@osu.edu - we'd love to have you!

Keep doing wonderful academic work,

Sabrina Durso.19

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Holly Engel, Arts and Culture Chair

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DATE: October 30, 2025
RE: Arts and Culture Chair's Report

We meet again,

The Arts and Culture Committee has once again been up to many hijinks, including:

- OPEN MIC NIGHT
- Open Mic Night is officially happening. We have reserved the Collaboratory in Sullivant 141 for Thursday, February 19 from 7-9 pm. Soon, we will be preparing to accept signups for performances. We hope that this will be a great opportunity for OSU graduate students of all disciplines to share their talents in the performing arts. Let your constituents know to be on the lookout for more information about this!
- A&C SURVEY
- The survey is now live [at this link](#), including questions that will allow A&C members to better understand the artistic and cultural needs and wants of the grad student community.
- A&C PATHFINDER DOCUMENT
- Still in progress, but within the next month an updated document will be available.

If you have any suggestions for the A&C Committee, would like to help out with any of these initiatives, or are interested in joining A&C, feel free to contact me. Our next meeting is Thursday, November 13 from 10-11am in Hagerty Hall 206 or on Zoom [at this link](#).

Sincerely,

Holly Engel.210

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Vacant, Diversity and Inclusion Chair
DATE: October 31, 2025
RE: Diversity and Inclusion Chair's Report

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Dear inclusive and diversified CGSers,

This committee will be chaired by the November General Body Meeting, pending executive committee approval. If you'd like to be part of the committee working to make CGS and the graduate student experience a more diverse and inclusive environment, we would love to have you—please just email Sabrina Durso.19@osu.edu to join!

Keep making OSU feel like home for everyone,

Sabrina Durso.19

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Charlie Mace, Government Affairs Chair
DATE: October 31, 2025

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RE: Government Affairs Chair's Report

Hi everyone,

The Government Affairs committee met 10/10, and our next meeting will be 11/7, the morning before the CGS meeting. We planned, wrote, and published our government affairs newsletter which was sent out 10/29. Some of these topics move quickly, and one of them is already out of date! The Ohio Redistricting Commission unanimously passed new congressional maps today (Friday 10/31):

<https://www.politico.com/news/2025/10/31/ohio-redistricting-gerrymander-new-map-00631254>

At our next meeting, we will discuss plans for the government affairs committee and the timing of our next newsletter. Please let me know if you would like to be involved in our work.

Charlie Mace.103

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Jon Fritz, CGS Graduate Caucus, Chair & Senator
DATE: November 7, 2025

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RE: Graduate Caucus Chair Report

Hi all,

Below please find the University Senate committee names, grad representatives, and a summary of each committee's activities since the last CGS meeting on 10-3-2025:

Senate Committee Name	Grad Rep.#	Summary of committee activities:
Athletic Council	Anna Zaitseva.1	No updates at this time.
Affirmation of Accreditation Committee	Andrew Miles.375	The subcommittee is currently working through Criterion One of the HLC reaffirmation effort, which focuses on mission and shared values. Our group is collaboratively developing the document, adding key points and supporting evidence, with the goal of completing the framework by December. We held a discussion on the institution's mission and shared values, and we are working to ensure these are closely aligned in a way that conveys their intended meaning while remaining consistent with state and federal policy. We are also gathering evidence that highlights graduate student experiences (see CGS slides from the November meeting).
Committee on Academic Technology (CAT)	Sabrina Durso.19 (temporary)	Discussed ADA accessibility across campus, including implementation of Ally (LMS tool to make Carmen courses accessible—both live and recorded training to come from Drake). Also discussed AI Fluency, just in that training exists.
Council on Academic Affairs (CAA)	Andrew Miles.375 & Andy Vance.128	At the most recent CAA meeting, we continued work on developing stackable certificate programs and held ongoing discussions regarding microcertificates. Most of the Senate Bill 1 (SB1) discussions have centered on undergraduate curriculum, particularly the portion concerning programs with fewer than five graduates. No new graduate-level programs have been approved since the last CGS update; however, the subcommittee has approved several new programs in the Quantum and Medical Physics fields, which are now moving forward to a full committee vote.
Council on Academic Freedom & Responsibility (CAFR)	Akintade.3	The Trump administration has offered all universities a preferential funding plan (Compact for Academic Excellence) that may suppress academic freedom. The committee is proposing that it may be good for all to prompt discussions on campus to encourage the OSU administration to reject the compact like MIT and other universities have.



Council on Enrollment and Student Progress (CESP)	Braydon Lazzara.14 & Peter Carrera.55	The committee began a new discussion on better supporting transfer students / campus change students, including new programs connecting Columbus State Community College students to OSU. Asynchronous day of learning for general elections is being reviewed in Senate Cabinet and Steering before moving to the Senate.
Council on Student Affairs (CSA)	Kirsten Myers.2377 (chair), Oluwadamilola Salau.2, Gabe Myers.2039	The Council completed its review of all student organization Programming Fund requests and appeals for the Fall 1 window. Programming Fund requests for the Spring 1 window are due from student organizations on November 1. We also had our first presenter from OSUPD come in to share more about their group and plan on having more presentations in the following meetings. Our next full council meeting will be November 3 rd from 3:30-5 pm.
Council on the Physical Environment (COPE)	Casey Ortbahn.1	Our next COPE meeting will be on Oct. 31 at noon.
Library Committee	Brian Rocha.51	No updates at this time.
Diversity Committee	Cyenna Ulrich-Cech.1	Currently inactive, remove for next report
Evaluation of Central Administrators (EOCA)	Vacant	-
Fiscal Committee	Anna Zaitseva.1 (temporary)	No updates at this time.
Government Affairs	Charlie Mace.103	<p>Met 10/1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ERIK monitoring gov shutdown impact on research, expect none if short term - Financial aid is forward funded, prioritized by university in shutdown - Shutdown could have impacts in November, primarily in healthcare - Statehouse is generally happy with OSU's SB1 compliance - Discussed SB1 implementation committee, it is temporary and implementation concerns can be brought to OSU Senate + Brandon Lester <p>Special meeting 10/15:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discussed concerns about the chalking ban, possible ad-hoc senate committee on free speech - Raised concerns about how student and faculty leaders were not included in space standards decision making



Graduate Compensation & Benefits (GCBC)	Bryan Perez Soto.2 (chair), Megan Hill.2534, Sara Sequeira.23, Kirsten Myers.2377, Kaveri Sarkar.115, Zachary Miller.8871	Has own report during CGS general body meetings, remove for next report
Intellectual & Property, Patents, and Copyright (IPPC) Committee	Jon Fritz.288	IPPC met on October 1 st and tasked a subcommittee to clarify rules regarding faculty IP disputes and misconduct. IPPC has drafted language requesting that the faculty misconduct language be changed to have IP disputes resolved w/ IPPC prior to moving forward in the misconduct process. Additional meeting held on 11/5, no updates as of this writing.
Research Committee (URC)	Courtney Jewell.196 & Holly Engel.210	Continued discussion about faculty training dissemination and keeping up to date on federal training requirements. The committee is looking for feedback on training module development (what works, what doesn't work). There is an election for a new vice chair following Dr Kristy Townsend's role transition. Future topics to discuss: public access to sponsored research data, academic tech, and AI resources for research.
Rules Committee	Jorge Clavo Abbass.1	Rules met on 3 and 10 October. No items discussed which merit the attention of graduate students.
Senate Steering Committee	Sabrina Durso.19	Could not attend. Anna Zaitseva.1 attended for me. Nothing major to report.

University Senate mtg: The most recent Senate meeting was on October 30th at 3:30pm. Highlights include a review of Dr. Bellamkonda's vision as Provost & a presentation on the international graduate student experience from the Office of International Affairs (OIA). We voted on establishing a new master's program in the College of Public Health, renaming a med campus research building (i.e. old name IBMR), and to make election day every two years asynchronous. As of this writing, I believe all three measures passed. The next mtg will take place on November 13, 2025.

Open senator positions: We are still looking for *ONE* more senator to join our ranks! 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>.

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: October 20, 2025
RE: Graduate Compensation and Benefits Chair's Report

Saludos mi gente!

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GCBC had its second meeting this month! During the meeting we discussed possible recommendations for AY25-26. These include the same three points from last year (increased stipend, 9-to-12-month GA appointments, and Buckeye Village). Conversations about housing are being held since on-campus graduate housing is currently >50% of the stipend. Additionally, communication about retirement systems (OPERS) and how to handle it as a first-year student. Additionally, a student from the University of Delaware requested information on stipend increase and levels of enrollment (see data below). Their goal is to have cases where an increase in stipend results in an increase in enrollment. GCBC will be expanding this to see how many students get recruited versus how many accept after given increases.

Year (AU)	Enrollment	Difference	9-month Stipend	12-month Stipend	Yearly increase
2016	10529	---	\$15,000.00	\$19,950.00	---
2017	10708	179	\$15,750.00	\$20,947.50	\$997.50
2018	11113	405	\$16,515.00	\$21,964.95	\$1,017.45
2019	11305	192	\$17,280.00	\$22,982.40	\$1,017.45
2020	11110	-195	\$19,280.00	\$25,642.40	\$2,660.00
2021	11278	168	\$21,280.00	\$28,302.40	\$2,660.00
2022	11199	-79	\$21,280.00	\$28,302.40	\$0.00
2023	11102	-97	\$21,280.00	\$28,302.40	\$0.00
2024	11408	306	\$22,347.00	\$29,721.51	\$1,419.11
2025	11463	55	\$24,138.00	\$32,103.54	\$2,382.03

Kindly,

Bryan
PerezSoto.2

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Tinu Oduloye, Graduate Student Affairs Chair
DATE: October 30, 2025
RE: Graduate Student Affairs Chair's Report

Hi everyone!



The Graduate Student Affairs Committee met in October to finalize potential swag items for Graduate Student Appreciation Week (GSAW). My committee members are currently compiling price estimates for each item to help guide purchasing decisions. I am also working on completing the Request for Purchase (RFP) forms for the selected items and events associated with GSAW.

Throughout November, our goal is to solidify a more concrete event plan and finalize all RFPs by December 1 to ensure timely ordering and delivery. I also met with Sabrina and Blue to clarify the RFP and purchasing process for swag and event-related expenses.

Looking ahead, I plan to begin connecting with potential collaborators and campus partners who may be interested in tabling or co-hosting events during GSAW.

Our next meeting will be in November, please reach out if you are interested in attending or joining us.

Warm regards,

Oduloye.1

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Deb Pathak and Luke Van Niel, Health, Wellness, and Safety Chair
DATE: October 31, 2025
RE: Health, Wellness, and Safety Chair's Report

Hi all,



HWS met Wednesday, October 29th, to discuss takeaways from the Accessibility Stakeholders' Symposium and next steps forward.

We also welcomed new member, Code Beschler! We're currently creating a feedback form to send out to Symposium attendees to help us improve the Symposium and gather more concrete access issues on campus from individuals. We discussed doing a smaller spring Symposium and creating more frequent lines of communication with the ADA and SLDS offices. We're also evaluating potential partnerships with other student organizations for future events/campaigns.

Take care,

Pathak.89 & Vanniel.5

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Lauren Levesque, Housing and Family Affairs Chair
DATE: October 30th, 2025
RE: Housing and Family Affairs Chair's Report

Hello,



Off-Campus Housing Education Workshop

We held the off-campus housing education workshop on Monday, October 27th. Not many people attended, even though it was a hybrid event. However, I found the workshop to be very useful and informative, and I was hoping the recording that will be available on the CGS website will serve as a great resource for current and future graduate students. However, it does not seem to be technically feasible to do so, and even if we could, it does not seem like it would be stably available online. So instead, we will be making the slides available as well as a PDF files of information that was verbally said but not on the slides.

Housing Survey

My committee has officially approved the survey. I took the survey, and it took me about 20 minutes. I think it would be beneficial to tell students the approximate time commitment as well as to encourage them to have access to their financial records before beginning. I believe this might improve response rates.

Graduate Roommate Fair

I will be meeting with Jennifer Kephass on Friday, November 7th. I hope to identify potential dates for the roommate fair that will work for OCCSE and CGS.

Best,

Levesque.31

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

Dear all,



Game Night -

We are planning to host a game night event before the end of this semester. It will mostly be around the last day of classes so that it serves as a relaxation activity before exams.

Movie Night -

Also, for the movie night event idea, it feels like the only way we can have movie screening is to go through licensed providers like SWANK (the one OUAB uses) which does not have a very good collection of international movies (for example it has only 1-2 Indian movies). But it looks like the best option currently.

The folks who organize 'Flicks for Free' told me that I need to contact SWANK about their quote which I am not sure if we want to do for screening one movie only. This leads me to the idea that we can start our own version of 'Flicks for Free' but for international movies only. The important question, which I need to discuss with Sabrina and Adam, is if we have the funds to take this up.

Thanks,

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TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Aryn Robinson and Katie Conner, Membership Wellness Chair
DATE: November 7th, 2025
RE: Membership Wellness Chair's Report



Hi everyone,

Upcoming Events

- **Thursday, November 13th at 4:45 PM – Planetarium Trip** (CGS members only)
- RSVP: <https://forms.office.com/r/c0wsECPCfy>
- **Friday, December 5th at 3:00 PM – CGS Winter Party**
- The Winter Party takes the place of Campus Connections. Enjoy food, friends, and fun!

Ongoing Events and Reminders

- **Physical Wellness Bingo:** Check out this month's wellness bingo attached to the Delegate Packet email!
- **Adopt a Cat:** Check out Saup Services, run by an OSU Alum! Find more details at go.osu.edu/saupservices
- **CGS Group Chat:** Please join the CGS group chat on WhatsApp to connect with other CGSers. QR code is in the meeting slides.

Next Meeting: Wed, Nov 19th at 6p on Zoom. Please contact Aryn and Katie if you would like to attend

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 Shiddhartha Ramprakash, Research and Data Operations Chair
DATE: October 28th, 2025
RE: Research and Data Operations Chair's Report

Greetings,



We had our first meeting for this academic year. The committee members introduced themselves. After the briefing about the events planned for this year, we got to know about an unfortunate incident involving a student whose research data was forcefully taken away and given to a fellow graduate student, stripping the rightful ownership over the work.

We discussed how to spread awareness regarding such incidents and what we can do to safeguard a student's research ideas/data and results. We have decided to curate existing policies to safeguard students against such unethical practices and identify any missing gaps. We also brainstormed for the Data Bootcamp during the February 2026 delegate meeting—a demonstration about MS Excel is the current plan while we are open to any other ideas. We decided to initiate a new fun fact series on data science to spread awareness of the importance of data in today's world amongst CGS members.

Thanks,

Wang.13945 & Ramprakash.4

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Katelyn Amstutz and Casey Ortbahn, Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility Committee (SERC) Chair
DATE: October 27, 2025
RE: SERC Chair's Report

Hi everyone,

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Last month our committee met with Jeff Pelletier, Director of Ohio Union and Student Activities, and Tom Reeves, Director of Sustainability for the Office of Student Life, to discuss sustainability at the Union. We also met with representatives from Facilities, Operations, and Development (FOD) and the Monda Resource Center to explore potential partnerships. Our committee also learned that this year's Time for Change Week will be March 29 – April 5, 2026, and we submitted a proposal to the Time for Change Week planning committee to host an event for graduate students.

FOD is curious to know where graduate students would like to have new compost drop-off locations on campus. Here is [a map of the current compost drop-off locations](#). Where would you like to see new compost drop-off locations on campus? Fill out [this survey](#) and let us know! Lastly, if any other CGS committees are interested in making your events Zero Waste, please reach out to us. We would love to help!

Our next meeting will be Friday, November 14 at 12pm noon. Here's the [zoom link](#)!

May this November be everything that you need it to be,

Amstutz.87 & Ortbahn.1