COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Delegate Packet

November 1st, 2024
Location: Ohio Union Senate Chambers and Zoom

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    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   **[20 min]**

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7. OLD BUSINESS   **[0 min]**

8. NEW BUSINESS   **[60 min]**

9. SPECIAL ORDER ITEM   **[30 min]**

    9.1. Delegate Issues and Concerns

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS   **[5 min]**

    10.1 Next General Delegate Meeting: Friday, December 6 at 4:00pm (Senate Chambers & Zoom)

11. ADJOURNMENT   **6:25 PM**

CGS Virtual Meeting Ground Rules

1. Be open, flexible, considerate, and kind!

2. Speak your discomfort if something is bothering you.

3. Challenge the idea, not the person.

4. You will be automatically muted when you join the meeting. Please keep your audio MUTED, unless asking a question.

5. You may ask a question by submitting it directly in the "Chat" box; or if you would like to ask via video/audio, use the "Raise Hand" feature in the "Participant" section and the chair will recognize you. Sarah will be monitoring to ensure they are brought up.

6. You may keep your video on or off as to whichever is most comfortable for you, but we may ask you to turn off your video should connectivity issues arise.

7. Please be visually presentable, if using video, and limit background activity.

8. This meeting will be recorded for note taking purposes, and in hopes to share our meetings in the future.

Meeting Minutes for Approval

General Delegate Meeting | 04 October 2024 | Senate Chambers, Ohio Union and via Zoom

1. **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**   **3:30 PM**
    1.1. CGS's Membership Wellness Committee – Meet & Greet with CGS Event

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**   **[2 min]**

4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
    - Motion to approve by *Elton.21*
    - Seconded by *Tjoelker.4*

5. **OFFICER REPORTS**   **4:02 PM**
    5.1.   President's Report – Sabrina Durso.19
    5.1.1) Executive Committee
    - Welcome Sohan Daniel.508 as Academic Affairs chair and Priya Jana.20 as Diversity & Inclusion chair!
    5.1.2) Parliamentarian: WE NEED ONE BADLY!
    5.1.3) Grad Council
    - We will be working on Graduate Student Leave Policies this year, so let me know if you have any feedback
    5.1.4) CGS Newsletters
    - Still waiting on approval from OTDI that our new software will be accessible for emailing. Hoping to get this up and running by our next meeting.
    5.1.5) Advisor Abuse
    - Working with University Senate and Grad Council on figuring out a more concrete form of repercussions for advisors who abuse their students. Additionally continuing to workshop the Accommodations Resolution with stakeholders. Also introduced these concerns while serving on the Provost Search.
    5.1.6) Individual Student Concerns
    - When individual students come to you, please send them my way!
    5.1.7) Chase Center for Civics
    - Brand new center here at OSU, mandated by the statehouse, person in charge has asked to meet for lunch with CGS about questions and concerns, Sabrina will have more updates
    5.1.8) Updates from Past Delegate Issues and Concerns
    - Technology Loan Program: OTDI and OIA are helping international students. If you are a domestic student, they suggest reaching out to your department.

    5.2.   Vice President's Report – Katie Conner.280
    5.2.1) Brand new delegates don't have nametags
    5.2.2) UPDATE to CGS 'Class Picture
    - Delegates – 86 elected out of 150 apportioned
    - Senators – 10 elected out of 10 apportioned
    - Executive Board - 18 members (4/4 Officers, 12/12 Issues Committees Chaired)
    - Still need a Parliamentarian
    - Arts & Sciences – 40 elected out of 53 apportioned
    - Business – 5 elected out of 7 apportioned
    - Education & Human Ecology – 7 elected out of 12 apportioned
    - Engineering – 11 elected out of 24 apportioned
    - FAES – 8 elected out of 10 apportioned
    - Env & Natural Res – 2 elected out of 2 apportioned
    - Medicine – 4 elected out of 7 apportioned
    - Public Affairs – 1 elected out of 3 apportioned
    - Public Health – 2 elected out of 4 apportioned
    - Social Work – 1 elected out of 4 apportioned

- Wooster & Extension Sites – 2 elected out of 2 apportioned (!!!)

5.2.3) HAYES - #152DaysTillHayes
- Hayes '25 Timeline (as of this moment....)
- CFP Opened – Monday Sept. 30, 2024 / Tuesday Oct. 1, 2024
- CFP Notices/Reminders - Oct (9/30) & Nov (10/28) CGS newsletters, notices from OAA, OPA, & Grad School, direct "reminder" to all grads on 10/28 and 11/11, and socials posts
- CFP Closes – Monday Nov. 18th, 2024 at 11:59pm
- Abstract Compliance Review by Committee – Mon. Nov. 25 through Fri. Dec. 6
- Abstract Judging – Fri. Dec. 6 through Fri. January 10th
- Reminder & Last call nastygram sent to judges on Fri. Jan. 3
- Successful applicants notified – Mon. Jan 6
- Acceptance Deadline – Mon. Jan 20th
- Alternates Notified (As applicable) - Mon. Jan 20th
- Session Chair Training (Hybrid) - Fri Feb 21 or Mon Feb 24
- **Hayes 2025 – FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28th 8am to 3pm**

5.2.4) URGENT: External Committee Openings
- Grad Council/CAA - 1 curriculum subcommittee slot open. Thursdays 2:00 – 3:30pm.
- GCBC – 1 slot open. 2nd & 4th Thursday 2:00 – 3:30pm. **MUST** be a currently funded graduate student.
- CSA – 1 issues subcommittee spot open. Meets every other Monday 3:30 – 5pm.

5.2.5) Conduct
- "Professional" Conduct
- Call-In -> Being mindful of internalized sexism, ableism, racism, ageism, et al., and how they can influence our behavior, ideologies, and interactions with others
- Engaging with CGS colleagues (delegates, senators, chairs, officers) **AND** other members of the OSU community in a respectful, mindful, appropriate manner
- Committee Appointments
- Not optional, respond to your chairs please (or contact katie if there's a scheduling conflict/other issue). GHOSTING IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

5.3.   Treasurer's Report – Jon Fritz.288
5.3.1) Submitted FY24 end-of-year report for our spending with student activity fee (SAF) funds to the Council of Student Affairs (CSA) in University Senate including the following:
5.3.2) Organizational development, connection, & maintenance (~$37k)
- Delegate & Senator Orientation
- Executive Committee Retreat
- Campus Connections speaker series
- Refreshments for CGS meetings & committee programming
- Student Life Technology Services software & hardware
5.3.3) Flagship CGS Events (~$28k)
- 38th annual Haves advanced research forum
- Graduate Student Appreciation Week
5.3.4) CGS Internal Committee Programming (~$5k)
- Housing & Family Affairs: Understand Your Rights & Options for Graduate Students
- Co-sponsored events by Arts & Culture Committee
- International Student Affairs Committee: Share Your Story
- And more!
5.3.5) An additional report will be due in mid-October for a review by CSA of our spending with SAF funds over the past three years.
5.3.6) RTA Updates
- RTA-CDG workshop cancelled/moved, Katie/Kaz & I are looking to host this later this semester or in the spring
- Updates have been made to the RTA application and is live as of October 1st! Apps are due by November 1st at 11:59 PM for travel dates between January 1st – March 31st 2025
- The RTA committee had its first meeting on Tuesday and we're looking forward to a year of judging and making the RTA as best as it can be!

5.4.   Secretary's Report – Kaz Gary.102
5.4.1) Please remember to say your name.# before you speak at general body meetings! This makes my life and job easier and helps you get more accurate meeting inutes in your delegate packets. Help me to help you! ☺
5.4.2) Alternates: please make sure you sign in for the delegate you're representing on the sign-in sheet.
5.4.3) CDG Updates
- Applications for funding period 3 opened on September 15th and will close on November 1st. Please remind your constituents that this resource is here!
- Lastly, we've already got a committee for CDG, but we'd be happy to have more people join! This is a great way to get involved with something that directly helps graduate students. Please e-mail me (gary.102@osu.edu) if you're interested.

6. **COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**   4:20 PM
6.1.   Academic Affairs – Sohan Daniel.508
6.1.1) Appointed to chair last week
6.1.2) Unavailable to attend this week's meeting due to a work conflict, but reach out with any thoughts or ideas for the committee. Looking forward to working with you all this year!

6.2.   Arts and Culture – Holly Engel.210 & Nick Booker.200
6.2.1) Successful and productive first meeting
6.2.2) Goal of committee: Finding and filling departmental gaps in arts and culture
6.2.3) Next meeting: Monday, Oct. 28th from 12:30 – 1:30
- Significant goals: CGS buttons and surveys

6.3.   Diversity & Inclusion – Priya Jana.20
6.3.1) It was lovely to have my first meeting as a chair with the DI team last week and to know each other. Thanks to Sabrina!
6.3.2) Our initial discussion was based on the seminar series we are planning next year March
6.3.3) Second week meeting:
- Discussed whether we can also do the workshop on the day of seminar speaker series and how many seminar speakers we want to do
- Reached out to different speakers from departments, awaiting reply
- Planning to discuss with Sabrina if we can have our own website to form a base for the future DI team

6.4.   Government Affairs– Madeline Carrola.1
6.4.1) Voting sticker contest:
- Voting was delayed but is now open. Remind constituents to vote
- Voting closes on October 4th 2024 at 5 PM EST
6.4.2) Next meeting is TBD

6.5.   Graduate Caucus – Peter Carrera.55
6.5.1) Please look at the full report from each of the Senate committees. Some highlights:
6.5.2) Many committees met for the first time, elected a chair, and started setting annual goals:
- Graduation Compensation and Benefits elected Brian Rocha.51
- Committee on Academic Technology
- Intellectual and Property, Patents, and Copyright Committee
6.5.3) The Council of Academic Affairs discussed certificates and micro-credential programs and approved a graduate minor in engineering education
6.5.4) The University Research Committee met and discussed accessibility issues with the technology loan program and the risks of student using personally owned devices for research purposes.

6.6.   Graduate Student Affairs – Chiranth Koratagere Nagaraj (KoratagereNagaraj.1)
6.6.1) Collaborative Event for the End of the Fall Semester
- Objective: organize a fun, stress-free event before exams
- Foster a relaxed environment for students to unwind

- Target date: Last week of the fall semester
- Current status: Event planning underway, activities and logistics being finalized
- Next steps: Share event details soon

6.6.2) Addressing Pay and Workload Differences for GA's/TA's
- Key concern: disparities in pay and workload among GA's/TA's across departments
- Impact: Academic and personal well-being of GA's/TA's
- Plan of Action: Initiate conversation with stakeholders, conduct research on pay/workload differences
- Goal: Formulate recommendations for resolution
- Status: Ongoing discussions and research

6.6.3) Community Input and Next Steps
- Call to Action: welcoming input from the graduate community and looking for ideas and feedback on event and GA/TA concerns

6.6.4) Next meeting: progress update will be provided
- Still waiting on approval from OTDI that our new software will be accessible for emailing. Hoping to get this up and running by our next meeting.

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6.7. Health, Wellness, and Safety – Deb Pathak.89 & Luke Van Niel (Vanniel.5)
6.7.1) Met for the first time this month
6.7.2) Accessibility Stakeholders' Symposium: October 29th 2024
- Need volunteers for the event, contact chairs
- Have any questions, e-mail chairs

6.8. International Student Affairs – Kaustubh Kumar.889 (alternate: Goel.169)
6.8.1) Held first committee meeting on September 25th
6.8.2) Committee members from seven different countries across the globe, expect a few more non delegate members will join in coming months
6.8.3) Two events: Tax workshops and 'Share your Story' will continue in Spring 2025
6.8.4) Discussed few ideas on expanding reach of ISAC to the wider international graduate students' community and on improving support for incoming international grad students next year

6.9. Research and Data Operations – Bill Wang.13945
6.9.1) Software survey: Overleaf
- Trying to see what populations of graduate students will need Overleaf subscriptions

6.10. Membership Wellness – Aryn Robinson.2283
6.10.1) Membership shoutouts
- Share a happy moment from your life!
- Academic wins, professional news or personal triumphs!
6.10.2) Do the Letter to Future Self activity
- Instructions are in the Delegate Teams channel
- Files -> Delegate Resources -> Letter to Future Self Activity
6.10.3) Continuing to work on fun activities

7. **OLD BUSINESS**   **4:37 PM**
7.1 Executive Session

- Motion by *Carrola.1*
- Seconded by *Arshad.32*
- Voted upon by the majority

8. **NEW BUSINESS**
9. **SPECIAL ORDER ITEM**   **5:22 PM**

   9.1. Delegate Issues and Concerns

   9.1.1) Code of Student Conduct review
   - *Carrera.55:* One of the things that the Council of Student Affairs oversees is the Student Code of Conduct. The Code of Student Conduct was reviewed 2 years ago and I was the chair of the committee that reviewed it. This year, we're doing a smaller, targeted update to the Code as it relates to disruption. I wanted to tell everyone that there is work that students are doing outside of just talking. Particularly, we're looking at what happens when a student violates the Code and is being charged in a criminal case. The updates will be finalized this semester and be sent to the administration for approval. Whether or not they are found in violation, if a student who breaks the Code of Conduct and is charged in a criminal case goes through with restorative justice, it's viewed positively by OSU and a judge. The results of the case can't actually be admissible in court, regardless of the outcome, however if they write a written statement that they violated the Code, then this can be admissible in court. Our update is removing the statement of violation so that a student can request to resolve the code violation without self-incrimination in a criminal court. We realized this was a mistake given last year's events, so happy to take questions about that.

   9.1.2) FOD concerns
   - *Levesque.31:* FOD has come into biology labs to wax floors and this has blocked access to labs. People can't go into labs that need attention, their cleaning schedule has not been accurate and they just come in and don't check with people. We're more than willing to schedule experiments around it, but we need to know when they'll be in there to do so.
   - *Durso.19*: FOD sucks and is horrible at communicating. This has not fallen on deaf ears, I will again talk to them. If anyone's research gets destroyed by FOD: FOD should use their budget to fix these things.
   - *Levesque.31:* Biological Sciences building is the worst made building on campus, there's been fires and flooding, so it's insult to injury that they will come in and act like we're the problem for blocking them to wax the floors.
   - *Rocha.1*: Haven't been able to put this issue on graduate caucus, because there wasn't time. During the Senate Fiscal committee, there was a University Government committee on how to change spaces. They're wanting to create a new app called campus market space, and marketing it as Zillow where you can see what spaces are being used and how many people are there. Just wanted to throw that out there.
   - *Durso.19*: That's good to know, thank you for conceptualizing that.

   9.1.3) Adobe Suite and other programs access removed
   - *Rogers.1843:* I'm from the Visual Media department, and wanted to bring up the issue again of Adobe Suite being removed. This is affecting a lot of my constituents because we use this for publications and things like that. Lots of other programs in it would be useful. I know you're aware, so I was wondering how we can bring this to a broader graduate student audience. Maybe a survey could be created?
   - *Durso.19*: I have heard it, and just like with the Overleaf issue, I'm sending it in a survey the Delegate Digest. Make sure you share Delegate Digest with departments so we can get survey results for these issues. I'm also interested in asking Dean Stromberger to put this out in the graduate school newsletter. We're looking at ways to advocate for programs or colleges who need this. It won't be on this Delegate Digest because I didn't get it in time, but as soon as we send out another one, a survey about Adobe suite will be on there.
   - *Arshad.32:* Asked my advisor for his opinion on Overleaf issue as well and he agrees with what you're saying. He said departments could possibly pay for it and maybe that would help.
   - *Durso.19*: I have asked departments before and they rejected this because of lack of funds. That's why I asked Bill to try and get the colleges to pay for this, but I hear you
   - *Fritz.288*: I would be interested to know why they've excluded these software recently. My understanding is that Adobe is not being used anymore because of an access concern and security

risks. If Overleaf has recently changed their position on policy and maybe that's why we're not using it.
- **Durso.19**: OTDI is running campus wide accessibility checks. These programs have to be accessible for it to be University-wide. Going to colleges and programs is acceptable because they do pay for these things on their own but if we're going the University route, it will need to be accessible.

9.1.4) Delayed funding requests for student orgs
- **Sarkar.115:** Political science department is having trouble getting reimbursed. A grad student organization in the department asked the university to pay for something and they didn't hear anything until after the event was done. This organization was accidentally categorized as a spring org and they couldn't access funds afterwards. The system isn't working well.
- **Durso.19**: Send me the name of the specific grad student org and I can make sure it gets to the Council of Student Affairs who oversees funding for programs like this.
- **Rocha.1:** Was this a program funding request, sorry I didn't hear that?
- **Sarkar.115**: I'm assuming so since it was a grad student organization.
- **Rocha.1**: If it's a program funding request, Peter right here is the chair of the allegation requests. There's usually request number along with a funding request. If it's a funding request through CSA, you can send us that number and we can take a look at it.
- **Durso.19**: You can e-mail Carerra.55 since he is the chair of CSA. He has to make sure your issue gets taken care of a little better, so I would just e-mail Peter and say hey what are you going to do about this.
- **Fritz.288:** Where does your student organization usually get your funding from? Is it from the department?
- **Sarkar.115**: Well, it's usually assigned from the regular student funding.
- **Fritz.288**: Ok cool, thank you.

9.1.5) Procedures and safety concerns for campus shootings
- **Arslanozkaynak.1**: So, if you remember about the shootings that happened on campus recently, I and some of my colleagues were in a classroom on campus and one of the doors could not be locked. Our professor asked Ted Carter personally about how the doors could be locked or what's being done about that. She referred to the protests earlier this summer and how they had a system where they had some solutions to target students. But then, when it comes to shootings and everything even classes cannot be locked which was a big problem. So, they said that they were going to look into it, and then there will be some inspections in our building. But I wonder, how many other buildings have the same problem. And as an international student, I had never been in that sort of situation, so I was clueless. But the other domestic students knew what to do when something like that happens. So, I wonder if these things could be added into trainings that target students?
- **Durso.19**: They're in the middle of hiring a new chief of the OSU police, but they're not going to hire them until next week because it's easier to have the Director of Public Safety as Chief of the OSUPD when they assume things are going to happen on campus. That all being said, email me and CGS can talk with this new chief of OSUPD and the Director of Public Safety, Monica Moll. I sit on the Pubic Area Safety Commission as well and will make sure these concerns are heard as loud as possible because that is terrifying. As a domestic student, I didn't realize international students aren't trained on that, so I'll make sure that's heard.
- **Teafatiller.1**: I found that the warnings for the shootings recently have come way too late. I had just gotten out of class on the day of the last shooting, and I get the text message alerting me to it after I've walked through the active shooting zone. Can they be a little faster and more on top of it?
- **Durso.19**: This is something that has been brought up before. When we went to the OSU police chief interviews, this was brought up as an issue and OSUPD is aware that their communication system sucks. Their problem is they don't understand how to tell when the situation is happening and what details to tell the public so they don't incite fear. They're being pushed by Student Life for them to figure it out before the new OSUPD chief takes over. It's been highly discussed.
- **Teafatiller.1**: Is there a platform to see live alerts?
- **Durso**.19: It's the same system as the Buckeye Alerts and that's also on their website.
- **Connor.280**: On OSUPD's website, they have Buckeye alerts. CGS is part of reason for why they're slower to respond now. During AY 2021 there was an incident and the statement shared just said "black male suspect heading west on 12th". This was unacceptable and a safety issue.

They're slower, because they don't want to cause more problems at times. Buckeye Alerts is the biggest one to use.

- **_Durso.19_**: Everyone who was interviewed wants to fix this problem.

9.1.6) Accessible parking lot being blocked by renovations
- **_Elton.21_**: Campbell hall renovations are blocking an accessibility parking lot. One of my continents now only has the option to go to the Neil Garage. What can be done about that?
- **_Durso.19_**: I'll send this to the ADA office and send me the student's name.# so they know what this specific student needs. To have to park in Neil would not be ideal. I'll work on that to see if the entire parking lot can get back opened but send me the student's name.# so I can help on an individual basis.
- **_Arshad.32_**: On what to do for when these types of things happen, I remember there was a Buckeye Learn mandatory training for this. It's not recurring as I haven't had to take it again, but I remember it being a good one, so maybe we can ask for it to be recurring and required?
- **_Durso.19_**: Was this on your Buckeye Learn?
- **Arshad.32**: Yeah.
- **_Durso.19_**: Ok, I had that training too for when I was a first year student. I will look into that but it might be best to make it an optional training instead of a required training for every single person. Keeping that as a recurring and optional training would be good, so good idea Murtaza.

9.1.7) Accessibility buttons on doors on campus buildings
- **_Teafatiller.1_**: One thing about safety stuff, I'm not from Ohio and it's super windy here. There's no button for accessibility on one of the sides of Hagerty Hall, so I was just wondering, for other people's accessibility and safety, if this was something that could be fixed.
- **_Durso.19_**: Federal law mandates OSU only has 1 door button on a building. The building isn't required to have them if they're older than 1990. If you need me to advocate for this, send me an email and I can bring it to the ADA office.

9.1.8) Lack of tech available for students' needs
- **_Tojelker.4_**: Constituents complain that our department does not provide computers. Most people use personal laptops. Some students thought they would get computers when coming to OSU, so what do other departments provide? We talked earlier about technology loans, but this is different as you need a dedicated machine for research and learning all the time. How do other departments handle this for grad students?
- **_Elton.21_**: Public health has a shared space for desktops, so we don't all have our own monitor but we all have our own personal devices. If we have an additional device it's because of our GRA that laptops are assigned. So, if a person works at Wexner or a different school, they're assigned a laptop but it's a case-by-case basis.
- **_Durso.19_**: It's this idea that some departments have bigger budgets for technology loans than others. If this is happening on a departmental level, then send me an e-mail and we can work together to get funds allocated to your department for tech. This is an issue across campus now that the tech loan program doesn't have any more tech to loan out. I think it's best to figure this out department-ly, so we'll try to get that figured out.
- **_Smith.15196_**: Our tech person in Earth and Geosciences will loan tech sometimes. There's a huge concern that there's no place for TAs to have tech to teach their classes.
- **_Carerra.55_**: The Committee on Academic Technology and University Research Committee on Zoom is looking into this issue. People using personal devices for university things will have data concerns.

9.1.9) Data storage concerns
- **_Naprakash.4_**: There's been an e-mail from Engineering Technology Services that's limiting storage on OneDrive to 5GB. This was a very drastic reduction immediately. I just started my second year and I already have a lot of data, so what can be done about this?
- Time expired at 5:52 for delegate concerns
- **_Durso.19_**: First I have to ask for a motion to extend the session by 5 minutes.
- **_Arshad.32_**: Motion to extend the delegate concerns
- **_Booker.200_** seconded
- Passed by majority

- ***Tojelker.4***: So I had a similar issue and talked to ODTI about my storage. Their solution was to create a Microsoft Teams and for each team there's 5 TB of data that you can have, so theoretically you could just keep making more. There's workarounds, so maybe try that?
- ***Durso.19:*** I will say as president, there's a resolution in the works for technology and software development on campus. So, if someone wants to bring that to a committee like academic affairs and ask for them to make a resolution regarding things like this. As your president, I strongly suggest that.

9.1.10) OSU e-mail after graduation
- ***Karunkaran.10***: Does your email go away after you graduate?
- ***Durso.19***: Your OSU.edu email goes away fast after graduating, I believe.
- ***Smith.15196***: Students will send it to the Buckeye List and sometimes it doesn't get to your OSU account.
- ***Durso.19***: Buckeyemail goes away after 2 years. OSU.edu email goes away after 6 months after graduating. This is a common practice across the board.
- ***Amstutz.87***: I think what people are trying to say is that there were two updates that went out over the summer that said a) your buckeye email will no longer be forwarded to your OSU email so the amount of storage you have is getting reduced and b) once you graduate, because your buckeye email is no longer forwarding to your OSU email, that you now have access to neither.
- ***Durso.19***: There's a huge system change from Buckeye email to OSU.edu email that's about to affect everyone at the University right now. At least they're communicating that something's about to change but I'm pretty sure we're all about to be kicked off of our OSU emails and sent to our Buckeye emails. Give me time to get the updates and we can't do much but write a resolution about how this impacts us.
- ***Karunkaran.10***: There are some who still have an active email after graduating at other colleges. Is it possible for OSU to have something for that?
- ***Durso.19***: I can talk to ODTI, but the system update is already in effect so I'm not sure how much I can do to affect this update.
- ***Tojelker.4***: Academic affairs will take on the technology resolution
- ***Durso.19***: Do I have a motion to pass the resolution to Academic Affairs?
- ***Arshad.32*** motions
- Seconded by ***Booker.200***
- Passed by majority

10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**
    10.1 Next General Delegate Meeting: Friday, November 1 at 3:30pm (Senate Chambers & Zoom)
11. **ADJOURNMENT**   **5:58 PM**

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Sabrina Durso, President
DATE: October 25, 2024
RE: President's Report

Dear outstanding CGSers,
I hope you all had a spooky month full of all the fun Autumn festivities. I wish you all luck throughout your many conferences, candidacy exams, and defenses throughout the next month!

Over the Past Month:
- **Parliamentarian:** WE **STILL** NEED ONE BADLY! It's a low time commitment, as you largely ensure CGS is following their bylaws and lead voting sessions. Send me an email if interested!
- **Steering:** Senate has asked CGS to look into removing the 988 Suicide Hotline from the mental health syllabus requirement and replacing it with the TeleTherapy service. I ask Health, Wellness and Safety to take this on to gather student feedback on the use of this number.
- **Grad Council:** Fellowships are a mess; You can now request an advisor that lacks p-status; We continue to work on Graduate Student Leave Policies this year, amongst other things. If you have any ideas/concerns about leave, let me know!
- **Events I attended on CGS's Behalf:** National Association of Graduate and Professional Students Monthly Meeting, Grad & Prof Schools Recruitment Program

Working On:
- **CGS Newsletters:** Just waiting for the ADA's office to approve. Ugh.
- **Advisor Abuse:** Worked on at least five student concerns this month. Working alongside CGS's Academic Affairs to make a list of advisor/student expectations per college alongside the grad school. Additionally continuing to workshop the Accommodations Resolution with stakeholders---planning to have that out to you all in the next delegate packet.

Updates from Past Delegate Issues and Concerns:
- **Campbell Hall:** Asked ADA Coordinator to look into lack of parking due to construction. They are completing a survey to address this issue.
- **Biological Sciences Building:** Contacted FOD and they have promised to communicate with the concerned parties in situations where students cannot access parts of this building.
- **Space Standards/Freedom of Expression Concerns:** Awaiting a response from Student Life, who are contacting the Grad School and OAA for help.
- **Buckeye Mail Extensions:** Waiting on Dean Danny Glassman to get back to me.
- **Public Safety Concerns:** If there is an active aggressor situation, Buckeye Alert will send a Run/Hide/Fight message (OSUPD is aware Buckeye Alert is not a perfect system). If there is a less dangerous situation that is still considered a threat (like the events of 9/18/2024), you'll receive a "shelter in place" message. Additionally, when there is a potential active aggressor situation, Public Safety does not use the term

"lockdown" on a large, open campus like OSU. OSU does not focus on locking entrance and exit doors to buildings across campus (one reason is so other campus community members can get inside during an emergency). Instead, OSU encourages people to secure themselves inside interior rooms inside buildings when they believe the "Hide" option is their best option based on their proximity to the location of the emergency. If an interior door lock is broken, we can bring it to Public Safety and/or FOD. Please share this webpage How to Respond to an Active Aggressor Situation and Video Classroom Locks with your constituents.

- **Buckeye Alert:** These notifications are not typically used for incidents occurring off-campus. Both are used primarily for incidents that occur on or immediately adjacent to university property when there is a risk to people on campus. Buckeye Alerts are used for things that would pose an immediate threat to the health and safety of people on campus, like a tornado or an active shooter. Public Safety Notice emails would be sent for certain crimes that could pose a serious or ongoing threat, like an on-campus armed robbery where the suspect has not been identified or apprehended. I'll continue to track any updates to this system now that there is a new Chief of OSUPD.

Please feel free to contact me if you ever need anything! I will be in Italy from November 22nd to December 3rd, so from that time, please cc Katie Conner on all emails to me.

In solidarity always,

Sabrina Durso.19

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Katie Conner.280, Vice President & Chair of Hayes Forum Organizing Committee
DATE: November 2024
RE: Vice President's Report

Intro & Misc.
While there are lots of cutesy-mindful-demure details in this report, please remember that I'm always happy to elaborate more for folks as needed/necessary. Just reach out and ask. It's been a busy month with Hayes starting to ramp up and some internal update happenings (among other things not noteworthy enough for the formal report).

Internal Operations Updates
Sabrina and I have worked on Bylaw updates to close some gaps (formalizing executive session procedures, formalizing some of the work/collaboration between some officers and chairs, tweaking some officer job duties, changing some election procedures). We're tentatively presenting the initial suggested ideas this month, opening a digital feedback period, tweaking based on feedback, and then presenting the formal act and feedback for formal Q&A, discussion, and voting (as is our process).

Hayes Advanced Research Forum 39 - #126DaysTilHayes (as of 10/25/24)
We will be having our first meeting shortly to get rolling on the formal committee portion of the work now that we've reached the point that things are happening that aren't just worked on by me. We've put in the request for swag item designs (items: flash drives, pens, and reusable metal solo cups), publicity/branded materials (tablecloths, updated certificates, digital materials, etc.), and are waiting on quotes to submit the appropriate RFPs to Jon and beyond. I've reached out to Eagle Exhibits (who we contract with for poster session materials, setup, and takedown).

In terms of transition related things (as they relate to protecting and structuring the Hayes process so CGS and the VP can always keep it running smoothly regardless of who is Chair for the committee and what staff from Student Life are working with the VP), I've set a meeting with Erica Brown (CGS's advisor), Blair Lozier (the fiscal associate for CGS), and Anna Sullivan Kvam (Erica's advisor, and additional CGS support) to all get on the same page about Hayes' history, the year flow, process, and sharing documentation. We're all excited to work to protect Hayes and make sure it always is the best platform it can be for Graduate and Postdoctoral scholarship.

Finally on Hayes, an action item. We're DEEP into the abstract submission period and judge recruitment. Here's links below. SHARE. THEM. WIDELY.

- Information for Hayes Applicants/Potential Applicants: https://cgs.osu.edu/programs-events/edward-f-hayes-advanced-research-forum/information-for-applicants
- Nominate someone to judge: https://cgs.osu.edu/secure/hayes/judge/nominate.aspx
- Judge application/signup: https://cgs.osu.edu/programs-events/edward-f-hayes-advanced-research-forum/information-for-judges

They'll also be in the CGS newsletter, in the delegate digests until the deadline passes, and in OAA and Grad School communications too. Again, all CGSers (except me) are eligible to apply. So apply, participate, be awesome, and get money! (And tell all your folks

As always, folks should never hesitate to reach out to me via email or text as needed!

Stay cozy friends!
Katie Conner, MA
VP of the Council of Graduate Students
PhD Student, Linguistics

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Jon Fritz, Grants Admin Co-chair and Treasurer
DATE: November 1st, 2024
RE: Ray Travel Award Chair and Treasurer's Report

Heeeeey hey folks,

Treasurer updates:
Truly nothing extensive at this time, currently working on or have finished the SAF 3-year review. Please reach out if you need anything, happy to be a sounding board about programming ideas or suggestions!

Ray Travel Award (RTA) Updates:
Today is THE last day to apply for the Ray Travel Award (RTA) for Funding Period 3 with conference dates from January 1st to March 31st, 2025. We'll be hoping to have these apps judged before Thanksgiving times (~Nov 27-29).

Thank you,
Jon Fritz.288

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Kaz Gary, Secretary
DATE: October 25, 2024
RE: Secretary's Report

Happy Halloween and middle-of-the-semester!

As always, friendly reminder to please say your name.# before speaking at general body meetings!

As CDG chair: applications for this cycle close November 1st, so please remind your constituents of this resource before it becomes unavailable until next semester. Looking forward to a great judging cycle for this upcoming round of applications! For those on the committee: be on the look-out for an e-mail from me this month with judging instructions.

Reminder that you've gotten this far in the semester! Stay strong, stay mindful and stay spooky :)

Kaz Gary.102

Committee Chair Reports

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Sohan Daniel, CGS Academic Affairs, Chair
DATE: October 25, 2024
RE: Academic Affairs Chair Report

Howdy,

The Academic Affairs committee had an initial touch point right after fall break. Over the next month, the two biggest projects we will be addressing will be technology and advisor abuse. Regarding technology, it was brought up at the last general meeting that the university will be lowering storage for students to 100 GB effective June 1, 2025. Faculty and staff will have 500 GB in this new transition. The committee will meet next week to start working on legislation on this subject asking for the University/The Office of Technology and Digital Innovation to gauge student feedback before making decisions like this and to communicate to students when these changes are happening.

The second major project will be to create standards for Advisor/advisee relationships and preventing abuse. President Durso and I have reached out to an Assistant Dean in the graduate school to learn more about the starting steps for this project.

At your service,

Daniel.508

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Holly Engel and Nick Booker, Arts and Culture Chairs
DATE: October 22, 2024
RE: Arts and Culture Chair's Report

Good evening,

There is nothing new to report at the moment, though we will be holding our next meeting on Monday, October 28 from 12:30-1:30 in Hagerty 206.

We have received word from the Bonsai Group, which is seeking collaboration, so we hope to iron out logistic details at our meeting and move forward with the project. The project itself is to be determined. We are also hoping to start planning our survey for graduate students, where we will ask where they would like to see more collaboration with A&C. In the long term, we're planning to collaborate with student organizations to host a writing workshop in the spring, and we're looking at developing an events calendar. If you or any of your constituents have an interest in volunteering for Arts & Culture events and/or working on designing an events calendar, please reach out to us!

Adieu,

Engel.210
Booker.200

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Priya Jana, Diversity & Inclusion Chair
DATE: November 1st, 2024
RE: Diversity & Inclusion Chair's Report

Hello everyone,

Our group was trying to figure out a common time that works for everyone as. We met last week and decided upon how many professors should talk to for the seminar speaker series. Next few meeting we are going to think more into it and plan accordingly.

Sincerely,
Priya

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Madeline Carrola, Government Affairs Chair
DATE: November 1, 2024
RE: Government Affairs Chair's Report

Hello,

The Government Affairs Committee met on October 8th and October 23rd.

Sticker design contest Update:
- Faith Folarin won first place in the voting sticker design contest.
- Charis Stanek won second place in the voting sticker design contest.
- Smrutimedha Parida won third place in the voting sticker design contest.

Your help with distributing the winning sticker design to your constituents by election day is much appreciated!

The next meeting is TBD. Please contact Madeline Carrola.1 if you are interested in attending.

Sincerely,
Madeline Carrola

Carrola.1

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Peter Carrera, Graduate Caucus Chair
DATE: November 1, 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 – Gabriel Guzman Camacho (guzmancamacho.1)
No update

Graduate Comp & Benefits – Brian Rocha.51 (rocha.51)
We are in the process of reorganizing and creating new sets of bylaws and procedures. We discussed goals, and began the process of gathering and reviewing data on proposed compensation increases, and possible changes to leave policy.

Diversity Committee – Deb Pathak.89 (pathak.89)
No update

Council on Student Affairs – Krutant Mehta (mehta.337)
The Council on Student Affairs has begun inviting different university departments and organizations to present to and attend full council meetings. Work on the 2024 Student Activity Fee Redistribution has started; beneficiaries have begun submitting materials. CSA completed redistributing 2023-2024 carryforwad to beneficiaries for the 2024-2025 year. CSA also finalized an update to the Code of Student Conduct relating to disruption.

Intellectual & Property, Patents, and Copyright Committee– Brian Rocha (rocha.51)
Solidify committee structure; created working groups to address by-laws revision and other action items.

Council of Academic Affairs – Andrew Miles (miles.375)
The committee made official the revisions to the following programs: Master in Supply Chain Management, Human Nutrition programs, and the MA in Education Studies—Counselor Education Specialization program. Discussions were held to adjust the clinical faculty cap in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences. This was tabled for the next meeting with the idea that they will request a waiver for being over the cap, followed by a request to expand that number. Additionally, the review process for the Center for Health Outcomes and Policy Evaluation Studies (HOPES) was approved. We have also got regular updates about the Chase Center; the timeline for CAA to review the proposal is planned as of now for December; this is a unique proposal as the center will have the 1.) ability to offer curriculum and 2). the center will be a tenure initiating unit, both of which are not norms for a center.

Council of Academic Freedom & Responsibility – Jorge E. Clavo Abbass (clavoabbass.1)
Has not met in October.

Rules Committee – Jorge E. Clavo Abbass (clavoabbass.1)
Met on 10/18 and 10/25. Ongoing discussions include Code of Student Conduct revisions and updates to the University Rules to be consistent with these revisions, modification to the Rules language on who sits on the Council of Deans, and updating the Rules on Dean's List for undergraduates.

Library Committee – Gabriel Guzman Camacho (guzmancamacho.1)
No update

University Research Committee – Tony Annerino (annerino.2) / Andrew Miles (miles.375)
URC met on October 4th, and the bulk of discussion focused on the state of university open access publishing agreements. OSU has multi-year open access publishing agreements with several academic journal publishers, most notably Elsevier, Springer, and Wiley, that cover the open access publishing fee for the first several accepted open access articles accepted by journals that these publishers operate, regardless of field, and the allotment of such articles is set to go up every year over the course of these agreements. At the time of this meeting, the Elsevier allotment had already been used up for this year, and the Springer and Wiley allotments were on track to be used up by the end of 2024, which is what needs to happen to convince the university to justify expanding and extending these agreements in the future.

Committee on Academic Technology – Tony Annerino (annerino.2)
CAT did not meet in October because it was decided after the first Monday of October that the recurring CAT meetings would occur on the first Monday of the month. **The first full CAT meeting of this academic year is scheduled for November 4th.** The first major agenda item for that meeting is introducing and assigning members to the subcommittees on (1) Ohio State Online and (2) Technology Tools for Academics and Research. The second agenda item is an update on ODTI initiatives from interim chief information officer Ginger Breon.

Council on Enrollment and Student Progress – Thomas Elton (elton.21)
No update

Government Affairs – Bryan Perez Soto (perezsoto.2)
Bylaws for the committee were discussed, introductions of the members were made, and some of the goals addressed.

In service,
Carrera.55

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Chiranth Koratagere Nagaraj, Graduate Student Affairs Chair
DATE: 25 Oct 2024
RE: Graduate Student Affairs Chair's Report

Hey all,
The committee has finalized several important milestones and details for the upcoming end-of-semester events and swag distributions.
2. Event Planning
The committee has outlined a plan to host a minimum of three events by the end of the year. Key dates and event formats are in place to ensure a vibrant and engaging environment for the grad student community.

- **End of Autumn Semester - CGS Winter Party 2024 with Membership Wellness Committee**
  o **Objective:** Celebrate the end of the semester and bring together leaders from various graduate student organizations.
  o **Date:** Friday, December 6, 2024
  o **Time:** 3:30 PM - 4:00 PM
  o **Location:** Senate Chambers
  o **Attendees:** Up to 60 attendees, including leaders from different grad student organizations.
  o **Food and Beverage:** Arranged through University Catering, with all necessary provisions already accounted for as part of the meeting setup.
- **End of Spring Semester - Game Night**
  o Delegates are planning a **Game Night** as part of the celebrations for Spring Semester, aiming to create a casual and fun atmosphere for attendees to unwind and connect.

3. Graduate Student Appreciation Week (GSAW)
The committee is excited to report that a couple of members have volunteered to assist with Graduate Student Appreciation Week. They will be instrumental in organizing events and activities that recognize and celebrate the contributions of graduate students.
1. Swag Giveaway and Ordering

- **Swag Selection:** The committee completed the selection of swags to be distributed. The chosen items will appeal to the grad student population and are intended to serve as tokens of appreciation and engagement.
- **Ordering Deadline:** All swag items are set to be ordered by **November 15** to ensure timely arrival and distribution.

Timeline Overview
- **Swag Giveaway Selection Deadline:** November 1
- **Swag Ordering Deadline:** November 15
- **Event Planning Completion Deadline:** December 1

The committee is committed to ensuring that these plans are executed smoothly and that all events provide meaningful experiences for attendees. Further updates will be provided as events draw closer.

Happy Halloween!!!

Bests,
Koratagerenagaraj.1

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Deb Pathak & Luke Van Niel, Health, Wellness, and Safety Chair
DATE: October 26, 2024
RE: Health, Wellness, and Safety Chair's Report

Hey everyone,

The Accessibility Stakeholders' Symposium is almost upon us! All the merch has successfully arrived, and we have gone over a run of the show during our October meeting. Reminders to all panelists have been sent confirming their attendance!

We would love to have 2-3 more volunteers to help us with checking folks in, handing out swag, and of course, partaking in catered food! The event is 8 am – 1 pm ET on October 29th in the Ohio Union Cartoon room, and you are more than welcome to tag-team and volunteer for part of it!

Excited to hear about all things access, and for a successful Symposium!

Sincerely,
Pathak.89 & Vanniel.5

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Syed Murtaza Arshad, Housing and Family Affairs Chair
DATE: November 1, 2024
RE: Housing and Family Affairs Chair's Report

Hello Everyone,

I hope you're enjoying a colorful Fall!
This report summarizes the discussions and action items from the Housing and Family Affairs (HAFA) Committee meeting held on October 8, 2024.

Discussion Points & Action Items
1. **Online Showings for International Students**
   a. We discussed creating a protocol for online showings, focusing on international students and those unable to attend in-person viewings.
   b. **Action Item:** Collaborate with OCCSE and property owners to discuss the logistics of this initiative.
2. **Survey on Housing Issues with Property Owners**
   a. We plan to conduct a survey on common challenges graduate students encounter with property owners, helping students make informed housing decisions.
   b. **Action Item:** Design a survey, similar to the USG Renter's Guide, to identify property owners students should avoid or approach with caution.
   i. Reference: USG Renter's Guide
3. **Minimum Documentation for Local and International Students**
   a. To streamline housing searches, we aim to ensure each property listing on the OCCSE portal includes minimum documentation requirements (e.g., SSN, guarantor).
   b. **Action Item:** Work with OCCSE to include documentation requirements for all listings to help students avoid pursuing unsuitable properties.
4. **Video Uploads of Housing Units on OCCSE Portal**
   a. OCCSE is requesting property owners to upload videos of available units.
   b. **Action Items:**
   i. Ensure the videos reflect actual housing units, not model apartments.
   ii. Recommend that videos be updated within the past six months for relevance.
5. **Orientation for International Students**
   a. We are considering developing an orientation session tailored for international students in collaboration with OIA, ISA, and OCCSE.
   b. **Action Item:** Structure the orientation similarly to the "Off-Campus Living 1.0" session, with a focus on topics like legal rights, lease signing, and housing searches.
   i. Resource: Off-Campus Living 1.0
6. **Event to Promote Housing Resources**
   a. We are exploring the idea of hosting an event to promote various housing resources for graduate students.

Upcoming News & Resources
- **Virtual Off-Campus Living 1.0 Session**
  o **Date:** November 7, 3:00 p.m.
  o **Details:** Focused on finding off-campus housing.
  o **Register:** Zoom Registration
- **Roommate Fair**

- o **Date:** November 12, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.
- o **Location:** Alonso Family Room, Center for Belonging and Social Change (1st floor of the Ohio Union)
- o **Register (optional):** Registration Link
- **In-Person Off-Campus Living 1.0 Session**
- o **Date:** November 14, 4:00 p.m.
- o **Location:** Houston Grove Room, Houston House
- o **Register:** In-Person Registration
- **Commuter Student Meet-Up**
- o **Date:** November 19, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
- o **Location:** Commuter Lounge (3rd floor of the Ohio Union)
- o **Details:** Games, activities, giveaways, and light refreshments.
- o **More Information:** Commuter Meet-Ups

We are excited about these initiatives and welcome your input. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you'd like to get involved as committee member or have any ideas to share. As always, you can contact me at **arshad.32@osu.edu**.

Be wise and kind,

Arshad.32

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Kaustubh Kumar, International Student Affairs Chair
DATE: October 25, 2024
RE: International Student Affairs Chair's Report

Hi Everyone,

ISAC held its monthly meeting on October 25, 2024. A new non-delegate member joined the committee this month. This year the committee has members from ten different departments across the OSU. We expect a few more non-delegate members might join us in coming months. We discussed below items in the meeting:

- Idea of international graduate students support groups at departmental/college levels.
- 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.
- Working closely with OIA on international graduate student focus groups and gradSERU survey. Flyer about the focus groups would have been received as part of the delegate packet and would also be circulated by OIA through Global Engagement newsletter.
- OIA Global Engagement team will host a meet and greet Grad Student Mixer from 5-7 pm on November 21, 2024 at Woody's Tavern in the Union. Any graduate student at OSU is welcome to the event.

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: November 1, 2024
RE: Membership Wellness Chair's Report

Hi everyone,

Relevant History
MW met October 20th to plan the End-of-Semester Winter Party (set to take place at the December General Delegate Meeting). We also discussed the formation of a CGS Group Chat on WhatsApp and finalized the survey for the Buddy Program.
Link to 24-25 CGS WhatsApp https://chat.whatsapp.com/KYrB2Z0ANzR4XD9bPHkmXQ
Link for Buddy Program Interest Survey https://forms.office.com/r/L2fFQpEeVu

Future Directions
Our next meeting will occur virtually **November 10th** from **2p-4p.** Anyone is welcome to attend! Please email me for the link. We will revisit the schedule when Spring semester schedules are known.
Our next meeting will be focused on pairing people for the Buddy Program. We also hope to tackle the formation of some of the special interest groups (writing groups, exercise groups, etc). These are being guided by your responses to the Get to Know You Survey.

Membership Shoutouts
Link for the Membership Shoutouts Form https://forms.gle/Tpxf47dx9ZPm9Q7f6
Please use Membership Shoutouts as a way 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 the Friday a week before General Delegate meetings will not be included in the Meeting Packet.

Thank you!

Robinson.2283

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Bill Wang, Research and Data Operations Chair
DATE: Oct 26, 2024
RE: Research and Data Operations Chair's Report

Hi,

We did a preliminary analysis of the Overleaf survey results as presented in the meeting slides. The survey was conducted during the delegate meeting. There were 27 responses. After discussing with Sabrina, we decided to send out the same survey via email to all CGSers to collect more responses.
The Overleaf demand survey has been sent out in the delegate digest by Katie. We will analyse the data in the coming days.
Best,

Wang.13945

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Brittany Multer Hopkins, Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility Committee (SERC) Chair
DATE: November 1, 2024
RE: SERC Chair's Report

Hello everyone!

SERC met on October 16 to solidify our priorities for the year. Below is an overview of our top priorities for the year.

- Collaborate with Green Buckeye and other organizations on campus.
- Have a presence at Time for Change Week.
- Create awareness of the "little things" OSU community members can take to be more sustainable.
- Facilitate furniture reuse/recycling at the end of the academic school year.
- Get a better grasp on the University's use of fossil fuels and progress towards sustainability goals and compare with similar universities.

If you are interested in helping with any of these projects or have ideas of your own, please reach out!

To raise awareness about the "little things" people can do to be more sustainable, we will be sharing sustainability tips each month that we plan to share in the delegate digest.
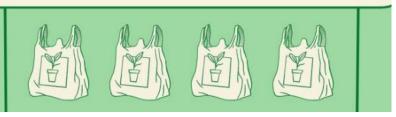
NOVEMBER SUSTAINABILITY TIP:

REUSE YOUR BAGS!

Bring your own reusable bags to your next grocery shopping trip! Here are just a couple of reasons why it is a good idea:

- They are sturdier, stronger, and have better handles
- They save space-> are designed to fold for easy storage
- May help prevent microplastics in food
- Plastic starts as fossil fuels (14 plastic bags = gas to drive a mile!*)
- Plastic harms wildlife (100,000 animal deaths a year*)

*Source: https://playitgreen.com/sustainability-tip-60-reuse-your-bags/

Another thing you and others can do this fall is to compost your pumpkins! OSU has a dropoff location to make this super easy:

- Drop off pumpkins and gourds in the labeled dumpster in the Uniprint parking lot at 2500 Kenny Road
- Now through Tuesday, December 3, available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week
- Whole pumpkins are accepted
- Remove any candles or lights
- Avoid dropping off pumpkins that have paint or permanent marker on them

Enjoy your Fall Back!

Brittany if-I-see-a-pumpkin-in-the-trash-I-will-cry Multer Hopkins
Multerhopkins.1