



COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Delegate Packet

July 11th, 2025

Location: Zoom



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Agenda

General Delegate Meeting | 11 JULY 2025 | Zoom

1. **CALL TO ORDER** 3:30 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** [20 min]
 - 4.1. President’s Report – Sabrina Durso.19
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 - 5.3. Diversity & Inclusion – Vacant
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 - 5.13. Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility – Casey Ortbahn.1 & Katelyn Amstutz.87
6. **OLD BUSINESS** [0 min]
7. **NEW BUSINESS** [0 min]
8. **SPECIAL ORDER ITEM** [30 min]
 - 8.1. Delegate Issues and Concerns
9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** [5 min]
 - 9.1 Next General Delegate Meeting: Friday, September 5 at 3:30pm (Senate Chambers & Zoom)
10. **ADJOURNMENT** 4:50 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 | 28 JUNE 2025 | Zoom

1. **CALL TO ORDER** 3:30 PM
 - 1.1. “To effectively advocate and program to ensure that The Ohio State University graduate student experience is the best it can be.”
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** 3:33 PM
 - Approved by CGS majority via Zoom
4. **OFFICER REPORTS** 3:35 PM
 - 4.1. President’s Report – Sabrina Durso.19
 - 4.1.1) **Over the past month:**
 - Exec: Welcome Tinu (GSA), Ashutosh (ISAC), Katie (MW), Bryan (GCBC as voting member of Exec), and Blue (Chief of Staff!)
 - Academic Year Meeting Dates Confirmed
 - Grad School:
 - Grad School and ERIK working on Bridge Funding
 - OIA International Grad Student Experience presented to Grad Council. Hoping to enhance mental health support, improve financial concerns (year round funding), create an inclusive campus, and improve academic and career success.
 - Student Life:
 - USG still does not have an elected President and Vice President for the upcoming academic year
 - Sunrise Conversations:
 - HUGE SUCCESS WITH NEARLY 45 ATTENDEES! Invited faculty spoke on their experiences with student-centered teaching and urged GTAs to remember that they can go to their faculty and/or advisors any time they have concerns with teaching.
 - IF YOU HAVE A PROFESSOR WHO IS WONDERFUL AT SUPPORTING STUDENTS, PLEASE LET ME KNOW!
 - 4.1.2) **Working on:**
 - Delegate Issues:
 - Working on Grad Ecology and Evolution Students and Nursing PhDs to increase their minimum stipend
 - Adam and I are working on using the Global Gateway and Engaged Scholar Funds
 - 4.1.3) **New Updates: AI Fluency:**
 - AI will now be embedded into core undergrad requirements and majors to ensure all students are equipped to apply AI tools and applications in their fields starting THIS fall
 - AIs basics required in Gen Ed Launch Seminar, GenAI workshops into First Year Success Series
 - Instructors will have resources and support to build and modify courses to integrate AI
 - 4.1.4) **New Updates: SB1 Implementation:**
 - Ohio Department of Higher Ed plans to release formal guidance soon
 - BoT and University adopting a policy to prohibit certain terms in realms of DEI, controversial terms, and intellectual diversity --> the University has not discretion over these terms so it will be approved by the BoT in August
 - Must ensure intellectual diversity --> syllabus statement and series of FAQs incoming on SB1 website
 - Updated hiring and admissions processes and has been since 2023



- Updating Campus Free Speech Policy to reference SB1, but already in compliance for reporting process
- OIA will be working to update Chancellor of ODHE when partnerships with the People's Republic of China

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

4.2.1) **Election Season Wrap-Up:**

- Completed:
 - 64 delegates seated!
 - Elected delegates' applications approved, assigned to seats, academic verification from the department and graduate school secured, added to mailing list, etc.
 - The Get to Know You Survey went live!
- In Progress:
 - Delegate/CGS orientation: Date TBD. Hybrid mode (Senate Chambers and via Zoom). Food will be provided for folks in person.
 - Distribute the committee surveys (tentatively scheduled for next week).
- Not Yet Started:
 - Election run-offs
 - Committee assignments & senate

4.3. Treasurer's Report – Adam Tjoelker.4

4.3.1) **CGS Budget:**

- The CGS Budget Act for the 2025-2026 Academic Year will be presented during the meeting today for a vote. It will take effect on July 1st as we roll into the new financial year.

4.3.2) **Ray Travel Award:**

- Congratulations to the 20 award winners for Funding Period 1 for 2026!
- I would like to pass on a huge thank you to the judges who volunteered their time to score applications. We could not run this awesome award program without their dedicated support. Thank you!
- Judging for RTA is an awesome professional development experience. If you would like to become a judge, please send me an email!

4.4. Secretary's Report – Kaz Gary.102

4.4.1) **As Secretary:**

- Working on new slide and packet design over the summer! If you have any suggestions or concerns, please reach out to me :)

4.4.2) **As CDG Chair:**

- CDG results for Cycle 1 went out on May 16th
- 13/24 applicants were funded with a 54% acceptance rate
- Compiled data from the last 5 years to get an average acceptance rate of 57%
- Rounded down and applied this acceptance rate to our first cycle

5. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

3:51 PM

5.1. Academic Affairs – VACANT

5.1.1) **Primary Mode of Work: Advocacy**

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



5.2. Arts and Culture – Holly Engel.210

5.2.1) **Committee Description:**

- "The Arts and Culture Committee provides engaging programming to enrich the graduate student experience at The Ohio State University. Our programs offer graduate students opportunities to exhibit their work and research, engage with artistic and cultural expression, connect with experts in their fields, and facilitate inclusive and interdisciplinary collaboration in the graduate student community. The committee works to celebrate and develop the diversity of creative fields and cultural research at our university and support a strong arts and culture community."

5.2.2) **Looking ahead:**

- A&C Website
- Student Survey
- Event Ideas
- Brainstorming on Zoom:
 - Monday, June 23 from 1-2pm
 - <https://osu.zoom.us/j/5881160815?pwd=ZXINZkl4Rm0vTUgxUnQ4VGgrY00ydz09>

5.3. Diversity and Inclusion – VACANT

5.3.1) **Primary Mode of Work: Advocacy and Events**

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

5.4. Government Affairs – Charlie Mace.103

5.4.1) **Committee Description:**

- The Government Affairs Committee is committed to keeping the graduate student body apprised of federal, state, and local legislation impacting graduate students. The Committee also works to promote civic engagement, broadly construed. Government Affairs publishes regular newsletters highlighting policy developments, drafts resolutions in response to proposed state legislation, and develops projects that encourage civic participation among graduate students.

5.4.2) **Projects for Next Year:**

- 2025 election voter engagement
- Government affairs newsletter
- Prep for 2026 midterm election voting sticker contest (possibly)
- Taking ideas for a small fall/spring event!

5.5. Graduate Caucus – Peter Carrera.55

5.5.1) **Committee Description:**

- The University Senate is the shared governing body of The Ohio State University. Comprised of 141 faculty, students, staff, and administrators, the Senate's primary responsibility is to advise campus leaders on the key educational and academic policy



concerns. Senate committees, their members, and their annual reports are available here: senate.osu.edu.

- The Senate is made up of:
 - 71 faculty ~50%
 - 41 students 29%
 - 17 administrators 17%
 - 5 staff ~4%
- CGS's Senate body, the Graduate Caucus, is excited to serve in the shared governance space of the university. CGS has 10 senators total. Current senators are listed here: cgs.osu.edu/about-us/executive-committee.

5.5.2) **CGS currently has 1 unfilled Senate position, it will be filled in the Fall.**

5.6. Grad Compensation and Benefits – Bryan PerezSoto.2

5.6.1) **Committee Description:**

- GCBC is a standing committee of the University Senate and operates pursuant to section 3335-5-48.18 of the Faculty Rules and is governed by the provisions of rule 3335-5-46 of the Administrative Code.
 - 1. Study the adequacy and other attributes of the university's policies and provisions including stipends, outside professional services, and supplemental compensation.
 - 2. Conduct research and provide advice on economic support of graduate associates, professional development, quality and design of benefit programs, and appointment terms.
 - 3. Make recommendations to the university senate, the graduate council, the graduate school, and the office of academic affairs as appropriate.

5.6.2) **Committee Recommendations:**

- Recommendation One: Graduate Associate Compensation
 - **Action Item:** To correspond to the cost of living in central Ohio, GCBC recommends the minimum stipend of a .5 FTE for 9 – months should be no less than \$32,850.00 and no less than \$43,800.00 for a .5 FTE for 12 – months, or \$3,650.00 per Month.
- Recommendation Two: Year-Round Funding Model for PhD Students
 - **Action Item (External):** The committee recommends a task force be established at the Graduate School to explore a transition to 12 -month funding for PhD students at Ohio State.
 - **Action Item (Internal):** GCBC should continue to gather case studies from comparable intuitions above and beyond what is cited in this report and work with Dean Stromberger on developing the task force.
- Recommendation Three: Evaluate University Subsidized Graduate and Family Housing
 - **Action Item (External):** The committee recommends that the Graduate School urge the Board of Trustees to evaluate the current rental rates of the existing graduate student housing (which is done yearly) and *freeze any increase on rents until graduate stipends are at a level commensurate with cost of living in Columbus*. The committee also recommends that the Graduate School coordinate with Planning, Architecture and Real Estate to explore possibilities for family housing utilizing existing campus property and resources or coordinate with private, off campus vendors to offer affordable options for family housing.
 - **Action Item (Internal):** GCBC can work to benchmark family housing offerings at BIG10 institutions and open lines of communication between relevant stakeholders to start exploring solutions to this issue.

5.7. Graduate Student Affairs – Tinu Oduloye.1



5.7.1) **Primary Mode of Work: Events**

- The Graduate Student Affairs Committee is committed to solidifying a positive graduate experience at The Ohio State University for all graduate students. The committee, through a variety of collaborative projects, seeks to make positive change across all areas of the graduate student experience. The committee tackles a multitude of larger projects of its own volition, while serving as a reinforcing back-end support for the other CGS committees where and when assistance is needed. The committee intentionally leans into its broadly-given name in order to be as ambitious and responsive to student's needs as possible. Alongside this work, the committee plans Ohio State's annual Graduate Student Appreciation Week."

5.7.2) **We lead one of CGS' biggest events:**

- Graduate Student Appreciate Week: 2025
 - Donuts w/ Dean
 - Game Night w/ CGS
 - Instructional Kitchen
- Want to help make this celebration even better in 2026? Join *Graduate Student Affairs* committee and help shape the grad experience!

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

5.8.1) **Primary Mode of Work: Advocacy, Events**

- The Health, Wellness, & Safety Committee aims to ensure the physical and mental well-being of all graduate students at The Ohio State University. At a time where universities across the nation are promoting dialogue on student wellness, such as discussing graduate student mental health, the HW&S committee seeks to support parallel initiatives on the Ohio State campus. Specifically, through a combination of research, university partnerships, and outreach initiatives the committee is focused on creating and promoting an environment of care and wellness throughout the university. As part of this mission, the Health, Wellness, & Safety Committee holds the annual "Accessibility Stakeholder's Symposium," an event open to all Buckeyes to discuss accessibility resources and standards on the OSU campus. At this event, the committee partners with other organizations at OSU, such as the Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator's Office, Student Life and Disability Services, Buckeyes4Accessibility, and more.

5.9. Housing and Family Affairs – Lauren Levesque.31

5.9.1) **Primary Mode of Work: Advocacy, Events**

- Dedicated to enhancing the housing experience for all graduate students and improving the overall quality of life for those with families at The Ohio State University. We collaborate closely with the Office of Student Life (studentlife.osu.edu) and Off-Campus and Commuter Student Engagement (offcampus.osu.edu) to ensure access to essential resources for securing safe, affordable, and family-friendly housing. Our efforts include advocating for better graduate housing policies, connecting students with vital support services, and organizing family-oriented events and childcare programs. Additionally, the committee strives to support graduate student caregivers in balancing parenting, family responsibilities, work, and academic pursuits, ensuring a fulfilling experience at OSU.

5.9.2) **Off-Campus Housing Webinar**

- A webinar about off-campus housing, that is geared towards international students, is being put on by OCCSE in collaboration with the Office of International Affairs and Student Legal Services. It will be held via Zoom on June 12th, at 8:00 am.
- The link to register: https://osu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TE-ozbYITAunYLNwz1RCew#/registration



- This is the presentation for the webinar:
<https://buckeyemailosu.sharepoint.com/p:/s/occsestaff/EUdTgtZKol5LnEHg4T0KTekB9qpJTfdvcT7Vx0tSiHAMsA?CID=9a774404-8db6-baa7-deb4-2ee9a5ff30cf>
- Feel free to view it and send me any comments/recommendations

5.10. International Student Affairs – Kaustubh Kumar.889 & Ashutosh Soni.117

5.10.1) **Primary Mode of Work: Advocacy, Events**

- The International Student Affairs Committee (ISAC) aims to create a more inclusive, assistive, and cooperative experience for all graduate students at Ohio State, particularly international students. The committee intends to facilitate useful information and resources (like news digests, tax information sessions, etc.) and advocate for a vibrant and interconnected student community so that international students have the support they need to excel at OSU. By improving communications and partnerships with the Office of International Affairs (OIA), the Graduate School, and other relevant offices and student organizations across the campus, ISAC fosters an environment in which they can effectively address the challenges and support the unique needs of international graduate students.

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

5.11.1) **Primary Mode of Work: Organizational and Infrastructural Support**

- The Research and Data Operations Committee provides statistical analysis support for other committees and aims to deliver essential data training to all CGS members. Recently, we collaborated with the Housing & Family Affairs Committee to enhance the presentation of the graduate student housing survey data, creating clear, impactful slides that summarized actionable items for advocating improved housing benefits for graduate students. Additionally, we are planning a data camp to introduce CGS members to fundamental data analysis tools and techniques, empowering them with practical skills to support their committee work.

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

5.12.1) **Committee Description:**

- The mission of the *Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility Committee (SERC)* is to foster the development of environmentally responsible leadership on the Ohio State Campus through awareness and outreach, partnerships, and engagement with the Ohio State community. The committee aims to *partner with entities on campus* engaged in sustainability work and *connect students with resources* that will further Ohio State's progress in reaching its sustainability goals. We *advocate for sustainable practices* being incorporated into ongoing academic research, educational programming, student initiatives, on-campus operations, and the built environment.

5.12.2) **We'd love to hear your ideas!**

- Google form to submit ideas: <https://forms.gle/d2v8YCNG1tQbsJ9p7>
- QR code can be found in the meeting slides

5.13. Membership Wellness – Aryn Robinson.2283 and Katie Connor.280

5.12.1) **Committee Description:**

- The Membership Wellness Committee addresses wellness as it relates to the internal organization. Our goal is to build a sense of community in CGS that will help support all members in their service efforts and professional development as they work to advocate for graduate issues and concerns. This committee is constantly adapting to the needs of CGS by providing both fun and professional development opportunities. Membership Wellness oversees wellness activities at CGS meetings, the CGS Buddy Program, and special interest groups with the purpose of fostering a sense of community.

6. **OLD BUSINESS**

4:23 PM



6.1. Budget Approval Vote

6.1.1) **Tjoelker.4:** Things that were changed in the budget: carry forwards for Coke fund and SAF were updated based on expenditures in the past month. Everything else should be unchanged from when it was presented last month.

- Q +A:
 - **Conner.280:** Motion to end question and answer early.
 - Approved by majority of CGS

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

8. **SPECIAL ORDER ITEM**

4:28 PM

8.1. **Delegate Issues and Concerns**

8.1.1) Budget Correction

- **Tjoelker.4:** Correction - the budget proposal form for approval said AY24-25 but it should say AY25-26.
- **Conner.280:** Motion to end delegate issues and concerns early.
- Approved by majority of CGS

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

9.1. **Next General Delegate Meeting: Friday, July 11th at 3:30 (Zoom)**

9.2. **Budget Approval Vote: Passed unanimously**

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

4:31 PM



Officer Reports

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Sabrina Durso, President
DATE: June 27, 2025
RE: President's Report

Hello CGSers,

I hope you are all doing your best to stay cool and hydrated during this already incredibly hot summer! Pay attention to our social media accounts (CGSOSU on Instagram, X, and Bluesky) for tips on how to beat the heat in Columbus and beyond this summer. Also, please remember that Anna and I, as well as the rest of the Executive Committee, are here for you over the summer. We are looking forward to seeing all of you in September and will do our best to advocate for graduate students throughout July and August without the wisdom you all provide.

Over the Past Month:

- **Exec:**
 - We welcomed Jon Fritz back as Grad Caucus chair! YAY! Beyond that, everyone is working hard on planning events for the upcoming academic year! I look forward to seeing what committees you each pick to serve on.
- **Graduate School:**
 - Retention Rates: While there are no official numbers as of yet, the Grad School is expecting that we are at least at a 5% retention loss coming into the 2025-26 academic year. They are expecting this number to increase when the numbers do come in. It does sound like we'll be able to keep international grad students who are already enrolled at OSU, but the Grad School is having difficulties getting some new international students visas. [Stand Up for Science Ohio State is actively tracking many of these issues.](#)
 - Grad Compensation and Benefits: Dean Stromberger shared the GCBC report with the Provost. He would like to increase the minimum stipend by 8% for the next two years, meaning that, by the end of those years, the minimum stipend will have risen 29% over five years. Dean Stromberger is also in talks with the Deans about moving to 12-month stipends, though this would most likely result in smaller or combined PhD cohorts.
 - Bridge Funding: Dean Stromberger is still looking at how she can use unspent fellowships and gifts to the grad school to support students who have had their funding pulled. She's hoping this fund will amount to \$1.5 million worth of bridge funding. She is waiting on the Provost to approve of this. ERIK is also looking into their own bridge funding as well, and it is important to note that Peter Mohler, the Director for ERIK, has left OSU.
- **Student Life:**



- Yet again, President Carter cannot meet with CGS at one of our monthly meetings, but Dr. Shivers, SVP of Student Life will come to our first meeting of the academic year. I will be sending out a similar invitation to the Provost and Dean Stromberger shortly.
- A Major Win: I've finally successfully advocated for President Carter and Provost Bellamkonda to meet with Student Government Presidents and Vice Presidents once a semester to discuss our concerns. WE ARE BACK IN THE ROOM!
- Senate Bill 1: As you will see in the Gov Affairs report, Senate Bill 1 is sticking around. CGS has been allowed to provide feedback on the new syllabus wording (yet to be approved) and has participated in many conversations about how SB1 will affect student organizations. Thus far, SB1 should not interfere with CGS's work. However, now that SB1 is implemented there is new language pertaining to its implementation, including how land acknowledgements are no longer allowed on behalf of the university, units, colleges, or departments whatsoever, including at university-sponsored events. The university has also expanded what is considered a "controversial belief or policy" to include issues such as climate policies, electoral politics, foreign policy, diversity, equity, and inclusion programs, immigration policy, marriage, and abortion, all to comply with SB1. All information regarding SB1 compliance can be found here: <https://compliance.osu.edu/focus-areas/sb1>. If you have any concerns, please let me know.
 - It is important to note that [the University deactivated OSU's official LGBTQ+ website a week before Pride Month began to comply with SB1](#).
- The Buckeye Commons: We are moving right along with hiring a director for The Buckeye Commons! We have finished phone interviews and will have in-person interviews in July.

Working On:

- Sunrise Conversations: **IF YOU HAVE A PROFESSOR WHO IS WONDERFUL AT SUPPORTING STUDENTS, PLEASE LET ME KNOW!** I have yet to hear from a single CGSer about professors who might be interested, but have heard from a ton of graduate students that they would like this event to continue onward.
- OIA Welcome Week Picnic: We are working hard to ensure that CGS is co-sponsoring this event and using \$5K from our old Global Gateway fund to do so.
- Getting CGS Involved with Service: I've been meeting with many folks across campus to get CGS involved in events like BuckeyeThon and MLK Jr. Day of Service, as well as figuring out ways we can host our own service events for grads/profs only. I'll keep you all updated as we continue on this front.

Important to Share:

- OSU's library system was updated throughout the month of June. Please make sure to check your library record, as the new system updated many due dates. Additionally, as of writing this report, there is a glitch in the system with OhioLINK—



you may have books checked out through OhioLINK that are not appearing on your record. I have reached out to Interlibrary Services and they've told me that they are not fining students during this time for past due books that do not appear on their record while this issue is getting fixed. Please inform your constituents of this update.

Stay hydrated and well rested for the year ahead,
Sabrina Durso.19



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Anna Zaitseva, Vice President
DATE: June 26, 2025
RE: Vice President's Report

Greetings everyone,

I hope you all are taking care of yourselves this summer and doing what you need to recharge! It's been a pleasure to (virtually, for now) talk to some of you and get to know you through reading your responses to the survey. Speaking of which, THANK YOU if you submitted your responses. If not, please do so as soon as possible!

I do not have any major updates to report on. I have been working on some Delegate and Senator onboarding tasks, specifically:

- Committee Interest Surveys
- Delegate/CGS Orientation: We now have a confirmed date, August 22, 10-2 p.m. As a reminder, this will be a hybrid event, and everyone is strongly encouraged to attend!

My priority for the next month is to complete Senate committee assignments with Sabrina so we can start doing the advocacy work.

As always, please reach out with any questions (or even if you just want to say hi!)

All my best,
Zaitseva.1



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Adam Tjoelker, Treasurer
DATE: June 27, 2025
RE: Treasurer's Report

Hello everyone,

I have no major updates to report about the new CGS 2025-2026 budget or the Ray Travel Award. Please see the minor updates below:

1. **RTA Application Period Open**

- Please remind your constituents that the next application period for RTA has opened as of June 15 and will remain open until August 1. This current application period covers travel dates between October 1 and December 31, 2025.

2. **Out of Office in July**

- I will be away throughout the month of July conducting glacier fieldwork in the Yukon for my PhD project. I will not have access to the internet throughout the 26-day field expedition spanning June 29 to July 24. If you have any urgent questions regarding the Ray Travel Award or questions for the treasurer, please email cgs@osu.edu.

Have a great summer!

Adam Tjoelker.4



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Kaz Gary, Secretary
DATE: June 27, 2025
RE: Secretary's Report

Hi all! I hope you're keeping cool during these summer months 😊

No big updates from me. The current CDG cycle is open from June 15th to August 1st. Please remind your constituents of this opportunity if they want to travel in the fall/winter! All of the Meeting Packets from the 2024-2025 academic year should be up on the CGS Archives on our website. I'm working on getting our new packets for the 2025-2026 academic year up.

If you have any questions/concerns about CGS meeting packets or want to be a judge for CDG next cycle, please let me know!

Stay cool,
Kaz Gary.102



Committee Chair Reports

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: VACANT, CGS Academic Affairs, Chair
DATE: June 27, 2025
RE: Academic Affairs Chair Report

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

Primary Mode of Work: Advocacy

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TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Holly Engel, Arts and Culture Chair
DATE: June 27, 2025
RE: Arts and Culture Chair's Report

Hello,

There are no updates this month for Arts and Culture.

Have a nice day!

Engel.210



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: VACANT, Diversity & Inclusion Chair
DATE: JUNE 27, 2025
RE: Diversity & Inclusion Chair's Report

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

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



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Charlie Mace, Government Affairs Chair
DATE: June 27, 2025
RE: Government Affairs Chair's Report

Hi everyone!

The Government Affairs Committee has not started any activities for the fall yet, but we will hold our first meeting around the start of the semester! Reach out if you would like to get involved. The Senate Bill 1 referendum petition failed to collect enough signatures to move forward ([link](#)). If successful, the petition would have postponed the effective date of SB1, and put a referendum to repeal the law on the November ballot. Learn more about Ohio ballot initiatives [here](#)!

Mace.103



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Jon Fritz, Graduate Caucus Chair
DATE: July 11, 2025
RE: Graduate Caucus Chair's Report

Hi all,

Nothing to report for Grad Caucus, just excited to be in the position for this year!

Best,

Fritz.288



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Bryan Perez Soto, Graduate Compensation and Benefits (University Senate
Committee) Report
DATE: June 27, 2025
RE: Graduate Compensation and Benefits Chair's Report

Hello friends,
Nothing to report on this month.

Have a nice warm summer,

PerezSoto.2



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Tinu Oduloye, Graduate Student Affairs Chair
DATE: July 11, 2025
RE: Graduate Student Affairs Chair's Report

Hi everyone,

The last couple of weeks I have been working on talking with OUAB about partnering on a few events this upcoming year, like Flicks for Free. I am still working on a date to meet with them to do more planning, but I have talked to someone briefly in person. Otherwise, there are no major updates. GSA plans to have our first meeting at the beginning of the fall semester. Please reach out if you have any questions or have any ideas for GSA!

Thank you,

Oduloye.1



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Deb Pathak and Luke Van Niel, Health, Wellness, and Safety Chair
DATE: June 27, 2025
RE: Health, Wellness, and Safety Chair's Report

Dear CGS,
Planning for the 2nd Accessibility Stakeholders' Symposium is in full swing! Join us on October 7th 2025 for a day of advocacy and community building focused on accessibility on campus! Plus free catered meals and CGS/HWS swag! Stay tuned for more information.
And please don't hesitate to reach out if you would like to join the Symposium planning or have advocacy needs we can support!
Happy summer!

Sincerely,
Pathak.89 & Vanniel.5



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Lauren Levesque, Housing and Family Affairs Chair
DATE: June 27, 2025
RE: Housing and Family Affairs Chair's Report

Hello,

Here are the updates for the 3 major items on HAFA's to-do list:

1. **Housing Survey:** Discussed ideas with Chris Antjas (OCCSE Operations Manager) and Bryan Perez-Soto (GCBC Chair). Plan is to send the 1st draft of the survey by mid-July to: Sabrina Durso, Blue Lerner, Bryan Perez-Soto, Chris Antjas, and Jennifer Kephass (OCCSE Sr. Relationship Manager).
2. **Housing Education Workshop:** Co-sponsored with OCCSE and will happen sometime in October. I need to work with Sabrina to nail down a date.
3. **Grad Student Roommate Fair:** Co-sponsored with OCCSE and will happen sometime in the spring semester (February?). OCCSE typically starts looking at spring calendar shortly after welcome week.

Best,

Levesque.31



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Kaustubh Kumar and Ashutosh Soni, International Student Affairs Chair
DATE: July 11, 2025
RE: International Student Affairs Chair's Report

Hi Everyone,

There are no major updates. Most of the existing ISAC members will continue for the upcoming academic year. Our mission and vision are stated below.

Primary Mode of Work: Advocacy, Events

The International Student Affairs Committee (ISAC) aims to create a more inclusive, assistive, and cooperative experience for all graduate students at Ohio State, particularly international students. The committee intends to facilitate useful information and resources (like news digests, tax information sessions, etc.) and advocate for a vibrant and interconnected student community so that international students have the support they need to excel at OSU. By improving communications and partnerships with the Office of International Affairs (OIA), the Graduate School, and other relevant offices and student organizations across the campus, ISAC fosters an environment in which they can effectively address the challenges and support the unique needs of international graduate students.

Wishing everyone a fruitful month ahead,

Kumar.889 & Soni.117



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Aryn Robinson and Katie Conner, Membership Wellness Chair
DATE: July 11, 2025
RE: Membership Wellness Chair's Report

Hi everyone,

Nothing to report from Membership Wellness. Contact us if you have any ideas for the upcoming year!

Membership Shoutouts

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

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

Thank you,

Robinson.2283 & Conner.280



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Bill Wang and Shiddharta Ramprakash, Research and Data Operations Chair
DATE: July 11, 2025
RE: Research and Data Operations Chair's Report

Hi all,

There is nothing to be updated for RDO.

Best,

Wang.13945 & Ramprakash.4



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

Hi everyone,

We planned meetings with contacts from FOD, Student Life, and the Sustainability Institute to discuss our plans for next year. We will have these over the next few weeks!

Thanks!

Amstutz.87 & Ortbahn.1