

## Agenda

1. **WORLD CAFÉ** 3:30 PM
  - 1.1. Sabrina Durso.19 (President-Elect) and Katie Conner.280 (Vice President) Introduce World Café [10 min]
  - 1.2. Breakout Groups [20 min]
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**
  - 5.1. President's Report – Sabrina Durso.19 [10 min]
  - 5.2. Vice President's Report – Katie Conner.280 [10 min]
  - 5.3. Treasurer's Report – Jon Fritz.288 [10 min]
  - 5.4. Secretary's Report – Lauren Chivington.17 [5 min]
6. **COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS** [15 min]
  - 6.1. Academic Affairs – Garrett Tatum.71
  - 6.2. Arts and Culture – Michela Bertossa.1
  - 6.3. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – Debbie Jones.7661
  - 6.4. Government Affairs – Madeline Carrola.1
  - 6.5. **Graduate Caucus – Peter Carrera.55**
  - 6.6. Graduate Student Affairs – Om Prakash Bedant.1
  - 6.7. Housing and Family Affairs – Syed Murtaza Arshad.32
  - 6.8. International Student Affairs – Yang Du.601
  - 6.9. Membership Wellness – *Vacant*
  - 6.10. Research and Data Operations – Bill Wang.13945
  - 6.11. Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility – Kevin Donnelly.235
  - 6.12. Health, Wellness, and Safety – Sabrina Durso.19
7. **OLD BUSINESS** [0 min]
8. **NEW BUSINESS** [10 min]
9. **SPECIAL ORDER ITEM**
  - 9.1. Budget Listening Session [10 mins]
  - 9.2. Executive Session [30 min]
  - 9.3. Delegate Issues and Concerns [30 min]
10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** [5 min]
  - 10.1. Next General Delegate Meeting: Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup> at 3:30pm (Zoom)
11. **ADJOURNMENT** 6:25 PM

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# April 5th, 2024 Meeting Mintures

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

3:45 PM

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

## 2. ROLL CALL

[5 min]

## 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

[5 min]

## 4. OFFICER REPORTS

[15 min]

### 4.1. President's Report – Jorge E. Clavo Abbass (*clavoabbass.1*)

- Provost Search
- Graduate/Professional Student Trustee Selection Committee
- GradSERU Dissemination and the State of Graduate Education Panel at the University Senate
  - Need 20% increase min, cost of living has increased 30% from last year to this year
- Realigning GCBC
  - Lack of faculty buy in, recs for creation of bylaws, redefining
- OCCSE Grad Specialist Position
  - Murtaza and Jorge met to talk about 5-7 high level recs for role, future of role, synergy potential
  - Recirculated housing and family affairs survey
- Transitioning Out of the Role and Transitioning Sabrina In
- Donuts with the Deans a Success!
- Thank You

### 4.2. Vice President's Report – Katie Conner.280

#### Election Timeline

April

4.5.24 - Senator elections at/during CGS General Body Meeting

4.17.24 - Delegate voting period opens at Noon ONLINE

(Email with link will be sent)

4.24.24 - Delegate voting period closes at 5pm

Why is there a timeline gap between delegate applications closing and voting period beginning?

Gives VP/election chair time to track down academic verifications, and address any eligibility issues before the voting period starts

#### MISCELLANI

I had no written report this month. It's a quiet one with Hayes being dormant, and elections just being in process generally without much chaos, plus wind-down for summer

Working on my CGS Summer to-do list

Got a specific issue you want my specific attention on this summer? Reach out!

Some highlights...

Hayes accessibility updates, portal updates, meetings with college deans about more diverse and effective faculty recruitment!

Delegate/CGS Orientation planning, CGS application portal updates!!

... and much, much, more!!!

Sabrina & HWS will be working on starting drafting for legislation on accommodations

Fun Fact: This is the first CGS legislation E V E R on this issue as far as anyone knows/remembers

If interested in helping/being involved, please reach out to **Sabrina Durso.19**

#### **4.3. Treasurer's Report – Jon Fritz.288**

Budget listening session at the May delegate meeting for fiscal year (FY) 2024:

The FY24 annual budget is included in the Delegate Packet

A preliminary budget will be sent out ~a week prior to our May meeting

Voting for the budget will occur at the June delegate meeting

Please reflect on your committee's needs for programing & purchases for next year!!

### **5. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

**[15 min]**

#### **5.5. Graduate Caucus – Peter Carrera.55**

Please look at the full report from each senate committee.

Some highlights:

The Council on the Physical Environment is creating a Stay Safe while Navigating Around Campus video series focusing on walking and safely using/placing scooters.

The Library Committee completed a presentation on affordability and libraries (general education textbook program, instructor resources site, open pedagogy support, affordable learning exchange, etc.).

**5.6. Graduate Student Affairs – Om Prakash Bedant.1**

Meeting Dates: March 7th and March 19th

Happy Graduate and Professional Appreciation Week.

Events Organized:

Donuts with the Deans: April 1st, 9 AM – 11 AM

Giveaway Event: Daily 10 AM – 1 PM

Instructional Kitchen: Friday 5 PM – 7:30 PM

Thank you to all the volunteers!



Photo credit Matthew Swift





Daily Giveaway Event – Photo credit Aryn Robinson

## **Arts and Culture**

**Mullarkey.15** presenting

CGS cosponsored first TFMA production

Have 3 tickets on hold for CGSers

About Dyatlov pass incident

Produced by grad students

## **ISAC**

Hans **Herath.6** on behalf of Yang

Question and answer session for tax workshop

4 workshops

Pro bono

Great success for helping with international taxes

Willing to help out, some took home questions

Giving thank you gifts

Events coming up: share your story event

Flyer will be sent through the newsletter, etc., share - April 22nd 6-8, catered

## **HWS**

**Conner.280**

**Deb Pathak** got eclipse glasses

## **6. OLD BUSINESS**

**[0 min]**

## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

**[35 min]**

### **7.1 Senator Elections**

#### Procedures: Candidates

Each Election will include:

- Candidate introductory speech (1 minute each)
- Q&A
- 15 minutes total to start (time can be extended via motion if we get to the end and we have more)

Be sure to say name.# before asking your question.

All questions must be addressed to all candidates!

Keep questions brief!

Candidates get 30 seconds each to respond

Will respond in alphabetical, and then reverse alphabetical order

(Optional) Executive Session



A chance to discuss candidate further if needed/wanted.

Any voting member can bring a motion to enter. (Simple majority to pass)

Do not need to specify amount of time

All non-voting members (senators, guests, officers)

Note taking & meeting recording suspended during this time

When finished discussing, a motion to exit executive session

#### Procedures: Voting

- Outlined by Section 6.5 of the CGS Bylaws
- Write-in votes will be considered invalid
- Also impossible, because the form is set in advance
- Blank ballots/Non submitted ballots will be considered abstentions
- Not counted toward vote total for majorities or comparisons for seating
- Electronic Ballot via Microsoft Forms
- Voting occurs after intros and Q&A (and executive session if so called for)

#### Senate Elections

##### Candidates

- **Annerino.2**
- **Carrera.55**
- **Clavoabbass.1**
- **Elton.21**
- **GuzmanCamacho.1**
- **Mashburn.10**
- **Mehta.337**
- **Miles.375**
- **Pathak.89**
- **Rocha.51**

##### Q+A

##### **Durso.19**

- What committees specifically do you see yourself working on?

##### **Annerino.2**

- Research or library

##### **Carrera.55**

- Council of student affairs

**Clavoabbass.1**

- Gcbc, senate fiscal

**Elton.21**

- DEI, academic affairs

**GuzmanCamacho.1**

- Student affairs, fiscal

**Mashburn.10**

- GCBC, CESP

**Mehta.337**

- Student affairs, GCBC

**Miles.375**

- Academic affairs, academic freedom

**Pathak.89**

- Health, wellness, and safety, council of student affairs, GCBC

**Rocha.51**

- GCBC, central admin

**Huston.185**

- Number one goal during your term

**Rocha.51**

- Advocating for grad students, change with committees

**Pathak.89**

- Increasing stipends, increasing accessibility

**Miles.375**

- Accessibility, flex plans with SLDS

**Mehta.337**

- stipends

**Mashburn.10**

- Pushing for increased stipends, better benefits, work more collaboratively, cfas

**GuzmanCamacho.1**

- Progressive stipend increases, advocate for faculty grad student relationships

**Elton.21**

- Do what you can, grad regalia initiatives, travel policies, etc

**Clavoabbass.1**

- Identifying where and how things have gone wrong, structural changes needed

**Carrera.55**

- Student activity fee, distributed every 3 years, make sure we get funding, distributed well

**Annerino.2**

- Goal to be force that reminds those removed from our experience what things are like for us

**Valentine.381**

- Senate fiscal, bad at putting up annual reports
- How will you try to encourage your chairs to be open and transparent with annual reports?

**Annerino.2**

- Could be doing other things

**Carrera.55**

- Grad caucus trying to update monthly, short form notes in report

**Clavoabbass.1**

- Part of working group in senate steering, trying to make accessible

**Elton.21**

- If it can be shared, I would advocate for sharing it: salaries, etc.

**GuzmanCamacho.1**

- Advocating for publication is a duty and a right

**Mashburn.10**

- On committees I've served on, tried to put detailed reports out
- We can take questions you have to senate, can continue doing

**Mehta.337**

- Communication for transparency, can be tmi, sometimes in senate, learning curve

**Miles.375**

- My advisor on steering, putting pressure on folks on committee
- Advocating for united transparency

**Pathak.89**

- Agreeing with others, astronomy dept. Getting raise, dept shows possible to raise stipends,
- Excited to use my privilege to raise awareness

**Rocha.51**

- Transparency importance, talk with chairs putting together reports to show that we look at reports

**Conner.280**

- Motion to extend?

**Bedant.1**

Motion to extend for 5 minutes

Seconded

**Arshad.32**

- What do you think we could improve in CGS to communicate with cgs more effectively?

**Rocha.51**

- Identifying and building relationships to actively advocate as senator

**Pathak.89**

- Leverage personal connections as well as within departments to put pressure from all directions

**Miles.375**

- Utilize outside of this body, pull in individuals who are interested to express concerns and network

**Mehta.337**

- Reminding leaders that grad student bodies represent osu, we make osu better

**Mashburn.10**

- Different approaches, need to put together all pieces of info about struggles, points of info

**GuzmanCamacho.1**

- Depends on the issues, esp in osu, start to negotiate what we want and who are our allies

**Elton.21**

- Get the big wigs in the room, we can continue to build upon that, get the president in the meetings

**Clavoabbass.1**

- Agree, build trust, trust takes time, our word only has value if they can invest in us

**Carrera.55**

- Timing, what are you actually trying to change, who do you need in the room to make that happen

**Annerino.2**

- Cast the net far and wide, talk to everyone who will listen

**Conner.280**

- Final call for questions
- Motion for executive session?
- None

## **7.2 Setting of Quorum for SU24 Meetings**

**Conner.280**

Quorum What and Why

CGS Constitution (Article 5, Section 5.1)

"At all meetings of the Council, except those held in Summer term, half of the total number of voting members (as outlined in Article 4, Section 5 of the CGS Bylaws & Standing Rules) will constitute the minimum number of members needed for an official vote, (that is, a quorum)."

Approving minutes? Need a quorum

Passing legislation? Need a quorum

Voting for Secretary in a special election? Need a quorum

Etc.

Summer Quorum: How

CGS Constitution (Article 5, Section 5.1) -

"At the final regular meeting of Spring semester, a poll must be conducted to determine the total number of voting members who will be available and intend to regularly attend Council meetings over the Summer."

For all Summer term meetings, half of the total number of voting members available to meet regularly during Summer term will constitute a quorum.

Quorum: FAQs

*What if my plans change?*

That's ok! Respond to the survey with the information you have today. You can always reach out to Katie and the TBD Secretary an update your plans if anything substantially changes.

*Can I send an alternate?*

Yep! So even if you get sick, have a conflict, etc. You can send an alternate using the same process as during the school year.

*What if I'm graduating or leaving my program/OSU in May?*

Once you graduate or leave you are no longer able to serve as a member of CGS. We have a process to provisionally seat a representative from your department for your seat

[GO.OSU.EDU/CGS\\_SUMMER\\_QUORUM](https://go.osu.edu/cgs_summer_quorum)

CGS Summer 2024 Quorum Survey





## 8. SPECIAL ORDER ITEM

[30 min]

### 8.1. Delegate Issues and Concerns

#### **Annerino.2**

- College of engineering got email about ongoing policy that all grad students should be aware of
- Permanently assigned desk space, students dissenting
- Grad students being involved in policy making, meeting with dean of college of engineering, want to take to her precedent of recommendations from other grad students from college of engineering about what to take

#### **Clavoabbass.1**

- First issue regarding allocation of physical space for graduate labor in flux
- Second issue of best practices in shared governance and where to take those best practices
  - Space: not only impacting grad students, impacting faculty as well.
    - Faculty being given incentives to make office space shared
    - No harmonized policy in how space is allocated because amount of space is so different
    - Going to take conversations and efforts at the departmental level to understand why/how
    - Will take shared governance model
    - Before you have the meeting, would love to sit down with you and discuss best practices

#### **Annerino.2**

- Document started with faculty and there was uproar, so dean moved to grad students and staff
- Don't forget legitimacy of CGS

#### **Elton.21**

- In regards to space, in public health our program was small and grew so you have assigned space more easily if you have a GA / GRA

#### **Multer.1**

- Department sends out survey to see who wants assigned space and who wants shared space/WFH
- Grad student advisory council from whole college to meet with admin
- Sub committees for each of the schools to meet with admin as well

#### **Annerino.2**

- There are very specific details of drafted policies, good to hear how others do it
- Hoping to discuss in future, appreciate hearing how other people do this

#### **Clavoabbass.1**

- Verbal commitment needs to be on the record
- "As we discussed in this meeting" email, need to be receipts
- Protect yourself

#### **Mashburn.10**

- Undergrad and grad has advisory council cfaes, meet monthly with college grad coordinator
- Pres of gsac is in my dept, if needed, can send link, outlining goals and structure

**Annerino.2**

- There is email after the fact talking about additional town hall about this initiative and discussion was in email

**Fritz.288**

- From college of engineering perspective, in bioengineering, desk space is limited to labs
- Labs get desk allotment spaces, same way in internal med and college of medicine
- Drop in space but my stuff is there, halfway compromise, technically kind of works, kind of doesn't

**Elton.21**

- Grad student appreciation week
- Some depts recognize the week and others do not

**Mashburn.10**

- We have asynch day for elections in fall, Nov 5th
- Still concerns about how will impact clinical hours, how will look if need to file for exemption, etc.
- Appreciative of committee chairs who advocated for being active participants in voting process

**Carrera.55**

- 1 year trial period

**Clavoabbass.1**

- Recommended for continuance

**Mashburn.10**

- Looking at data points for collection to justify because it's a trial
- Osu votes website
- Will be huge to show out

**Clavoabbass.1**

- Senate cabinet, july 1 university not using ac integrity tech -
- Falls in the middle of summer session 1 and 2, what if you're teaching and have to use it
- Who handles it?
- If you're setting up your core shell for the summer, be mindful of that

**GuzmanCamacho.1**

- Span and portuguese - dept has diff committees, different student reps
- 4-5 years ago, reps chosen by faculty, now mechanism for grad students to choose
- College now asking for DEI committee

- Is it difficult in all other depts to organize in this way

**Conner.280**

- In linguistics, we had talk today about same concerns since for us it's service, etc.
- Every aug we have dept student group pay for pizza and we do jobs according to interests
- Took a long time to fill all the seats, voluntary, written into department code that that's how it's done
- Hit or miss depending on the year, sit at beginning of year and go from there

**Clavoabbass.1**

- Structure that formalizes both of these approaches and policies to form the best of both worlds
- Committees that are recognized in university but dept code says voluntary, needs at least one grad rep

**Fyie.1**

- Formalized in entomology - elected grad rep to every faculty committee
- Grad pres goes and reports back

**Elton.21**

- Public health has phd student who goes to the faculty meetings to talk about the concerns
- We were able to get keys through phd representative

**Fritz.288**

- Recognizes Jorge as president

**9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**[5 min]**

**9.1. Senator Election Results**

**Conner.280**

- All 10 senators elected!
- Ties need to be rectified, will reach out to folks
- Current quorum for summer is 13

**9.2 Next General Delegate Meeting: Friday, May 3rd at 3:30pm (Cartoon Room, Ohio Union)**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**5:20 PM**

## Officer Reports

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates

FROM: Sabrina Durso, President

DATE: April 28, 2024

RE: Sabrina Durso, President's Report

Hello there,

I want to start off my first report by stating that I look forward to working with you all in a timely, respectful manner throughout the next academic year. I welcome feedback and value the tradition of academic freedom that CGS has always represented. Please know I feel my role is to be the mouthpiece for our collective concerns as we all strive “to effectively advocate and program to ensure that The Ohio State University graduate student experience is the best it can be” for all.

Though my official start date began at the start of this meeting, I have had many meetings with all kinds of administrative offices this past month. A minor, yet important update, is that the Graduate Council, Dean Stromberger's team, is working on making the GradSERU report more accessible to the general public.

I also attended two meetings on behalf of Housing and Family Affairs. First, President Carter convened a childcare group of faculty and two graduate students to 1) evaluate the current state of childcare at OSU, 2) look into how other Big10s offer childcare, 3) recommend better compensation packages for current and open positions, 4) how to improve childcare in general. Currently, the group is focusing on the third item. CGS is advocating for better data collection on graduate families, pop-up childcare locations in the library and RPAC, and how students within childcare-focused programs can help provide support to current childcare facilities for fieldwork credit.

The second meeting pertained to the OCCSE (Off-Campus and Commuter Student Engagement) position we asked for during this semester. OCCSE is still trying to figure out what this position description is based on our feedback, but they plan to have the position posted this summer. To help support this future position, CGS is allowing OCCSE to have access to and provide feedback on the Housing Survey from last year. They also ask that we look into ways to disseminate this position to all graduate students effectively.

Wishing you all a summer full of adventures and/or rest,

Sabrina Durso.19

JTO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates

FROM: Katie Conner, Vice President

DATE: April 28, 2024

RE: Katie Conner Vice President's Report

### **Overview: CGS Summer Work & Goals**

For those who are spending their first summer with CGS, it's a quieter time. We still meet and deal with emergencies or issues that arise, but as many grads are not officially funded, or are doing catchup work, not teaching, etc., and it's generally slower. I in my VP role use this time to do some big thinking and planning for CGS/Delegate Orientation in August, for thinking about Hayes updates the next Spring, and for taking care of other bits and bobs that arise and could use attention I can appropriately give. Jon, Sabrina, and I have been talking a fair amount over the last 2 months about changes we'd like to see, updates to make, and troubleshooting things that haven't worked. We're excited for the momentum we're building collectively already, and for how much more that will grow as we introduce all the CGS 24-25 members into it.

Unless something wild arises, the rest of my reports this summer (May, June, July) will be in list form like this for ease of progress tracking/updates. I've included my summer task and goals list below broken out into different sections (by request from previous delegates so it's easier to read/navigate); by status (Not begun, in progress, done) and by job area (Hayes, Delegates/Elections, and Misc). This is my starter list. The 'full' summer list will be done by May 31<sup>st</sup>'s meeting.

I'm happy to elaborate further on anything on this list, or to add stuff as appropriate! Just reach out if you want more info, or have something not obviously represented in the list that you would like me to consider giving some time to. My appointment over the summer is still for 20 hours a week, so don't hesitate.

### **Not Yet Begun ✕ -**

- **Hayes39 (2025)**
  - Hayes 2024 debrief w/ Erica Brown & go through Hayes feedback surveys from all participant groups (applicants, presenters, judges, committee members)
  - Confirm Hayes '25 room reservations
- **Delegates/Elections**
  - Work on committee assignments for 24-25 for all CGSers
  - Delegate/CGS orientation
    - Bookings
    - Content
- **Misc.**
  - Take a week off from May 26<sup>th</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup> to go to the beach and simply exist
  - CGS Pay working group
  - CDG FP1 Applications & Judging in early May
  - Meet w/ Erica, Sabrina, Jon, new CoS, and new Secretary about 24-25 CGS goals & workflow
  - Further website updates & Fixes

- Getting IT to fix various forms and portals (Hayes, Ray, CDG, elections)

#### In Progress 🔄 -

- **Hayes39 (2025)**
  - Close out Hayes '24 payments, prize payments, and getting reimbursement from ERIK and Graduate School for Hayes money CGS fronted
- **Delegates/Elections**
- Tweak & distribute delegate committee & “get to know you” survey for 24-25 delegates
- Completing runoffs from Spring 23
- Elected delegates’ applications approved, assigned to seats, academic verification from dept and graduate school secured, added to mailing list, etc.
- **Misc.**
  - Welcome week planning
  - Bylaws Updates w/ Sabrina, Brian, Peter

#### Completed ☑ -

- **Hayes39 (2025)**
- **Delegates/Elections**
  - Tweak & distribute senator committee & “get to know you” survey for 24-25 senators
- **Misc.**
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As always, folks should never hesitate to reach out to me via email (conner.280) or text (sorry not putting this on the public record) if they have questions or concerns, or if they lose access or need a new invite to the delegate resources drive.

I’ll be much more sporadically on campus during the summer, so if you want to meet in person, hit me up and we’ll schedule a time!

Cheers y’all!  
 Katie Conner, MA  
 VP of the Council of Graduate Students  
 PhD Student, Linguistics  
 Conner.280



**TO:** Council of Graduate Students, Delegates

**FROM:** Jon Fritz, Treasurer & Ray Travel Award Committee Chair

**DATE:** May 3, 2024

**RE:** Treasurer's Report

HeIIIIlooo,

**Treasurer Updates:**

1. Budget for FY25: In addition to the budget listening session during today's delegate meeting, I plan to have an additional session for those interested on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 11am-12pm, via Zoom:

**Link:**

<https://osu.zoom.us/j/2799113383?pwd=TkdJc3JQdIRUa1I2WXcvQUJ3SFhaUT09>

**Meeting ID:** 279 911 3383

**Password:** 752796

Also feel free to reach out with questions, thoughts, or other feedback at any time regarding the FY25 budget via email before our June delegate meeting.

**Ray Travel Award (RTA) Updates:**

1. As of 4/26/2024, we have ~25 applications for RTA this funding period. As always, if you are interested in judging/helping us out, please reach out via email soon since I plan to send out judging assignments on May 6<sup>th</sup>!

Yours,  
Fritz.288

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates

FROM: Lauren Chivington, Secretary

DATE: May, 2024

RE: Lauren Chivington, Secretary's Report

Hello all,

This will be my final report as your CGS secretary! Thank you so much for electing me to serve CGS in this capacity for 23-24 AY. It has truly been a joy. I look forward to staying on as a delegate for the English department for the 24-25 AY and continuing to share space with you all.

In service,

Lauren

Chivington.17

## Committee Chair Reports

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates

FROM: Garrett Tatum, CGS Academic Affairs, Chair

DATE: April 29, 2024

RE: Academic Affairs Chair Report

Hello Delegates!

Thank you all for your service to CGS, and I'm confident that the future of graduate student advocacy is bright!

This year, academic affairs has pushed forward the academic regalia initiative. While we didn't end up getting a concrete library set up, leadership will continue to push to implement and expand opportunities as soon as possible. Largely we will be pushing for permission to purchase regalia in the next semester, and our funds are secured for the next year. Sabrina is well briefed on where things stand.

This will be my last report to CGS. Good luck to you all!

Gratefully,

Garrett Tatum

Tatum.71

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates

FROM: Debbie Jones.7661, DEI Committee Chair

DATE: May, 2024

RE: DEI Chair's Report

Greetings, colleagues-

DEI continues to work towards bringing in speakers to discuss professionalism in graduate settings from an equity lens. We've identified two speakers we really want to do the training, but couldn't get the logistics together to bring them in in time for the remainder of the year. We hope to be able to put this on as our first event in the Fall. DEI continues to grow and evolve, as a new(ish) committee this year. We ask you consider joining!

Debbie Jones will be stepping down effective this academic year. Please direct any interest, concerns, or ideas for the committee to President Sabrina Durso for the 24-25 year.

Thanks to all who have made this committee what it is this year! We've made great gains and are doing important work.

Best,

Jones.7661

**TO:** Council of Graduate Students, Delegates

**FROM:** Peter Carrera, Graduate Caucus Chair

**DATE:** 5/3/2024

**RE:** Graduate Caucus Chair's Report

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.

**Fiscal Committee – Michelle Beverly.127**

No update

**Graduate Comp & Benefits – Diane Mashburn.10**

No update

**Diversity Committee – Thomas Elton.21**

No update

**Council on Student Affairs – Krutant Mehta.337 / Peter Carrera.55**

CSA voted and approved updates to CSA's procedures and Student Organization Guidelines. CSA elected Peter Carrera as Chair for the following year.

**Intellectual & Property Committee – Brian Rocha.51**

No update.

**Committee for Evaluation of Central Administrators (EOCA) - Ben McKinley.255**

No update.

**Council of Academic Affairs – Carrie Anne Thomas.4051**

No update.

**Council of Academic Freedom & Responsibility – Sabrina Durso.19**

No update. Did not meet this entire academic year.

**Council on the Physical Environment – Sabrina Durso.19**

We continue to work on the “Stay Safe while Navigating Around Campus” video series. This will most likely come out by the Fall Semester and Brutus will be the main character! We are also looking at the excess of trash outside of the RPAC in the mornings and continue to work on the issue of electronic scooters blocking entry ways.

**Rules Committee – Ben Mckinley.255**

No update.

**Library Committee – Maria Derezendegrasi.1**

No update.

**University Research Committee – Maria Derezendegrasi.1**

No update.

**Committee on Academic Technology – Joe Laborie.7**

No update.

**Committee on Academic Misconduct – Joe Laborie.7**

No update.

**Council on Enrollment and Student Progress – Diane Mashburn.10**

No update.

**Athletic Council – Katie Conner.280**

We have done academic and athletic awards for the year for athletes, the athletes scholar dinner was held and was a great success. New Athletic Director Ross Bjork is excited to be stepping into Gene’s shoes, and we are excited to see what the next year of athletic and academic excellence will bring!



In service,

Peter Carrera (Carrera.55)

**TO:** Council of Graduate Students, Delegates

**FROM:** Om Prakash Bedant, Graduate Student Affairs Chair

**DATE:** 01/28/2024

**RE:** Graduate Student Affairs Chair's Report

Hey all,

Hope the end of the semester is going well for you.

GSAC did not meet in April. We wanted to give the committee members rest and no distractions from end-of-semester responsibilities.

On April 5th, we concluded all the events related to Graduate Student Appreciation Week.

**Graduate and Professional Student Appreciation Week Highlights:**

The events related to GPSAW were featured.

Donuts with the Deans got featured in [OSU news](#)

Graduate School [Graduate School photos highlight page](#)

We organized several events for the celebration of GPSAW. On April 1st, we had Donuts with the Deans event. The event was great. We had a huge turnout of students and several Deans attended or sent their representatives to the event.

CGS volunteers proudly served the Giveaway events. We stationed a table at the Grad school lobby from 10 am to 1 pm from April 1st to April 5th. We had thousands of Grad Students visiting our table and getting something for themselves.

All of this could not have been possible without the support of all the volunteers. Sabrina Durso, Alan Nair, Jon Fritz, Aryn Robinson, John Layman, Kaveri Sarkar, Murtaza Arshad, Katie Conner, Tony Annerino, and Tinu Oduloye. I would like to express my deep sense of gratitude for them.

We ran out of all the T-shirts, Umbrellas, and Padfolios. We do have a lot of stickers that we plan to distribute in future CGS events.

Thank you, Erica, for supporting us and bringing collaboration from OUAB. We also would like to thank Rachel Conners from Marketing for helping us order the merch. Thank you, Jon, Michelle Leao, and Jorge E. Clavo Abbass for supporting us.

We organized a fun Instructional Kitchen event at the conclusion of the GPSAW. I would like to thank Alan and Taylor for all the work that went towards it. The event was great, and the food was delicious.

Thank you to the Graduate School for supporting us throughout the way. Matt Page and Dean Stromberger for all the help they provided. Thank you to OUAB for advertising our events and for their generous donation of the tote bags.

I will be sharing an expense report for the GPSAW events soon.

**Goal Update:**

**With this, we achieved the goal we set for the committee.**

We plan to get back to our advocacy work at our next meeting.

**Advocacy Updates:**

**Graduate Student Representation in Departmental Affairs:**

We will be sharing the Qualtrics survey prepared by Kaveri with all the delegates.

**GTA Labor disparity work item**

John also prepared a Qualtrics survey of some specific questions that we would like to ask all the GTAs about their experience during their teaching assistantships. We discussed these questions in the last meeting and plan to get suggestions from different people like Jorge and RDO to prepare a final version.

We will also be working with RDO to sift through the GradSERU data regarding our advocacy interests.

You are invited to participate in any of the activities and discussions mentioned. If you wish to join GSAC or have an issue for GSAC to address, please contact Bedant.1.

Thank you,

Om Prakash Bedant.1

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates

FROM: Sabrina Durso, Health, Wellness, and Safety Chair

DATE: April 28, 2024

RE: Health, Wellness, and Safety Chair's Report

Hello again everyone,

Health, Wellness, and Safety is being passed down to co-chairs Deb Pathak.<sup>89</sup> (they/them) Luke VanNiel.<sup>5</sup> (he/him), upon Executive approval. I am incredibly excited for them to take on these roles in the upcoming year and look forward to supporting their combined efforts.

Toward that end, some updates! Though the ADA office has yet to update me on the Library Parking Meters and the issues of electric scooters being left in doorways, we have made movement with Dining Services on the GrubHub Robots! They now know to avoid the east door of Denney Hall (a common spot of students with visual impairments). It is my hope HWS will

continue to pursue the matter of the GrubHub Robots' reign of terror by asking Dining Services to ensure at least one door on each major building is avoid by said robots.

The Union Reservation team is hard at work ensuring we will have a great date and location within the Union for the Accessibility Stakeholder's Symposium. We are currently estimating a total of 120 in-person attendees from across the Buckeye Community and plan to offer the event hybrid. This event will be held between Autumn and Thanksgiving Break from 8AM to 1PM.

Lastly, to those interested in working on the accommodation resolution that intends to explore how religious observances (only three days currently allotted), cultural celebrations, leaves of absence, disability/accessibility, mental health, and more can be considered as reasonable absences from coursework, please contact CGS President Sabrina Durso.<sup>19</sup> There will be a 2-3 hour working group this summer to draft this resolution before the first Delegate Meeting of Autumn 2024.

To those delegates new and old, if you are interested in advocacy centered on Health, Wellness, and Safety and/or would like to help with the Accessibility Stakeholders Symposium, please contact CGS Vice President Katie Conner.<sup>280</sup>, Deb Pathak.<sup>89</sup>, and Luke VanNiel.<sup>5</sup> to get involved! The committee would love to have you!

Wishing you all a beautiful summer,

Durso.<sup>19</sup>

# FY 2025 Proposed Budget

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

## Explanations:

- *Italicized* = uncertain of final values, will know before shortly before the start of FY25
- CSA = Council on Student Affairs, a subcommittee of the University Senate that determines allocation of the student activity fee to university organizations
- GSAW = Graduate Student Appreciation Week
- OAA = Office of Academic Affairs
- Encumbrance = money marked for a specific purpose, program, or organization from the previous fiscal year to be paid out during the present FY
- Green highlight = related to CDG funding
- Orange highlight = related to Ray Travel Award funding

## Quality of life updates:

- Removed cultural competency training & Buckeye Experience Carryforwards (do not exist/no funds present, confirmed with business office) income
- Removed grant funding for Global Gateway & Engaged Scholar expense
- Removed delegate engagement fund expense under internal committees (no longer active)
- Removed Global Gateway, Engaged Scholar, & Buck-I-Experience from Encumbrances
- Added small discretionary expense to VP office
- Added regalia project section as carryforward for FY25
- Added delegate parking reimbursement

	FY25 Budgeted
<b>INCOME</b>	
Coca-Cola Carry Forward	\$30,000.00
Coca-Cola Endowment	\$14,000.00
CSA Carry Forward	\$35,000.00
CSA Student Activity Fee	\$72,753.00
Global Gateway Carry Forward	\$5,000.00
Graduate School - Hayes	\$10,000.00
Office of Research - Hayes	\$10,000.00
Graduate School - GSAW	\$5,000.00
OAA Ray Travel	\$35,000.00
OAA Ray Travel Carry Forward	\$10,000.00
Engaged Scholar (Carry Forward)	\$15,031.00
IT Transfer	\$37,080.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$278,864.00</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>	
<b>President's Projects</b>	
Discretionary	\$3,000.00
<b>TOTAL PRESIDENT'S PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$3,000.00</b>
<b>Vice President's Projects</b>	
Hayes	\$30,000.00
Grad Student Appreciation Week	\$15,000.00
Discretionary	\$500.00
<b>TOTAL VICE PRESIDENT'S PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$45,500.00</b>
<b>Executive Committee</b>	
Retreat	\$1,500.00
Awards & Recognition	\$500.00
Marketing	\$11,000.00
Executive Discretionary	\$2,500.00
<b>TOTAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b>	<b>\$15,500.00</b>
<b>Internal Committees</b>	
Academic Affairs	\$3,500.00
Arts & Culture	\$4,000.00
Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion	\$1,500.00
International Student Affairs	\$3,000.00
Ray Travel Grant Admin	\$750.00
Health, Wellness, and Safety	\$4,000.00
SERC	\$1,500.00
Org. & Election	\$750.00
Government Affairs	\$750.00
Graduate Student Affairs	\$3,500.00
Housing and Family Affairs	\$1,000.00
Committees - Other	\$5,000.00
Research and Data Operations	\$750.00
Membership Wellness	\$1,500.00
<b>TOTAL INTERNAL COMMITTEES</b>	<b>\$31,500.00</b>

Academic Regalia Lending Library	
Academic regalia project	\$35,000.00
<b>TOTAL CROSS GOVERNMENTAL PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$35,000.00</b>
Intergovernmental Affairs	
Intergovernmental Affairs Projects	\$1,000.00
<b>TOTAL CROSS GOVERNMENTAL PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
Grant Funding	
Career Development	\$12,500.00
Ray Travel Award	\$40,000.00
<b>TOTAL GRANT FUNDING</b>	<b>\$54,500.00</b>
Office Equipment & Technology	
Copier	\$250.00
Equipment	\$500.00
Supplies	\$1,000.00
Telephone	\$500.00
Technology	\$41,000.00
<b>TOTAL OFFICE EQUIPMENT &amp; TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>\$43,250.00</b>
Administrative	
Meeting Refreshments	\$16,000.00
Organizational Development	\$1,500.00
Travel	\$1,500.00
Parking Passes	\$5,500.00
Delegate parking reimbursement	\$500.00
Reserves	\$3,500.00
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	<b>\$28,500.00</b>
Encumbrances	
<i>Career Development</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>
<i>Ray Travel Award</i>	<i>\$0.00</i>
<b>TOTAL Encum</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
OVERALL	
<b>INCOME (not including Engaged Scholar + Global Gateway Carryforwards)</b>	<b>\$258,833.00</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$257,750.00</b>