



COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Delegate Packet

January 10th, 2025

Location: Ohio Union Senate Chambers and Zoom



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Agenda

General Delegate Meeting | 10 January 2025 | Senate Chambers, Ohio Union and via Zoom

- 1. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS** **3:30 PM**
 - 1.1. Campus Connections: Graduate & Prof. Student Ombudsperson Rebeka Campos-Astorkiza.1
- 2. CALL TO ORDER** **4:00 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** **[5 min]**
- 4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** **[5 min]**
- 5. OFFICER REPORTS** **[30 min]**
 - 5.1. President’s Report – Sabrina Durso.19
 - 5.2. Vice President’s Report – Katie Conner.280
 - 5.3. Treasurer’s Report – Jon Fritz.288
 - 5.4. Secretary’s Report – Kaz Gary.102
 - 5.5. Parliamentarian Report – Andy Vance.128
 - 5.6. Chief of Staff Report – Zaira Giralá Munoz (GiraláMunoz.1)
- 6. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS** **[25 min]**
 - 6.1. Academic Affairs – Sohan Daniel.508
 - 6.2. Arts and Culture – Holly Engel.210 & Nick Booker.200
 - 6.3. Diversity & Inclusion – Priya Jana.20
 - 6.4. Government Affairs– Madeline Carrola.1
 - 6.5. Graduate Caucus – Peter Carrera.55
 - 6.6. Graduate Student Affairs – Chiranth Koratagere Nagaraj (KoratagereNagaraj.1)
 - 6.7. Health, Wellness, and Safety – Deb Pathak.89 & Luke Van Niel (Vanniel.5)
 - 6.8. Housing and Family Affairs – Syed Murtaza Arshad.32
 - 6.9. International Student Affairs – Kaustubh Kumar.889
 - 6.10. Membership Wellness – Aryn Robinson.2283
 - 6.11. Research and Data Operations – Bill Wang.13945
 - 6.12. Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility – Brittany Multer Hopkins (MulterHopkins.1)
- 7. OLD BUSINESS** **[0 min]**
- 8. NEW BUSINESS** **[30 min]**
 - 8.1. Resolution 2425-SP-001: Beyond ‘Compliance’: A Resolution on the Inclusion of (Not Just) Graduate Students with Disabilities at The Ohio State University
- 9. SPECIAL ORDER ITEM** **[30 min]**
 - 9.1. Delegate Issues and Concerns
- 10. ANNOUNCEMENTS** **[5 min]**
 - 10.1 **Next General Delegate Meeting: Friday, February 14 at 3:30pm (Senate Chambers & Zoom)**
- 11. ADJOURNMENT** **6:10 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.
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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.
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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 | 06 December 2024 | Senate Chambers, Ohio Union and via Zoom

1. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

3:00 PM

- 1.1. Winter Party co-hosted by CGS's Membership Wellness & Graduate Student Affairs

2. CALL TO ORDER

4:02 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 **Multerhopkins.1**
- Seconded by **Combs.467**

5. OFFICER REPORTS

4:04 PM

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

5.1.1) Over the past month:

- **Exec:** Welcoming Parliamentarian Andy Vance and CoS Zaira Giralá Muñoz!
- **Grad Council:** Mentoring Toolkit to combat Advisor/Advisee Issues & Best Practices for Admissions Processes
- **LEAVE:** Orientation, SHIP Coverage for 5 months, Update GH to include Program Coordinators
- **Steering:** Chase Center is coming (CGS concerned about lack of grad and international student involvement)
- If you have ideas for Senate to discuss, let me know!
- **Events I attended on CGS's Behalf:** Lunch with Lee Strang of Chase Center, ODEIJ Focus Group, Investiture

5.1.2) Working on:

- **CGS Newsletters:** Literally just waiting on the sign in stuff from ConstantContact! We have Newsletters, homies!
- **CAMPUS Act Taskforce:** Please send me input regarding your thoughts on antisemitism, Islamophobia, and anti-Christian discrimination and hatred, harassment, bullying or violence towards others on the basis of religious identity on campus

5.1.3) Updates from past delegate issues and concerns:

- **IRB:** Between mid-January through mid-March you will most likely not be able to submit a new IRB protocol or revise an existing protocol
- **If you have anything planned that will need IRB approval before the end of March, you should submit through BuckIRB by the first week of January if not before!**
- **SHIP Dependents:** Found where it states who is eligible and have included it in my report and on the CGS resource page.
- **RPAC Shortened Hours over the Summer:** I've been informed that the RPAC closes an hour early in the summer due to difficulty staffing, especially in the summer months, as well as low usage.

- 5.2. Vice President's Report – Katie Conner.280

5.2.1) Hayes Forum #84DaysTilHayes

- **EXTENDED Application Deadline:** Monday December 9th, 2025 at 11:59pm (ET)
- **Applicant Info & Abstract Submission:** go.osu.edu/hayes-2025-application
- **Nominate faculty, staff, researchers, Pls, postdocs, etc. to judge:** go.osu.edu/hayes-2025-judge-nomination
- Not on the committee but want to help Katie/Hayes '25 Committee in a concrete way (and get a CV service line while you're at it...) ?
- Help do abstract compliance review!
- TLDR; making sure they're formatted properly, and that no one mentions their name or advisor name, it's easy and straightforward
- You can still help even if you applied or have friends/colleagues applying for Hayes (we assign you to abstracts from a different field/area, and I do a final check over all abstracts)
- **Compliance review from Dec 9 – Dec 13**

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- Non-negotiable, abstracts will be going out for judging on Monday Dec. 16th
- Aiming for only 1-2 hours of work for each reviewer if we can get an additional 5-10 folks to help out in addition to the Hayes 25 Committee and Katie
- **Email Katie Conner.280 if you're able to assist**

5.2.2) CGS Elections 25-26:

- At a glance: They are coming!
- February 2025: Officer Noms
- March 2025: Officer Elections, Senator Noms
- April 2025: Senator Elections & Delegate Elections
- More detailed dates starting January 2025
- As previously stated, this is my last year as VP and with CGS (aka I'm not running for anything, it's time for this eldritch gal to make way for the next set of rabble-rousers and gradvocates)
- If you or someone you know is potentially interested in running for VP and has any questions about the role in the abstract (bylaws) vs reality (my experience), Hayes, Elections, etc. Please reach out and talk to me
- I'll still be around FA25 for support if anyone needs it (and at events and meetings for #FreeFood and #Community), and have many many many pages of documentation to help transition the next brave baddie to take on this role
- Seriously consider this role. It's a great teacher of transferable skills, and a great way to help ensure the incredible work of CGSers and Hayes continues!

5.3. Treasurer's Report – Jon Fritz.288

5.3.1) FY25 Spending:

- Mid-year report on financial status of CGS @ January 10th, 2025 general body
- As of November, we have spent about 1/5 of our total budget

5.3.2) Treasurer for 2025-2026:

- I won't be running for CGS Treasurer in 2025-2026.
- If you or someone you know is potentially interested in running for Treasurer and has any questions, about the role's expectations & responsibilities, cadence of the work, and my experience in the role -> come talk to or email me
- I'll still be on-campus as a graduate student until at least fall 2025, and I intend to work with the next Treasurer to transition during the spring and fall semesters.

5.3.3) Ray Travel Award:

- The RTA committee awarded 12 out of 37 apps an RTA
- Lower total amount of applications for this period compared to ~50 last year
- Planning to meet in December to review this judging period and additional steps the committee would like to take in the coming year
- Ray Travel Award (RTA) report:
- Will present a report on the Ray Travel Award @ January 10th, 2025 general body
- Would like to codify a Ray Travel Award (RTA) annual report for presentation to the general delegate body & invite an OAA representative

6. **COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

4:18 PM

6.1. Academic Affairs – Sohan Daniel.508

6.1.1) Academic Affairs Committee Update:

- Had two legislation writing sessions this month.
- Presenting resolution regarding OTDI policy on licensing, technology, accessibility, and software updates.
- Next meeting is TBD depending on committee availability.

6.2. Arts and Culture – Holly Engel.210 & Nick Booker.200

6.2.1) Get your CGS buttons!

6.2.2) [IU/OSU Folklore and Ethnomusicology Student Conference | Center for Folklore Studies](#)

6.2.3) Bonsai event: Tuesday, March 18

6.2.4) Next meeting: Monday, Dec. 9 from 12:30-1:30 (EST) [Zoom meeting link](#)

6.3. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion – Priya Jana.20

6.3.1) Professors for Decolonial Pedagogies Seminar series



- Still finalizing professors for seminar series !
 - Got a final no from the professors I reached out as they have other commitments next year around March! Now we can plan around and ask other professors
 - For now we got information of professors who have given a talk previously in Decolonial Pedagogies workshop. There are few others whose details I have added in the reports in detail.
 - We are planning to meet next week Tuesday and decide what we are aiming for.
- 6.4. Government Affairs – Madeline Carrola.1
- 6.4.1) Meeting highlights:
- The Government Affairs Committee met on Thursday, November 21, 2024.
 - We discussed the Chase Center, our committee's newsletter, and SB104, which includes language from HB183 ("bathroom bill").
 - Our next meeting is TBD. Reach out to Madeline Carrola if you have questions.
- 6.5. Graduate Caucus – Peter Carrera.55
- 6.5.1) Please look at the full report from each senate committee. Some highlights:
- The Fiscal Committee is considering changes to the minimum graduate stipend to allow for an 18% increase over 4 years!!!
 - The Diversity Committee is creating a DEIJ survey to be sent to Deans and Department chairs annually.
 - The Council of Academic Affairs is evaluating the Chase Center proposal, which has taken feedback and added an addendum, and completing a survey for experiential learning.
 - Committee on Academic Technology met with interim CIO Ginger Breon who gave an update on potential solutions for maintaining Overleaf.
- 6.6. Health, Wellness, and Safety – Deb Pathak.89 & Luke Van Niel (Vanniel.5)
- 6.6.1) Health, Wellness, & Safety met on Tuesday, November 26th to reflect on the Accessibility Stakeholders' Symposium and to discuss plans for the rest of the academic year
- 6.6.2) Luke sat in on two OSU cross-disciplinary committee meetings as a representative for HWS & CGS, including the One University Health & Wellness Council and the Student Life Health and Well-being Leadership Team
- 6.7. Housing and Family Affairs – Syed Murtaza Arshad.32
- 6.7.1) Committee met on November 15th
- 6.7.2) Discussed following items:
- OCCSE has talked with many of the in-network property owners, and they are willing to organize **online showings or share latest videos** of the properties upon request.
 - The committee has suggested starting **an open property feedback/complaint survey** with our Newsletter.
 - **OCCSE is revamping their website** with a lot of exciting new features and resources
 - We will be meeting with OIA, OCCSE to discuss details for housing orientation for incoming graduate students.
- 6.8. International Student Affairs – Kaustubh Kumar.889
- 6.8.1) Committee met on November 20th
- An ISAC member, also a delegate, shared experience attending the OIA's international students focus group discussion on international students' issues and gradSERU surveys.
 - Planned for our two events- 'tax information' sessions and 'share your story' event.
 - We aim to conduct them in February and March 2025.
 - Documentation of useful resources (within and outside OSU) that might bridge information gap and help incoming international graduate students in navigating initial weeks at OSU.
- 6.9. Research and Data Operations – Bill Wang.13945
- 6.9.1) Software survey: Overleaf
- The RDO committee is analyzing the Overleaf demand survey results. We obtained more than 300 responses in total. Most of them are from Arts & Sciences and Engineering. We hope to reach out to more business, agricultural students, and public health students.



6.10. Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility – Brittany Multer Hopkins (MulterHopkins.1)

6.10.1) December Sustainability Tip – Prepare for the Cold!

- Clean or replace the filter in your HVAC unit so that your heater runs smoothly and uses less energy this winter.
- Set your thermostat to around 68°F to 70°F while you're awake (and you can set it lower while you're sleeping or away from home to save energy).
- If you drive, make sure to check your tire pressure. Cold weather can cause low tire pressure and lower fuel economy. There are four complimentary air pumps on campus in Columbus. Gas stations often have free air pumps as well.

6.11. Membership Wellness – Aryn Robinson.2283

6.11.1) If you are graduating

- Complete the Letter to Future Self Activity Reflection
- Find instructions in Delegate Teams!
- CGS 2024-2025 Teams → Files → Letter to Future Self Activity → LTFSReflection.pdf

6.11.2) CGS WhatsApp Group Chat

- Connect with other CGSers!

6.11.3) Participate in the December Fitness Bingo Challenge

- New Bingo Challenge each month centered on one of the ten Dimensions of Wellness

6.11.4) Song list in Miscellaneous folder in Delegate Teams

7. OLD BUSINESS

[0 min]

8. NEW BUSINESS

4:35 PM

8.1. Resolution Regarding OTDI Policy on Licensing, Technology Accessibility, & Software Updates

8.1.1) Rationale for the Resolution

- **Daniel.508:** University has made decisions about technology without consulting with grad students or CGS. This resolution refers specifically to Adobe and OneDrive and recent changes made by the University to this software. The resolution asks specifically OTDI to ask CGS and grad students to get input before making changes to this software and communicating those changes effectively to CGS/grad students.

8.2.1) Q+A:

- **Q: Mace.103:** This doesn't take position on specifics on Adobe Access, are we waiting on data and why did you not include it here?
- **Daniel.508:** What specifics are you referring to?
- **Mace.103:** There was a survey on Adobe Access and how the new mode is not efficient and this wasn't included in the Resolution. Are you considering writing something on that with more data?
- **Daniel.508:** If you have that survey available, we'd be interested in putting that into the Resolution. Priority was given to Adobe and OneDrive and communicating decisions on that.
- **Q: Karaunakan.10:** Are we trying to get the University to keep the existing storage we already have?
- **Daniel.508:** Not asking University to turn around on the decision they made about the storage, but instead just asking for students' input before making big decisions like this. Give me one second, we thought about adding a line to the Resolution about this but didn't. If that was brought up during the discussion, we could discuss more.
- **Karanuakan.10:** What would have been the line?
- **Daniel.508:** The line would have talked about making a difference between undergraduate and graduate students, since students are just given storage as a whole and there's no difference between the two in terms of storage capacity. Because grad students are at a 0.5 FTE, creating a discrepancy between how it impacts graduate students and undergraduate students. We did not come to a conclusion on what that line would like look though, so we decided not to include it. I feel we could write a future resolution about this, depending on how this resolution goes.
- **Karanuakan.10:** What exactly is the memory limit that we intend to bring up? Are we trying to give them a minimum number that's needed for a grad student?



- **Daniel.508:** We did not determine a number.
- **Karanuakan.10:** Is there a way we could determine different amounts of storage for different graduate students?
- **Connor.280:** Point of privilege: this is great. But perhaps we should save some of this. I just wanna make sure that if other people have questions that we get to those as well, and make sure that we're freeing up for multiple people to have conversations.

- **Q: Arshad.32:** Did we know the motivation for the software changes?
- **Daniel.508:** We did not talk to anyone about these changes, did you Sabrina?
- **Connor.280:** I don't think we've met explicitly to talk about this. From our understanding, they're cost-cutting measures for the University.
- **Durso.19:** It has been brought up in University Senate steering. Largely, it seems faculty, staff and students are upset about the lack of communication, which is why we've kept it to just the communication issue. Arguing against cost-cutting measures is hard so communication was the priority.

- **Q: Lebeck.31:** For clarification, was no one consulted about this? Was it just random?
- **Daniel.508:** Regarding the decisions made?
- **Lebeck.31:** Yes
- **Daniel.508:** Checked my e-mail, as a Student Life employee, I was contacted via e-mail about Adobe. Some departments may have communicated this to their students, but grad students at large and CGS was not contacted which is the premise of this resolution.
- **Durso.19:** There was no centralized form of communication between faculty, students and staff for these changes.

- **Q: Arshad.32:** Are we demanding just the communication or a discussion before these changes are implemented too?
- **Daniel.508:** It's asking for them to have a discussion with us. We found a news article about the changes, but it was never communicated to us directly. Grad students shouldn't have to go out and find this information.

- **Booker.200:** Motion to extend our time by 2 min for a question?
- Seconded by **McDowell.310**
- Motion passes

- **Q: Booker.200:** What actionable items do you want the University to do in this Resolution? Do you want to consult CGS in a particular fashion? What constitutes a timely manner? The language is vague, and specifics would be helpful. What changes would this apply to in the future such as Adobe?
- **Daniel.508:** Future changes: Let's say OSU wants to move from Outlook to Gmail, they need to have a discussion with us, specifically CGS, and communicate it. Timely manner: I don't have any specifics since the time varies for these decisions already, but again this primarily advocating for the University to consult with CGS before making these changes.

8.3.1) Discussion:

CGS Representatives in other organizations as a way to communicate important issues

- **Fritz.288:** Comment for discussion: Do we have a CGS representative in ODTI? This could solve the problem of no communication.
- **Annerino.2:** As the CGS senator for University Senate Academic technology committee, I feel this is the natural way to give communication. It would be a natural way to give communication, but we were never informed which is why there's a push from everyone for more communication.
- **Lebeck.31:** Could we add more specific language about how we would communicate with us? Like telling them to go through this specific Senate committee that we have a CGS rep on.
- Move to add this to the Resolution by **Lebeck.31**



- Seconded by **Mace.103**
- **Lebeck.31**: Just want to add how specifically we would be communicated through. Given that this would be through the Senate committee, there will also be more faculty, students and staff representation in order to keep more informed. Since everyone seems to be against this, the Senate would be the best way to have this communicated.
- **Multerhopkins.1**: I think we should also add on that they include the CGS president at the time, sometimes we don't have a senator there and just in case the senator is absent from that session of the day, we keep them informed.
- **Durso.19**: Any other suggestions?
- **Miles.375**: Probably adding the University Research Committee would be a wise idea, because we have CGS members on there, and they have a lot of conversations with the Dean of Research I think and the University Libraries.
- **Daniel.508**: Does anyone have any opposition to the suggestion at hand before I make a motion to add it to the Resolution?
- **Mace.103**: Do we have grad reps on any ODTI bodies?
- **Connor.280**: Historically ODTI used to have an advisory technological committee, but they don't have the committee anymore. At least to my knowledge, there's not a standing committee advising ODTI.
- **Mace.103**: If they don't have reps, then we shouldn't include those avenues of communication to be more concrete.
- **Booker.200**: Can we add concrete language to urge the University to contact one of these avenues of communication? Language is wishy-washy and they won't contact unless it's more specific.
- Motion to extend by 3 min by **Mace.103**
- Seconded by **Booker.200**
- Motion passes

Amendment added: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CGS believes that units making policy changes must contact at least one of the following bodies with graduate representation/graduate representatives: the University Senate and it's appropriate committees such as the Committee on Academic Technology (CAT), the University Research Committee (URC), and the CGS President and Academic Affairs Committee.

- **Daniel.508**: I move we include this statement in Line 86 of the current resolution.
- Seconded by **McDowell.310**
- Motion adopted

Adding a certain amount of storage requirement

- **Karanukan.10**: Can we put a line about a survey asking about the amount of storage that is favorable for all graduate students and to justify this change?
- **Teafatiller.1**: Do you mean they need to provide us justification for the storage change?
- **Karanukan.10**: Yes, why such a significant reduction?
- Motion to extend by 5 min by **McDowell.310**
- Seconded by **Multerhopkins.1**
- Motion passes
- **Connor.280**: This is not the time to offer multi-part motions. There needs to be a clear and specific motion on the floor. What I'm hearing is you want us to add a line asking the University to provide rationale for why the storage limit for graduate students has been reduced?
- **Karaunkan.10**: What I'm suggesting is some academic body passing a survey along to all grad students before they make a significant change to the amount of storage. The point of the survey would be just getting an average number for the amount of storage a graduate student needs.
- **Connor.280**: So you're wanting to add that there needs to be a feedback survey for any storage limit change. Do I hear a second for the motion?
- No second, motion will not be entertained

Clarifying language on University consulting grad students

- **Allen.2234**: Should we make the line "Must consider graduate students" more specific? The University could just say we were considered, but not actually do anything concrete with that. Did other people get that impression?



- **Connor.280:** So there's a motion on the floor to clarify this language, what does it mean to be considered? Do I hear a second?
- Seconded by **Booker.200**
- Motion passes
- **Connor.280:** Where do you want the specific changes?
- **Allen.2234:** Looking at the second to last section where it says 'must consider graduate students holistically across our roles'. Point of clarification: is this meant to say that by considering us you're directly contacting us?
- **Mace.103:** May I suggest 'consider and consult' graduate students, what do you think about that?
- **Allen.2234:** I liked 'directly consult'.
- **Lebeck.31:** I think the major point of that passage was that when the University thinks of grad students, they need to think of us as employees and researchers. That's what I took away from the passage. If not everyone else is getting that, then we can discuss more.
- Motion to extend by 4 min by **Daniel.508**
- Seconded by **McDowell.310**
- Motion passes
- **Daniel.508:** Clarification, it was to consider graduate students in multiple roles. This line specifically refers to graduate students who are a lot more just students. We're teachers, researchers, we have a lot of other roles. Whereas with the OneDrive policy, we're just lumped into students with the undergraduates even though we have multiple roles.
- **Miles.375:** Is it confusing that we just said directly consulting with us when we asked to indirectly consult with us through these committees. This statement could be at odds with the previous amendment.
- **Lebeck.31:** I was confused by the language but that makes sense.
- **Allen.2234:** That interpretation makes a lot more sense, I was confused by the language. Maybe we can say 'recognize' instead of 'consider' since that might be more direct.

Amendment added: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CGS continues to reaffirm that the Ohio State University (and all its constituent units) must consider and acknowledge graduate students holistically across our multiple roles as students and employees (teachers, researchers and more) at OSU in order to properly consider and address graduate students' complex and interlinked needs with regard to education, research, professional development and more.

- Motion to adopt by **Lebeck.31**
- Seconded by **Daniel.508**
- Motion adopted
- **Arshad.32:** For future, I think this was a good discussion and for other discussions that we had in this session, I do think we should talk about them. We were kind of stuck between 2 different things for the amendments suggested, but I think even with this resolution, they will think more about future changes.
- Resolution passed

9. SPECIAL ORDER ITEM

5:22 PM

9.1. Delegate Issues and Concerns

9.1.1) Communication between Student Life and Housing/Family Affairs

- **Arshad.32:** Continuing the discussion earlier, we need similar resolutions for other areas of changes needed. They changed bus routes last year and due to cost-cutting had to take down specific routes. This affects people in choosing housing that they can get transportation to and from. We were never considered nor communicated in those changes, what can we do in those circumstances like CABS or RPAC hours or issues like this to get Student Life to talk to us about these changes?
- **Durso.19:** This is a complex issue when asking about Student Life. We should be communicated with for sure. Luke is on Health and Wellness Committee and was on a committee to deal with the consulting aspect of transportation, but I'll make sure we're advocating for this, I will ask. ODTI was not friendly when we asked so that's why the resolution, but this is easier to go and ask people about regarding transportation.

9.1.2) Library resources for International Students

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- **Teafatiller.1:** International students in our department have a lot of different funding mechanisms, and because of this, sometimes they're not allowed to access Thompson libraries and other resources off-campus. They're not taking courses so they're not technically graduate students. Twice, I've had to download resources for them, is there something we can do to push the library when they knock off the access and make sure they're able to get class resources as students
- **Durso.19:** Go to Brian first because he's on one of those committees.
- **PerezSoto.2:** They have to connect to their VPN. They're free, some journals will let you login with your OSU credentials and keep an eye on VPN updates.
- **Allen.2234:** I use the VPN all the time to access things from off-campus. Cisco VPN has instructions.
- **Durso.19:** If issues arise, please reach out to me and I can contact OIA.
- **Teafatiller.1:** I'll have them test it out this weekend.
- **Arshad.32:** On the library website, they have a page about off-campus resources, lots of ways to do it. I believe there are URLs and links to be able to do this as well.

9.1.3) QR code for future Resolution accessibility

- **Chisam.1:** We just passed ODTI accessibility, can I put forth a motion that we include a link to addition to QR code for votes for accessibility reasons in the future for votes.
- **Durso.19:** I totally forgot and next time I will include a link.

9.1.4) Academic Coaching for grad students pulled due to funding

- **Chisam.1:** Has CGS been made aware that the Dennis Learning Center has removed academic coaching for graduate student?
- **Durso.19:** We haven't discussed but we are aware.
- **Connor.280:** We received an e-mail from them early semester and they notified us about funding issues. Their proposed solution was to get funding from CGS. We told them we can go advocate for funding but we don't have the budget to support that. We heard nothing back from them.
- **Durso.19:** Most of those funding issues come from underuse. That's why things are being pulled, I think it's a load of garbage but I can't do anything about that further regarding CGS funding, I'll talk to Dean Stromberger.
- **Chisam.1:** They had a survey on that page where that information used to be and it seems like they're implementing charging grad students \$50 a session.
- **Durso.19:** Great, I will talk to Dean Stromberger.

9.1.5) No more Zoom webinar access

- **Annerino.2:** Quick announcement: Price was gonna go up a lot and University was freaked out about not using Zoom anymore because of prices, but that's not going to happen. It was just a Webinar price increase and University isn't gonna do it anymore. That's why they talked about not using Zoom anymore.
- **Arshad.32:** What does webinar license include?
- **Annerino.2:** Normal zoom calls aren't webinar. In a webinar, there's no chat and it's not a normal meeting. It's usually for University addresses.
- **Arshad.32:** No time limit or anything like that?
- **Annerino.2:** No
- **Durso.19:** It's primarily used if a faculty member once to address the entire University, doesn't allow for any audience participation

- Motion to end Delegate Issues and Concerns early by **Booker.200**
- Seconded by everyone

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

10.1 Next General Delegate Meeting: Friday, January 10 at 3:30pm (Senate Chambers & Zoom)

11. ADJOURNMENT

5:36 PM



Officer Reports

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Sabrina Durso, President
DATE: January 3, 2025
RE: President's Report

Welcome (back) CGSers,

I hope you all found time to rest throughout Winter Break. I spent quite a bit of mine as CGS President working with chairs to plan *eight* CGS events, speaking on a student leader panel at the National Association of Grad/Prof Students Winter Conference, and representing grad students alongside President Carter's team at various Rose Bowl activities such as volunteering at the LA Food Bank, watching the Rose Bowl Parade, and screaming my lungs out during that astounding Buckeye win!

Additionally, if you'd like to run for CGS President for the next academic year, please contact me! I'm more than happy to answer any questions anyone might have about the position!

Over the Past Month:

- **Exec:** We have been working diligently to plan various CGS events! Committee chairs and members, I value your work throughout the break! The university's deadlines are hectic but we made it through! I cannot wait to participate in the many events coming up this semester!
- Also, if you'd be interested in co-chairing Government Affairs and learning all things GA from The Madeline Carrola before she steps down as chair, please let me know!
- **Grad Council:** Grad Student Leave Policy recommendations are coming to Dean Stromberger soon, just working on finalizing the committee's thoughts. We also discussed the possibility of formalizing a policy on AI at Grad Council.
- **Steering/Senate:** We vote on the Chase Center's acceptance into OSU at our next meeting. Also, I have been advocating for better communication throughout Senate and they are developing a newsletter that I hope will help. I intend to bring the Resolution Regarding OTDI [...] to Senate as quickly as possible.
- **Events I attended on CGS's Behalf:** National Grad/Prof. Student Winter Conference; Rose Bowl Festivities

Working On:

- **CGS Newsletters:** WE OFFICIALLY HAVE A NEWSLETTER SYSTEM! Please advise your constituents that CGS has a new look and to send any feedback regarding the template my way!
- **Resolution Regarding OTDI [...]:** I intend to bring this resolution to the Chief Information Officer and Senate at the start of the semester with the CGS chair of Academic Affairs. I may have an update by the CGS meeting.
- **CAMPUS Act TaskForce:** We are officially starting to interview stakeholders to understand how best to combat antisemitism, Islamophobia, and anti-Christian



discrimination and hatred, harassment, bullying or violence towards others on the basis of religious identity on OSU's campus. If you'd like to provide insight, please contact me!

Updates from Past Delegate Issues and Concerns:

- **Dennis Learning Center:** Following up with Dean Stromberger on this front.

Warm regards and in solidarity always,
Sabrina Durso.19



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Katie Conner, Vice President
DATE: JANUARY 10th, 2025
RE: Katie Conner Vice President's Report

Intro & Misc.

While Sabrina and I continue to be “on the clock” throughout the break, not much changes as most of the university goes dormant for a few weeks. I’ve included pertinent updates below as necessary for anything to draw attention to.

Internal Operations Updates

I have updated the website with the timelines and deadlines for all upcoming elections this spring (Officer, Senator, & Delegate). I’ll be working with Andy Vance (Parliamentarian) as he supports me in chairing this final round of elections for my role as VP and election chair. I’ll have timeline updates/reminders in all the reports (verbal and written) from now through April so everyone knows what to expect and when to expect it. It is bittersweet to say the least setting up this last round, but I’m excited to share some updates in a meeting or two as we propose some bylaw changes that will tweak and further refine how we run our elections.

Hayes Advanced Research Forum 38 - #49DaysTilHayes

Thanks to the massive push from CGSers sharing the CFP, the Graduate School pushing it out and emphasizing the opportunity to graduate faculty, and college deans pushing the CFP to students, we rocketed forward in applications over the three week extension, and had a 10-year high in applications! Committee members Deanna Holroyd, Joey Oteng, Casey Ortbahn, Sabrina Durso, and volunteer reviewer Blue Lerner deserve extra kudos for turning around abstract formatting and anonymity reviews out over 6 days during finals period so we could have a full 4 weeks for judges to do abstract scoring.

At this point (when I wrote the report on 1/6), abstracts are 30% scored, which is healthy given that the scoring is January 17th. I’ll send a few more reminders to judges in the next two weeks to be sure scoring is completed on time. After the 17th, we’ll hopefully have decisions rolling out right on time the following week. At that time, I’ll be renewing the search for day-of judges, as we have a few academic areas we’re short for.

Formal volunteering info and signups will be going out sometime next week, but we’ve had 40+ people already reach out in interest, which is a decent number. We still need more and will continue to recruit to be sure we have plenty, as there are usually late volunteering dropouts for various reasons. There’s no limit on how many people can get a CV line for this volunteering, so I’d rather share the wealth around to ensure a smooth day’s event.

Updates on My Committee Work

Throughout the fall semester I served on a committee evaluating the university’s needs and interests in name pronunciation software, as our previous contract was ending, and OSU wanted stakeholders to see what would be “best” moving forward. I tested software, attended demos, discussed with other committee members, and heard reports on cost, contracts, technology, and accessibility. At this time, the committee has recommended that we renew our contract with Namecoach. This is due to a number of factors including cost (of the tool itself in



addition to considerations of maintaining the current tool versus training hundreds of faculty and staff on a new one), accessibility, and current offerings (a concern expressed by a number of us included compatibility with Carmen and other relevant platforms for the myriad of roles using the software).

I was pleasantly surprised and delighted that we all agreed unanimously, and additionally that so much of the conversation surrounded not only the software choice specifically, but reinforcing the importance of name pronunciation software to increase inclusion, provide better networking and community-building opportunities, emphasize the value of diversity at OSU, and professional development across a number of fields where cultural-competency is a must for practitioners and researchers alike. We additionally included in our report the request that OSU increase its resources and training on the use of Namecoach, so that more folks know it exists, where to find it, and how to use it, as lack of training and knowledge of the software was a huge barrier cited by me as the Grad rep as well as IPC's rep and other members of the committee.

I'd be happy to give even more details to anyone curious! Just reach out to me.

I hope everyone enjoyed some of the beautiful snow earlier this week, and remained safe and warm throughout the first week of classes. Looking forward to seeing and chatting with folks on Friday.

Cheers y'all!
Katie Conner, MA
VP of the Council of Graduate Students
PhD Student, Linguistics



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Jon Fritz, Treasurer & Ray Travel Award Committee Chair
DATE: January 10, 2025
RE: Treasurer's Report

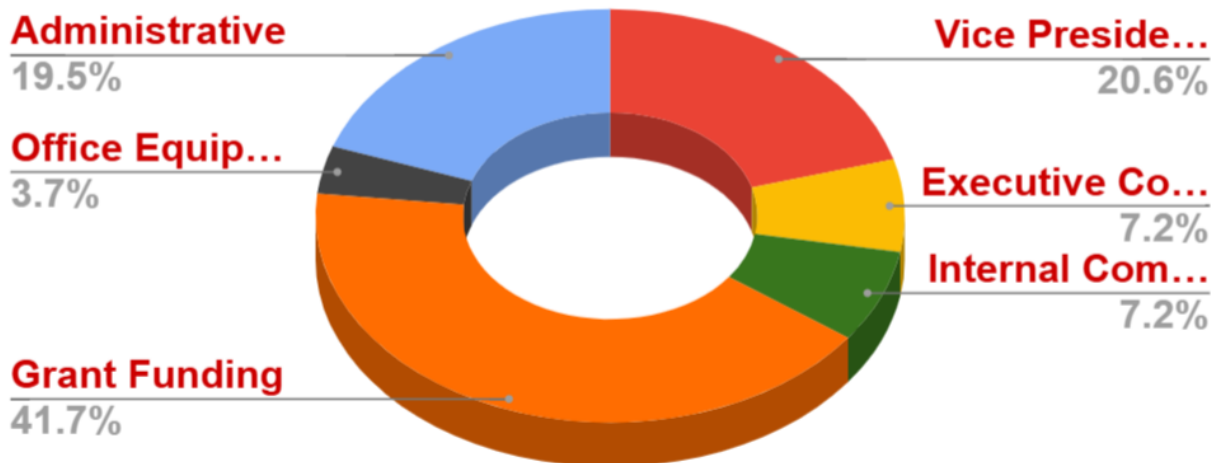
Hope you all had a relaxing and do-nothing holiday season with tons of opportunities to sleep, hang with pets, family, friends, and kids, and do ANYTHING except grad school!

Treasurer Updates:

Mid-year report: Depicted below are tabular and graphical summaries of CGS spending from July to December 2024. We spent ~30% of our total annual budget of ~\$250,000 in July to December 2024; for reference, we spent ~25% of our annual budget in the same timeframe last year. Additional graphics and information regarding CGS spending in FY25 are contained within the PPT slides of the Jan 10, 2025 general body meeting.

Please reach out if you have any questions or would like clarification!

Council of Graduate Students FY25 Expenses





EXPENSE	
President's Projects	\$30.00
Vice President's Projects	\$15,316.35
Executive Committee	\$5,383.48
Internal Committees	\$5,387.00
Grant Funding	\$31,020.88
Office Equipment & Technology	\$2,779.60
Administrative	\$14,546.63
TOTAL	\$74,433.94

Ray Travel Award (RTA) Updates:

1. The FINAL funding period for the RTA for travel dates between April 1 and June 30 will close on February 1 in less than 30 days. I appreciate those who have reached out to volunteer to help judge what is expected to be a high volume of applications; please let me know if you would like to help!

Yours,
Fritz.288



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Kaz Gary, Secretary
DATE: January 10th, 2025
RE: Secretary's Report

Hi all,

Not much to report on the Secretary side! Make sure to include saying your name.# in your new year's resolutions

For CDG: we were able to fund ALL of our applicants last cycle! Next cycle's deadline is **February 1st** so please remind your constituents. If you're interested in being a judge, shoot me an e-mail before February.

Stay warm and Happy 2025,
Kaz Gary.102



Committee Chair Reports

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Sohan Daniel, CGS Academic Affairs, Chair
DATE: January 3rd, 2025
RE: Academic Affairs Chair Report

Howdy,

Our resolution passed at our last regularly scheduled meeting. We're planning on meeting again towards the end of the month.

Sincerely,

Daniel.508



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Holly Engel and Nick Booker, Arts and Culture Co-Chairs
DATE: January 3rd, 2025
RE: Arts and Culture Chair's Report

Welcome to 2025 all,

It's going to be a year filled with arts and culture! A&C had a great meeting in December where we talked through our upcoming efforts to support the IU/OSU Folklore and Ethnomusicology conference (2/28–3/1), our bonsai event in Hagerty 198 on 3/28 from 5:30–7:30 PM, a pathfinder document for students to find arts and culture on in Columbus, and longer-term efforts to create a survey about arts & culture needs and opportunities as we set the stage for next year's committee!

As always, email Holly or Nick with ideas for collaboration and/or attend our next meeting, January 27th, 12:30–1:30 PM in Hagerty 208.

In Solidarity,

Engel.210 and Booker.200



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Priya Jana, Diversity & Inclusion Chair
DATE: 10th January, 2024
RE: Diversity & Inclusion Chair's Report

Hello everyone,

Wishing everyone a happy new year! The Diversity team will resume its meeting this month. We will try to reach out to the professors our delegates has shortlisted and ask them whether they are interested in the seminar series or not!

Sincerely,
Jana.20



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Madeline Carrola, Government Affairs Chair
DATE: January 10, 2025
RE: Government Affairs Chair's Report

Hello,

The Government Affairs Committee will resume meetings this month.

Sincerely,

Carrola.1



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Peter Carrera, Graduate Caucus Chair
DATE: January 10, 2024
RE: Graduate Caucus Chair's Report

The Graduate Caucus does not have any new updates for this meeting, best wishes to everyone as we start the new year!

The Graduate Caucus will be giving monthly updates to CGS members on the work university senate committees are conducting month to month. Please share and discuss any relevant information with your constituents. If you have any questions or want to share thoughts about what is going on in a senate committee please contact the respective CGS senator.

In service,

Peter Carrera (Carrera.55)



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Chiranth Koratagere Nagaraj, Graduate Student Affairs Chair
DATE: January 10th, 2025
RE: Graduate Student Affairs Chair's Report

Dear Members,

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025!!

GSAW swags

Committee agreed and selected swags listed below:

Item & Link	Item #	Estimated Price Per Unit	# of Units	Notes
Badge Reels	Item # IOSHD-FRSSF	\$1.24	1000	50/50 Mix of Black and Translucent Red, Imprinted with CGS Logo
Screen Buddy Webcam Cover	Item # JNRFJ-QQGNN	\$0.60	1000	Red with Council of Graduate Students as Imprint
Drinkware - Winslow Vacuum Sealed Mug	Item # YMXGG-PJIWW	\$6.00	500	Black w/ CGS logo imprint
Umbrella	Item # VOYEJ-MKLBP	\$6.59	500	Red/White with CGS logo imprint
Hat	Item # JNPFI-MPOIO	\$6.10	500	Iron Gray color, Council of Graduate Students or CGS logo as imprint (depending on space and aesthetics)

Swags Order placed on 12/05 with the help of Katie, Sabrina and Jon

GSAW Events:

1. Instructional Kitchen

RFP generated and submitted,

Menu: Spanish Rice Bowl with Chicken (pan seared) and Roasted Corn Pico de gallo

Event Itinerary: Friday, April 11 2025

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM Schedule

5:15pm- Chef Demo (15-20 minutes)

5:30pm- Cooking (1 hour to 1 hour 15 minutes)

6:30-7pm - Eat & Wrap

2. Donuts with Deans

RFP generated for 240 Donuts, Coffee, and Hot Chocolate. Deans will be invited via email by the end of January.

Venue: Graduate School Lobby, 250 University Hall, 230 N Oval Mall, Columbus, OH-43210

Time: 9am-11:00am Date: April 7th 2025

3. Game Night at KBK and CGS open house

Aims to create a casual and fun atmosphere for attendees to unwind and connect during GSAW.

Date: April 9th Wednesday, 2025 (tentative)

Ohio Union Rm 2088A | 1739 N. High Street | Columbus, OH 43210 | (614) 292-4380 | cgs@osu.edu



Time: 4.00 - 7.00 pm

Requested quote from Woody's pizza, awaiting confirmation from KBK, Coca-Cola Beverage Donation
Request will be submitted over next week (only be able to request 3 months before the event date).

Designing Poster Contents and games crafts

Thanks,
Koratagerenagaraj.1



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

Greetings,
HWS has no updates other than that we continued editing the Access Resolution with Sabrina at the beginning of December, and will be finalizing it soon. We will resume meeting this month to discuss next steps for the committee.

Best,

Pathak.89 & Vanniel.5



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Syed Murtaza Arshad, Housing and Family Affairs Chair
DATE: January 10th, 2025
RE: Housing and Family Affairs Chair's Report

Hey all,

Happy New Year everyone! We have some promising updates regarding housing orientation for incoming students.

The HAFA committee met with OIA and OCCSE in December to discuss improving housing orientation for incoming students, particularly international students. Last year's orientation included a brief off-campus housing session (see [Pre Arrival 1 Presentation 1.pptx](#)), which primarily focused on OCCSE resources. However, we all agreed that there is a need for a more comprehensive guide to address the unique challenges international students often face in finding suitable housing, figure out family affairs, understanding lease agreements, and navigating local regulations.

During the meeting, we brainstormed potential topics for the orientation, but nothing was finalized. OIA wants to meet again in January to finalize the content and logistics. This orientation will also involve Student Legal Services (SLS) to inform students about important legal points regarding housing and renting policies. To ensure the orientation is truly helpful, they also want graduate and international student representatives to participate and assist with queries.

We will be collaborating with ISA to review the orientation content and potentially organize a focus group to gather further input and ensure we are addressing the most critical topics.

Next steps include:

- Collaborate with ISA to review content and potentially organize a focus group.
- Meeting with OIA, ISA, OCCSE, and SLS to finalize orientation content and logistics
- Gather CGS members input either through a survey or a focus-group.

Is you have any insights and suggestions for the orientation content. Please reach out at arshad.32@osu.edu.

We look forward to making the housing orientation a valuable resource for incoming students!

Stay smart and humble,

Murtaza Arshad.32



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Kaustubh Kumar, International Student Affairs Chair
DATE: January 10th, 2025
RE: International Student Affairs Chair's Report

Hi Everyone,

Happy New Year to everyone. ISAC is working on following items:

- Planned for our two events- 'tax information' sessions and 'share your story' event. We aim to conduct them in February and March 2025. 'Share your story' event will take place on March 24, 2025. Venue and other modalities for the two events are being finalized. Final schedule for both events will be shared in next meeting.
- Documentation of useful resources (within and outside OSU) that might bridge information gap and help incoming international graduate students in navigating initial weeks at OSU. Maintaining those files as living documents and updating them periodically.
- Work in coordination with HAFA committee regarding student housing sessions for incoming international students.

We are always looking for new committee members who will help us grow and contribute positively to international graduate students experience at the OSU. So, please tell your friends and reach out (kumar.889@osu.edu) if you have any ideas and/or are interested in serving on the committee.

Wishing all a fruitful month ahead,
Kumar.889



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Aryn Robinson, Membership Wellness Chair
DATE: January 10, 2025
RE: Membership Wellness Chair's Report

Hi everyone,

Current Announcements

Look at the January Emotional Wellness Bingo Challenge that is attached to the Delegate Packet email. Use this as a way to jumpstart your wellness or continue your momentum! Next month will focus on Financial Wellness.

MW will be hosting a financial wellness event Thursday, February 27th from 4p-5p in the Senate Chamber of the Ohio Union to provide graduate students with foundational knowledge to establish good financial practices. Light refreshments will be available. Virtual attendance is also an option. Please RSVP using the link on the flyer.

MW is also planning a trip to OSU's Planetarium on Thursday, March 20th at 5p. We will be watching a show put together by our own Kaz Gary. The Planetarium can only hold 63 people. The seats will be given to those who RSVP first. RSVP will be sent out closer to the event.

Meeting History

MW did not meet in December.

If you have not already, join the [24-25 CGS WhatsApp](#). Use this as a way to connect with other CGSers and find common interests.

Future Directions

Our next meeting will occur virtually **January 19th** from **2p-4p**. Anyone is welcome to attend! Please email me for the link.

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. The shoutout form will be monitored up until 10 pm the night before General Delegate Meetings. If you submit a shoutout after this time, it will be included in the next month's group of shoutouts. Shoutouts submitted after January 9th will not be included in the slide deck sent out before the December Meeting.

Thank you!

Robinson.2283



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Bill Wang, Research and Data Operations Chair
DATE: January 5th, 2025
RE: Research and Data Operations Chair's Report

Hi,

RDO is drafting the email requesting for Overleaf Premium subscription to

- College of Arts & Sciences
- College of Engineering
- College of College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences
- College of Public Health
- Fisher College of Business

The main reasons that we collected from the survey for why Overleaf Premium subscription is desirable for the students from these five colleges are the following:

- Faster compile speed
- Allow more than one collaborator
- Easier to credit contribution with tracking changes
- More autonomy over student research
- Streamlined journal submission and citations

Best,

Wang.13945



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Brittany Multer Hopkins, Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility Committee (SERC) Chair
DATE: January 10, 2025
RE: SERC Chair's Report

Hello and happy new year!

SERC invites you to attend our Time for Change Week Presentation and Panelist Event on April 8th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM in the Ohio Union Great Hall Meeting Room 2 (flyer attached). Come listen to presentations by graduate students focused on sustainability research for the first hour, followed by a panel of faculty and staff answering questions about sustainability measures being taken by OSU.

Link to submit questions to the sustainability panel:

<https://forms.office.com/r/MkuFA2yuHz>

If you are an OSU graduate or professional student doing research related to sustainability, please submit an abstract to present at this event! SERC is partnering with OSU's Time for Change Week to create space for OSU graduate and professional students to present their research related to sustainability. Short oral presentations (10-15 minutes) will give graduate students a great opportunity to practice their presentation skills and share their sustainability research with the wider OSU community.

If you are interested in presenting during this event, please fill out the form in the link below by February 16 at 11:59pm.

<https://forms.office.com/r/0RrsnDxqav>

Your January sustainability tip is to BYOM (bring your own mug).

Opt for a reusable mug while enjoying your hot drink this winter. Here's a couple of reasons why:

1. Single-use coffee cups (especially those with plastic linings) are difficult to recycle. They contribute to environmental pollution, often ending up in landfills and oceans
2. It can save you money! Many coffee shops offer discounts when you BYOM
3. It enhances the drinking experience! Heavier glasses are shown to make drinks feel more substantial and luxurious

Stay warm!

Multer Hopkins.1