



**COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS**

# Delegate Packet

March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Location: The Bolder Room, Raney House & Zoom



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# Agenda

General Delegate Meeting | 13 March 2026 | Bolder Room, Raney House & Zoom

1. **CAMPUS CONNECTIONS** [3:30 PM]
  - 1.1 Jennifer Kephass from Off-Campus and Commuter Student Engagement
2. **CALL TO ORDER** [4:00 PM]
  - 2.1. **“To effectively advocate and program to ensure that The Ohio State University graduate student experience is the best it can be.”**
3. **ROLL CALL** [5 min]
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** [5 min]
5. **OFFICER REPORTS** [30 min]
  - 5.1. President’s Report – Sabrina Durso.19
  - 5.2. Interim Vice President’s Report – Lydia Gokey.5
  - 5.3. Treasurer’s Report – Adam Tjoelker.4
  - 5.4. Secretary’s Report – Kaz Gary.102
  - 5.5. Parliamentarian’s Report – Andy Vance.128
  - 5.6. Chief of Staff’s Report – Blue Lerner.111
6. **COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS** [40 min]
  - 6.1. Academic Affairs – Anastasia Shikanova.1 & Danwyn Aranha.7
  - 6.2. Arts and Culture – Holly Engel.210
  - 6.3. Diversity & Inclusion – Johnathan Chisam.1
  - 6.4. Government Affairs– Charlie Mace.103
  - 6.5. Graduate Caucus – Jon Fritz.288
  - 6.6. Graduate Compensation and Benefits – Bryan Perez Soto (PerezSoto.2)
  - 6.7. Graduate Student Affairs – Tinu Oduloye.1
  - 6.8. Health, Wellness, and Safety – Deb Pathak.89 & Luke Van Niel (Vanniel.5)
  - 6.9. Housing and Family Affairs – Lauren Levesque.31
  - 6.10. International Student Affairs – Ashutosh Soni.117
  - 6.11. Membership Wellness – Aryn Robinson.2283 & Katie Conner.280
  - 6.12. Research and Data Operations – Bill Wang.13945 & Shiddharta Ramprakash.4
  - 6.13. Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility – Casey Ortbahn.1 & Katelyn Amstutz.87
7. **OLD BUSINESS** [10 min]
  - 7.1. Reapportionment Vote
8. **NEW BUSINESS** [1 hour]
  - 8.1 Officer Elections
  - 8.2 Senator Nominations
  - 8.3 ACT 2526-SP-001: A RESOLUTION REGARDING THE SUSTAINABILITY IMPACTS OF GENERATIVE ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE



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- 9. **SPECIAL ORDER ITEM** [30 min]
    - 9.1. Delegate Issues and Concerns
  - 10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** [5 min]
    - 10.1 **Next General Delegate Meeting: Friday, April 3 at 3:30pm (Senate Chambers & Zoom)**
  - 11. **ADJOURNMENT** 6:40 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 | 13 FEBRUARY 2026 | Senate Chambers, Ohio Union & Zoom

1. **CAMPUS CONNECTIONS** **3:30 PM**
  - 1.1 Research and Data Operations' Data Bootcamp
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**
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
  - Motion to approve by **Levesque.31**
  - Seconded by **Rogers.1843**
  - Approved by CGS Majority
5. **OFFICER REPORTS** **4:01 PM**
  - 5.1. President's Report – Sabrina Durso.19
    - 5.1.1) **Executive Committee:**
      - Seating Folks: Sat Investigation Committee by 1/19, Orgs and Elects by 1/22, and Hayes by 1/28
      - Hayes Apology (draft to be included in next slide before meeting)
      - Statement about ASC Spring Career Fair – Met with Horn, Response from Provost:
        - Our student body is extremely diverse with students looking for employment across a wide variety of fields, and I believe that it is the university's role to provide the broadest possible opportunities for students looking for employment. One of the ways we do that is by not limiting lawful employers from engaging with our students and we want to be thoughtful in not to be making decisions for them. I am confident that based on the education and citizenship skills students gain at Ohio State, our students will make their own judgements in choosing to engage with employers that they feel are matches for their skills, experience and values. It is our responsibility as leaders to facilitate opportunities that are in service of the interests of all students, faculty and staff, even if some disagree with it. However, it is never our intention for anyone to feel unsafe, and the university has many resources to support students
      - Ray and CDG chairs getting paid and new emails!
    - 5.1.2) **Over the Past Month:**
      - Grad School: Accommodations Resolution AND Leave Policy Recommendations being acted upon
      - Steering: Advocated for ICE Guidance and leniency for in-person attendance policies
      - Around the Oval: TBD
    - 5.1.3) **Working on:**
      - Academic Regalia Lending Library: Only 8 at the moment, 22 on the way
      - 70th Anniversary: Contacted Alumni, Working on Archival Finds
      - Individual Student Issues: Contact me!
    - 5.1.4) **Officer and Senator Elections:**
      - Officer and Senator elections are coming!
      - Please consider contacting current officers and senators if you're interested in shadowing the job!
      - Do remember, the President and Vice President are 50% FTE positions



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

5.2.1) **Hayes Forum 2026:**

- Complete:
  - On day-of presentation, judges recruitment e-mail sent to all the deans via Graduate School mailing list. A second e-mail is scheduled for next week.
  - Ohio Union book, catering and other org things have been confirmed and approved during the meeting on 2/6
  - Official invitations were sent on 2/5
  - Final notification of acceptance/rejection and the status of presentation
- Working on:
  - Volunteer recruitment – please share widely with folks in your departments and consider volunteering. We need as many people as we can get!
  - Program and schedule
  - UniPrint orders for day-of items
  - Ohio Union book, catering and other org things have been confirmed and approved during the meeting on 2/6
  - Official invitations were sent on 2/5
  - Final notification of acceptance/rejection and the status of presentation

5.2.2) **AU26-SU29 Reapportionment:**

- Reapportionment is ready for feedback from the Delegate Body. Please see AU26 – SU29 CGS Apportionment with Notes.pdf (attached to Delegate Packet). For information about CGS Apportionment, visiting Articles 2 and 8 of the CGS Bylaws and Standing Rules
- Reapportionment survey to collect feedback with close Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>
- Please consider contacting current officers and senators if you're interested in shadowing the job!
- Do remember, the President and Vice President are 50% FTE positions

5.2.3) **Spring '26 Election Schedule:**

- Officer Elections:
  - February 13th – Officer nominations/applications open at the CGS General Body meeting.
  - March 6th – Officer nominations/applications close at 11:59 p.m.
  - March 13th – Officer election day at/during the CGS General Body meeting.
- Senator Elections:
  - March 13th – Senator nominations/applications open at the CGS General Body meeting
  - March 27th – Senator nominations/applications close.
  - April 3rd – Senator elections at/during the CGS General Body meeting.
- Delegate Elections:
  - March 23-27th – email notification of delegate elections.
  - March 30th – Delegate nominations/applications are open ONLINE on the website.
  - April 10th – Delegate nominations/applications close.

5.3. Treasurer's Report – Adam Tjoelker.4

5.3.1) **Ray Travel Award**

- We had an incredible 92 applicants for the Ray Travel Award this funding period!
- A huge thank-you to the 19 judges who are serving, including 4 new judges (three of whom joined after my last-minute request!)
- New email address! [cgs-raytravel@osu.edu](mailto:cgs-raytravel@osu.edu)

5.3.2) **CGS Spending**

- We are still on track to support our planned events for the year!
- Please continue planning events with your committees!

5.4. Secretary's Report – Kaz Gary.102

5.4.1) **As Secretary:**



- If you're interested in being Secretary next year, don't hesitate to reach out to me :)
- 5.4.2) **As CDG Chair:**
- If Finally have our own inbox!
    - [cgs-cdg@osu.edu](mailto:cgs-cdg@osu.edu)
  - CDG Cycle 4 closed on February 1st! Judging is currently under way
  - More judges are always needed!

## 6. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

4:24 PM

- 6.1. Academic Affairs – Anastasia Shikanova.1 & Danwyn Aranha.7
- 6.1.1) **Discussed the GenAI survey with the Committee members**
- Feedback from committee members and the Research Ops (Bill & Sid)
  - Plans to present the data to the Provost
- 6.1.2) **Regalia party to be held in mid-April**
- In Union or Alumni House
  - Planning to be discussed with the Committee members on Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>
- 6.2. Arts and Culture – Holly Engel.210
- 6.2.1) **Open Mic Night**
- Thursday, Feb. 19 from 7-9pm, Sullivant 141
    - Catered by Lavash
  - IN BIG NEED OF PERFORMERS
    - You can win up to \$20 on your BuckID!
- 6.3. Government Affairs– Charlie Mace.103
- 6.3.1) **Committee Updates:**
- Last meeting: January 22<sup>nd</sup>, Next meeting: February 12<sup>th</sup>
  - Reach out if you are interested in chairing Government Affairs next year
  - February newsletter!
  - Advocacy toolkit workshop/panel
    - Looking for volunteers to help! Send them to [mace.103@osu.edu](mailto:mace.103@osu.edu)
- 6.3.2) **Government Updates and Reminders:**
- Most federal budget bills passed, but DHS funding has not
  - Primary elections are in May and the deadline to register to vote is April 6<sup>th</sup>
  - Keep an eye out for ballot initiative petitions
  - Several high profile initiatives on property taxes, LGBTQ rights, marijuana, legislation and qualified immunity are mentioned in Dispatch article (link will be in the newsletter)
- 6.4. Graduate Caucus – Jon Fritz.288
- 6.4.1) **January Senate Meeting:**
- Senate convened remotely on January 26th. Highlights included President Carter's comments on the campus community and snowstorms, approval of several academic programs and rules, and a presentation from Public Safety on ICE guidance. Primary elections are in May and the deadline to register to vote is April 6<sup>th</sup>
  - The next mtg will take place later this month on February 26, 2026, 3:30-5pm, in Sullivant Hall 220 (weather permitting)
- 6.5. Graduate Compensation and Benefits – Bryan Perez Soto (PerezSoto.2)
- 6.5.1) **General Updates:**
- We have been granted another 8% increase to the graduate associate stipend! A few committees have elected to include updates in the Grad Caucus report, but most have no updates.
- 6.5.2) **GCBC Report:**



- This year's report will have 4 topics
  - Stipend
  - Full-year funding model
  - Housing
  - Retirement
  - Data will include
    - Housing survey
    - GradSERU (23 – 25)
    - Big10 stipends
    - And more!

6.6. Graduate Student Affairs – Tinu Oduloye.1

6.6.1) **Graduate Student Appreciation Week 2026:**

- Dates: April 6 – 10, 2026
- Less than 2 months away from GSAW 2026!
- All RFPs submitted and approved; swag ordering underway
- Connected with campus partners for GSAW tabling and resources
  - 3 of 5 partners confirmed; finalizing remaining partners
- Committee met on January 21<sup>st</sup> to review progress and next steps
- Remember to tell your department, so they can celebrate you!
- Met with Housing & Family Affairs and Off-Campus & Commuter Student Engagement to confirm contributions
  - Interested in chairing Graduate Student Affairs next year, please reach out to me!
- Volunteer Sign-Up:
  - Volunteers needed throughout GSAW week
  - Assistance with tabling & Game Night
  - Great way to support fellow graduate students and CGS events
  - Link: [go.osu.edu/gsaw2026volunteer](https://go.osu.edu/gsaw2026volunteer)

6.6.2) **Instructional Kitchen Events:**

- Registration is now open!
- Two Instructional Kitchen sessions during GSAW
- Students may register for one date only
- Link: [go.osu.edu/gsawcooks](https://go.osu.edu/gsawcooks)

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

6.7.1) **HWS members have voted, and here are our goals for the Spring!**

- We'll host 1-2 half-day Spring events:
  - Hack Day/Mapping Barriers Event (voted #1)
  - Community Day/Diverse Identities Discussion Event (voted #2)
- We're renaming the Annual Accessibility Stakeholders' Symposium!
  - Any new name suggestions super welcome!
- We've voted to brand the Symposium as an annual official CGS event (similar to Hayes)

6.8. Housing and Family Affairs – Lauren Levesque.31

6.8.1) **Housing Survey**

- Goal: 800 responses
- Closing on February 28<sup>th</sup>
- As of February 13<sup>th</sup> (1:45 PM): 284 responses
- Up from 193 responses on January 15<sup>th</sup>
- Continue sharing with you constituents

6.8.2) **Grad Roommate Fair**

- Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 5 – 7 PM



- Milestone Room at the Ohio Union
  - Refreshments will be served
  - Flyer will be out soon
- 6.8.3) **Off-Campus Housing Resources**
- Shared in the last delegate digests
  - Please work with your department to share with prospective grad students
- 6.9. International Student Affairs – Ashutosh Soni.117
- 6.9.1) **Tax Workshop:**
- Tax season is coming up, and I am working with Sabrina to find ways we can organize a tax workshop to help students with their questions.
  - OSU has moved from GLACIER to Sprintax this time.
  - Sprintax itself organizes multiple webinars to help with taxes.
  - More information on OIA's website - <https://oia.osu.edu/international-students/life-ohio-state/taxes-and-taxpayer-id>
- 6.9.2) **Sharing your story:**
- Trying to get entries from students this time.
  - Working to create the form and drafting the email to be sent soon.
- 6.9.3) **Looking for Co-Chair:**
- Anyone interested can please reach out to me and/or Sabrina.
  - Need someone to take charge when I am unavailable and vice-versa.
- 6.10. Research and Data Operations – Bill Wang.13945 & Shiddharta Ramprakash.4
- 6.10.1) **General Updates**
- We hope you enjoyed the workshop!
  - Housing and GenAI survey analysis
- 6.11. Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility – Casey Ortbahn.1 & Katelyn Amstutz.87
- 6.11.1) **General update:**
- We submitted an RFP for our Time for Change Week event, Art with Plants!
  - April 2, 5pm-8pm at the Hansford Quadrangle
  - We continue to research the sustainability impacts of AI on OSU's campus
  - We have a new website with a sustainability resources web page, which you can check out, share, and let us know if you have any resources that we should add!
- 6.11.2) **FOD Sustainability:**
- We also met with FOD Sustainability this month and have some opportunities and reminders:
    - Certify your lab or office as sustainable with the [Green Buckeyes](#) certification. Having this certification also means you will get additional information and opportunities to improve your lab/office sustainability in the future!
    - Get funding for sustainability-related projects and events on campus! OSEP funding applications are due March 26, 2026, see [here](#) for more details.
    - Get free composting bins through FOD's composting program, which you can sign up for [here](#). Drop-off sites can be found [here](#).
      - Also, please fill out [this quick survey](#) (it's literally just one question) to let SERC know where you would like to see new compost drop-off locations on campus.
- 6.11.3) **Sustainability Tip:**
- Turn down the brightness on your devices: going from 100% to 70% brightness can save 20% of your monitor's energy. - [King's College London](#)
  - In addition to turning off devices when they're not in use, try to conserve energy by adjusting your electronics' settings.
  - Dark mode is not always the answer, just lower the brightness.
    - Dark mode, while seeming to use less energy, often causes users to turn their brightness up.



- Adjust your sleep settings
- A desktop computer can use up to 320 watts of energy when in use – but only 5-10 watts when in sleep mode.
- Try to reduce device usage overall
  - While this is not always possible, it is a good overall life goal. Not only will you reduce energy consumption, but your sleep cycle will thank you!

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

6.12.1) **Bingo:**

- Intellectual Wellness Bingo Challenge
  - Find attached to the Delegate Packet email
- Bingo Challenge
  - Each completed Bingo challenge = one raffle entry
  - Due March 20<sup>th</sup>

6.12.2) **Taste of CGS – Vol. II:**

- Submissions will close Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

6.12.3) **Upcoming Event: Byrd Polar Tour**

- Thursday, February 26 5p-6:30p
  - RSVP by Friday, February 13

6.12.4) **Membership Wellness Socials Feature**

- [Go.osu.edu/mw\\_socials\\_poll](http://Go.osu.edu/mw_socials_poll)
- Help us show folks who we are!
  - "Lightning Round" Interview Series
  - Short questions to show people who our members are, what they do, interests, etc.
- "Day in the Life" Posts
  - Showing videos and photos of an average day in a CGSers' life
  - Can be located anywhere (i.e., not restricted to Columbus Campus only)

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

4:56 PM

7.1. Investigation Committee Discussion and Vote

7.1.1) **Presentation of Committee Report**

- **Lerner.111:** This report is the result of several weeks' worth of investigation. We considered both the original motion and the response from the Vice President. Additionally, we also interviewed several relevant individuals and reviewed any written relevant material. We found that the Vice President was given enough time, support and materials in order to complete her responsibilities. Regarding the Vice President's discharge of duties in managing CGS elections, committee assignments, and record keeping, the committee largely finds that reasonable and customary processes have not been followed. Regarding the Vice President's reapportionment responsibilities as Chair of the Elections and Organization Committee, we were unable to determine if Vice President Zaitseva fulfilled her responsibilities due to ambiguity of the CGS Constitution and bylaws with respect to the reapportionment timeline. Regarding organization of the Hays Forum, we find compelling evidence of a consistent pattern of issues related to a lack of communication and a lack of attention to detail surrounding the judging process, from recruitment of judges forward, continuing to the time of this report's submission to the delegate body. Regarding overarching concerns about transparency and communication, we find support for the claim that issues were brought to the attention of Vice President Zaitseva at multiple points during the academic year and that offers of support were not accepted. Vice President Zaitseva has not been sufficiently transparent with the Council about issues that have arisen related to her discharge of duties. The committee has elected not to provide a formal recommendation to the Council. Rather, it is up to the voting members of the Council to use the information obtained during the investigation to inform any further action taken in accordance with CGS Constitution and bylaws.
- **Lerner.111:** Following the presentation of these findings at this meeting, if the Council finds sufficient cause to proceed with the removal of the Vice President, a motion to proceed with removal requires a two-thirds majority vote. If approved, removal will occur effective



immediately. If a vacancy occurs via the removal process, as detailed in Article 10, Section 8 of the CGS Constitution, the President may appoint an interim officer subject to approval by a simple majority vote of the Executive Board. An election to complete the current academic year 25-26 term of any vacated position must be held no later than the second regular meeting of the Council following removal. As a committee, we will answer any questions from the Council about the contents of our report, provided that they fall within the parameters of our investigation, in the interest of providing sufficient information for voting members of the Council to make their decisions about next steps. Thank you.

#### 7.1.2) Vice President's Response

- **Zaitseva.1:** I appreciate the time that I have to respond to the motion as well as your report. I am willing to answer any questions after this part of the meeting. I'll follow up on some things that have been addressed since the report came out on February 10<sup>th</sup>. I will start with Hayes: we already talked about judge recruitment, issues with judging and feedback. I hope you found that comprehensive enough. If not, please let me know and I'm happy to talk about it more. All pages have been updated on the CGS website to the best of my ability. There were certain things about the delegate page that I could not update sooner because I was waiting on confirmation from the Grad School on delegate standings. I am still working on the election process. As you saw in the report, the run-off elections in Spring rolled into Summer. I reached out to people to ask if they still wanted to do a run-off election in Spring, so that is going to have to happen next week. I realize I fumbled on this part and the process was not clear to me.

#### 7.1.3) General Delegate Body deliberation

- **Harper.932:** I move to update the report with the Vice President's progress since the last general delegate meeting.
- **Mace.103** seconds
- Approved by CGS Majority
- **Levesque.31** motions to enter into a discussion about the Investigation Committee's report
- **Gokey.5** seconds
- Approved by CGS Majority
- **Durso.19:** Since Andy, our Parliamentarian, is not here, I will do my best to serve in that role.
- **Levesque.31:** Can you comment on what other people besides President Durso that Anna had conversations with? Specifically, Anna mentioned she never heard any negative feedback from Student Life
- **Lerner.111:** The Committee only talked with the people in the document. The most relevant person in this case was Anna Sullivan-Kvam. She said that she had brought these things up to Anna before and offered help previously.
- **Levesque.31:** That was with Student Life?
- **Lerner.111:** Yes
- **Harper.932:** Any point in time during the investigation, did you find that there was a built-in accountability process pertaining to the Hayes Research Symposium?
- **Lerner.111:** You mean besides the monthly reports to the Council?
- **Harper.932:** Yes
- **Durso.19:** The monthly reports are supposed to serve as an accountability process because the Council is supposed to check them. There's no other built-in process.
- **Harper.932:** Did Student Life ever present any written documentation, within guidelines, of their conversations with the Vice President and exactly what was said?
- **Lerner.111:** For the most part, specifics of that type were beyond the scope of our investigation, because we had a month. We didn't have a lot of time to investigate really specific things, so we don't have documentation from those meetings.
- **Pizzulo.2:** We were offered e-mails with Student Life.
- **Harper.932:** Did you guys look through those e-mails?
- **Pizzulo.2:** No
- **Lerner.111:** To be clear, we did not look through them because we thought our conversations with Anna Sullivan-Kvam were sufficient and we had time constraints that meant we could not go through everything to present to the Council.



- **Harper.932:** Follow-up, at any point in time during those conversations, did they mention how many times issues were brought up in conversation?
- **DillmanHasso.1:** No not to my recollection, it had been mentioned to her multiple times they said.
- **Gokey.5:** There was not a specific number of times. Anna Sullivan-Kvam said conversations started in early September, so to our knowledge, there were many conversations had between early September and when the motion was brought forward in January.
- **Fritz.288:** You mentioned that Anna Zaitseva put something on the Hayes RFP without Adam's approval, was there any conversations or consequences to this action?
- **Lerner.111:** It was addressed by Student Life who returned the RFP to the Treasurer and there were conversations on processes going forward.
- **Harper.932:** Was this the one and only time that this issue was raised?
- **Lerner.111:** Yes
- **Fernandez.412** motions to end discussion
- **Gokey.5** seconds
- Approved by **CGS Majority**

#### 7.1.4) Vote for Results of the Investigation

- Investigation Report is accepted by **CGS Majority**
- **Akintade.3:** I move to provide a written reprimand
- **Mace.103** seconds
- Motion does not pass by 2/3 majority vote
- **Mace.103** motions to enter a discussion session about a written reprimand
- **Gokey.5** seconds
- Approved by **CGS Majority**
- **Harper.932:** Can someone clarify why we decided on the written reprimand?
- **Mace.103:** I believe CGS would not benefit from removing Anna from her office now that we are nearing the end of the year. It will take a lot of effort to onboard someone.
- **Akintade.3:** That's exactly what I was going to say. I do not know if there's anyone who can step up immediately. If we don't have anyone, then we're leaving these positions without someone.
- **Rego.17:** What are the consequences of a written reprimand?
- **Durso.19:** Nothing beyond the reprimand. I can CC the Dean and admin, but that's it.
- **Harper.932:** To answer the question, reprimands are just slaps on the wrists essentially.
- **Fritz.288:** I respect the reprimand is a solution, but I don't think it is the solution. I'm not sure I'm for the reprimand but I don't think I'm for removal.
- **Durso.19:** It is my duty as President to appoint an Interim as soon as possible, so if that's what you're concerned about, I will have to appoint one by Monday.
- **Akintade.3:** If you have someone in mind, are you sure they're capable of doing the VP's job?
- **Durso.19:** I don't feel comfortable giving that information at this time.
- **Engel.210:** if there is a possibility of something in between the written reprimand and full removal?
- **Harper.932:** I don't think in our bylaws there is an in-between. There's no process for suspension, so I'm not sure we can find an in-between. I think reprimand has already happened and my biggest concern is the RFP submitted with another officer's signature. Do you find it more important to continue the continuity of our government?
- **Mace.103:** I don't see the point. I think seeing her removed will create more effort in the immediate time. I do not feel entirely comfortable voting for removal since the report did not have the time for more substantial evidence like the e-mails from Student Life. Additionally, I have concerns about how this removal might impact her employment status with Student Life.
- **Durso.19:** According to the Graduate School, HR and Grad School will have to do their own investigation. If we remove her, Anna would have to pay for the fees in her semester. Her student status would not be taken away from this.
- **Mace.103:** Just to be clear, only a Code of Conduct violation would get her student status taken away and her fees unauthorized correct?
- **Saephan.2:** This line of questioning is not relevant to the motion at hand.



- **Mace.103:** The information I was asking for will inform my vote.
- **Connor.280:** For the issues of continuity, the job is already being done by other people. We already have a safety net put in place by the President, I would point out this is already being done. This person accepted this rule and stepped up, said they could do the job, and then did not.
- **Harper.932:** The Parliamentary duties fall on President Durso because Andy is not here. While I respect my colleague's parliamentary knowledge, ultimately it is up to Sabrina.
- **Fernandez.412:** Based on the information and my confidence in the Executive Officers, I believe that the rest of the team will find a solution. I think there has already been sufficient reprimand. I do not think it's a sufficient solution.
- **DillmanHasso.1:** We're having a lot of conversations about stuff that are not relevant to a reprimand.
- **Saephan.2:** We can vote to suspend the motion if you wish.
- **Harper.932:** If you postpone a motion indefinitely, are you able to discuss the topics of the motion later in the meeting?  
**Saephan.2:** We are not postponing indefinitely. A delegate needs to move to suspend the motion or they can move to amend the motion. Committee's report has been made and accepted.
- **Levesque.31:** I would like to move to amend the motion from reprimand to removal.
- **Fernandez.412** seconds
- Approved by **CGS Majority**
- **Levesque.31:** I would like to move to end the discussion and go into a vote.
- **Harper.932:** I would object to that motion. This vote sets a precedent that we can move directly from a conversation about reprimand to removal and needs to be in the back of the minds of all people.
- **Pizzulo.2:** I agree with points already been made about opinions, however I would hope that all my voting colleagues read through the report.
- **Saephan.2:** Motion on the floor to end the discussion must be approved with a 2/3 majority
- Approved by **2/3 CGS Majority**

## 8. NEW BUSINESS

5:58 PM

### 8.1 Officer Nominations

#### 8.1.1) President:

- **PerezSoto.2** accepts
- **Oduloye.1** think about it
- **Lerner.111** will be notified via e-mail

#### 8.1.2) Vice-President:

- **Lerner.111** will be notified via e-mail
- **Oduloye.1** think about it

#### 8.1.3) Treasurer:

- **Tjoelker.4** declines
- **Ramprakash.4** declines
- **Levesque.31** think about it
- **Harper.932** think about it

#### 8.1.4) Secretary:

- **Harper.932** declines
- **Engel.210** notified via e-mail
- **Pizzulo.2** declines
- **Robinson.2283** notified via e-mail
- **Lerner.111** notified via e-mail



## 8.2 Reapportionment Discussion

### 8.2.1) Feedback Survey

- **Robinson.2283:** The biggest change from this last year was our total number of seats was changed from 150 to 149. We're allowed to have 150 seats +/- 1.
- See Articles 2 and 8 of the CGS Bylaws & Standing Rules for more information
- See AU26-SU29 CGS Apportionment with Notes (Proposed)
  - PDF attached to Delegate Packet
- Please complete the survey to give feedback
  - Survey will close Fri, Feb 27th

## 9. SPECIAL ORDER ITEM

6:16 PM

### 9.1. Delegate Issues and Concerns

#### 9.1.1) College of Engineering Fees

- **Harper.932:** The College of Engineering is looking at adding additional fees for graduate students.
- **Durso.19:** Already working on it. They are trying to charge graduate students fees for technology.

#### 9.1.2) Hayes Compliance

- **Pizzulo.2:** I had someone who reached out to me about following up about a Hayes application. She hasn't gotten a final answer and was rejected for formatting issues. She e-mailed the Hayes inbox but never received an answer.
- **Durso.19:** There is a compliancy period for the Hayes Research Forum. That entire process was legitimate, so she was rejected based upon formatting and compliance issues with her application.

#### 9.1.3) FOD Sidewalk Shoveling

- **Connor.280:** A few people in my department reported sidewalks needing to be shoveled. We wanted to follow-up with FOD about what a reasonable turnaround time is for shoveling sidewalks.
- **Durso.19:** I will get a response. From my understanding, FOD was very responsive to requests about ice outside buildings.

#### 9.1.4) SLS International Student Tax Workshops

- **Aladyeva.1:** Regarding the International Student Tax Workshops, is there any assistance offered through the university to international students about taxes?
- **Durso.19:** We're allowed to go to Student Legal to talk about those tax issues. That is why OIA partnered with them for the Tax Workshops.
- **Aladyeva.1:** If they don't pay the legal services fee, are they still able to go?
- **Durso.19:** Everyone has paid that unless they've opted out.

#### 9.1.5) Roads on West Campus

- **PerezSoto.2:** Who do I complain to about the roads? The West Campus roads are terrible.
- **Durso.19:** I can add that to Facilities and Operations, we can reach out to the University
- **Harper.932:** What road are you asking for? It determines jurisdiction.
- **PerezSoto.2:** Road that goes by CarMax.
- **Harper.932:** Ah, ok that is within OSU's jurisdiction. You can always call 311 as well for city roads.
- **Amstutz.97:** 311 has an app, so I've been reporting all the local roads not being plowed.

#### 9.1.6) Delegates Not Receiving Packet

- **Ford.40:** I did not get this month's Delegate Packet in my inbox.
- **Durso.19:** Follow up with me and Kaz after the Meeting. We've had a number of people who haven't received it.



#### 9.1.7) Hayes Feedback Concerns

- **YeramsettyPrashant.1:** I have some concerns with Hayes judging feedback. In biomedical engineering, some feedback was great but the actual scores were not good. We brought up the idea of having two poster sessions, perhaps one for those who had been rejected but got good scores?
- **Durso.19:** The problem with adding more sessions is because we rely on faculty time for judging. If we go over that, then there are problems with students getting judged. It's a time constraint issue.
- **Connor.280:** Faculty only have 8 minutes to judge, some faculty go over which presents scheduling issues. Budget and space is maxed out. There would need to be a huge uptick in the budget from the Grad School and ERIK.
- **Durso.19:** We have talked about these issues with administration. It was really hard for us to get judges to re-score the applications.
- **Lerner.111:** Did this occur the first or second time the scores were re-evaluated?
- **YeramsettyPrashant.1:** It was across the board both times. The feedback was maybe 1-2 sentences.
- **Durso.19:** It's really dependent of how much feedback the faculty will give.

#### 9.1.8) Hot Water Concerns

- **DillmanHasso.1:** There's no hot water in the second and fourth floors in the bathrooms in Kottman Hall on Midwest campus.
- **Durso.19:** Send me an e-mail, I can send your concerns to FOD and also the Dean.

#### 9.1.9) Federal Tax Fee Promo Code

- **Unknown CGSer:** OIA provides a promo code that waives the federal tax fee, but not the state tax fee. There was no information sent out about this.
- **Durso.19:** I will send an e-mail to OIA to make sure it's being shared.
- **Sonalkar.3:** I had a few students asking me about this. I told them to talk to Mark Gokel. Who should we contact at OIA?
- **Unknown CGSer:** Yeah, I can share it with everyone.

#### 9.1.10) Presidential Fellowship Timeline

- **Sonalkar.3:** I'm not sure about the Presidential Fellowship but I've heard from my department that it's a 3-semester fellowship. The timeline for the application says it has to start in the Fall and the three semesters are spring, summer and fall. Most people graduate in spring or summer so I wonder if there's a way to optimize it for most grad students' schedules.
- **Durso.19:** I can talk with Dean Stromberger and see what the reason is.
- **Sequieria.23:** I had a colleague who had the same problem. However, it can be 1 or 2, it doesn't have to be 3 semesters left.
- **Sonalkar.3:** All of the work to put into it is not worth it for 1 or 2 semesters of funding. The timelines do not work for those who wish to pursue academic jobs after graduation.
- **Pizzulo.2:** You can select your semesters, so you may be able to select summer, fall and spring semesters.
- **Durso.19:** I'll make sure to send this to Dean Stromberger and ask for more clarification on the website.

#### 9.1.11) Public Transportation Introduction for International Students

- **Harper.932:** Many international students have issues with navigating the public transportation here at Ohio State. Is there a way to put this in some sort of introduction/orientation?
- **Levesque.31:** That is something I and HAFA could work with the OCCSE.
- **Sivakumar.87:** They have a COTA bus workshop in the international student workshop. Maybe we can ask OIA if we can have more sessions or just put that information onto the website.
- **Durso.19:** I will talk to OIA to make sure that it's more clearly on the website.
- **Harper.932:** They've disseminated a lot of the information already. I think something more interactive and engaging would be more beneficial



9.1.12) **Text-to-Speech options for Graduate Students**

- **Gary.102:** A student in the Department of Astronomy is having a hard time using the University's text-to-speech software Read&Write. It won't read Greek letters or equations which are important for reading STEM material. Who do we contact about this to get accommodations?
- **Durso.19:** They want to contact Ohians with Disabilities and they will provide a laptop and software instead of Ohio State.
- **Chisam.1** moves to end Delegate Issues and Concerns early
- **Harper.932** seconds
- Approved by **CGS Majority**

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**6:45 PM**

**10.1 Next General Delegate Meeting: Friday, March 13 at 3:30pm (The Bolder Room, Raney House & on Zoom)**

**10.2 CGS votes to remove Vice President Anna Zaitseva.1 from her position**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**6:46 PM**



## Officer Reports

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
FROM: Sabrina Durso, President  
DATE: March 8, 2026  
RE: President's Report

Dear brilliant CGSers,

SPRING BREAK IS STARTING NOW! YAY! YOU'VE MADE IT! I hope you are able to take a moment to relax and reflect on all of the hard work you've completed this academic year! Go on all the adventures, get all the sun, and have a blast!

**Additionally, Senator Elections will occur at our next monthly meeting! ASK A SENATOR ABOUT THEIR ROLE IF YOU'RE INTERESTED! We need good folks leading us next year!**

### Over the Past Month:

#### Executive Committee:

- VP Interim: Lydia Gokey.5 was appointed to be our Interim Vice President. Lydia will help out the next VP-Elect and did a ton to help me with Hayes and Elections. Do note, the VP-Elect will work with Katie Conner, a past VP, to run Delegate elections. All other Elections will be done by me, with the help of Aryn Robinson.
- Website Updates: ALL DONE! There were many folks who were and were not on the website, so please check it to make sure you're there. There were also two folks who were never elected to their seats that received an email from me—if you're not on the website and think you should be, SEND ME AN EMAIL.
- Exec Retreat: Exec went to an Escape Room for team bonding and then spent the rest of the day at the Union learning about ways to combat Burn Out and working on our transition materials. Thank you to Blue for all of your help!
- Grad/Prof Student Board of Trustee Search Committee: Five candidates were sent to the governor for selection.
- REAL Grad Mentoring Initiative: We met with the leader of this organization to establish a graduate student mentoring initiative with their organization, of which the Grad School encouraged us to do. The Mentorship Program aims to have college students mentor middle and high school students to think that education is cool instead of "corny." They do this by showing how gaining an education can better your community. They will most likely visit CGS at our May General Body Meeting. So far, it seems the volunteer time commitment would be once a week for a semester if you wanted to be a mentor. More information to come soon, and let me know if you'd be interested. Visit REALest2020.com for more information!

#### Graduate School:

- Attempting to find emergency grant funding for grads—more to come soon!
- Looking at ways to remove barriers that are making timelines extended.
- The Accommodations Resolution is being acted upon! I'm on the Committee and I'm hoping to have an additional seat soon.

### Working On:

- Academic PhD Regalia Lending Library: Blue and I will be working the week of the CGS meeting to notify folks on if they won the lottery! We hope to have at least

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14 folks in CGS PhD regalia for Spring Commencement, as we are still waiting on the rest of the order to come in.

- 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Blue and I went to the Archives and found all sorts of fun stuff to pull for the 70<sup>th</sup>!
- Delegate Issues: I had a lot of cleaning up to do regarding our past VP. I promise I'm working on these issues and will get back to you all at the next meeting.

I hope you all have a FANTASTIC SPRING BREAK and find all the ways to take care of yourself,

Sabrina Durso.19



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
FROM: Lydia Gokey, Interim Vice President  
DATE: March 8, 2025  
RE: Interim Vice President's Report

Dear wonderful humans,

I am so ecstatic to be serving as your Interim Vice President. This has been a wild ride so far, but I am so grateful for this opportunity. Let's get into it!

### **HAYES:**

Hayes went WONDERFULLY! I want to extend a special thank you to the Sierra Johnson, Katie Conner, Blue Lerner, Sabrina Durso, the Hayes 2026 Committee, all our volunteers, and every single person involved in the process from day one. This would not have happened without every person involved in the process.

Also, I want to give a huge shoutout to every single winner! The goal of Hayes is getting presenters awards, and we were successful.

In total, we had 377 applicants, which were 15 post-docs and 362 graduate students. 75 abstracts were rejected for non-compliance (either advisor did not approve or did not follow formatting conventions). 287 were judged, of which 136 were impacted by the issues with ghost/non-responsive judges that caused the following incomplete scoring and incorrect presentation assignments issued (these were across 6 graduate academic areas). After the round of additional judge assignment and abstract scoring to address non-scored abstracts, we issued 113 oral/talk presentation slots offered, and 70 poster slots offered.

What's left to do:

- Send list of winners to Graduate School (so they get paid #moneybags)
- Leadership team to meet after spring break to debrief this year's issues and how to solve them so that next year goes smoother
- Inventory and cleanup of Hayes materials

### **ELECTIONS & REAPPORTIONMENT**

Officer Elections will happen today! Good luck to everyone who is running! Senator nominations will be occurring today during new business, and the Delegate election email will be going out the week of the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Aryn and I will also be presenting the Reapportionment Act during Old Business to vote on. Please read over the proposed Act and updated AY26-29 before the General Body Meeting!

Senator Election Timeline:

- March 13: Nominations/applications open during General Body meeting
- March 27: Nominations/applications close
- April 3: Elections open during General Body meeting

Delegate Election Timeline:

- Week of March 23: Emails sent out to students about elections
- March 30: Nominations/applications open ONLINE
- April 10: Nominations/applications close ONLINE
- April 22-29: Voting opens April 22 at 12pm and closes April 29 at 5pm

### **SAPPY REMARKS**

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I genuinely want to thank every single person along the way that has supported me in this process. You all know you are, and I love every single one of you dearly.

Best wishes,

Lydia Gokey



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
FROM: Adam Tjoelker, Treasurer  
DATE: March 6th, 2025  
RE: Treasurer's Report

Hello everyone,

Spring is finally here! I hope you all are enjoying the warmer weather. I have a few updates to share about the Ray Travel Award as well as general treasurer updates.

### Ray Travel Award

Congratulations to the 21 Ray Travel Award winners for Funding Period 4! We had a record number of applicants (92 total!), so the competition was extra high this period. I would also like to thank the 19 outstanding graduate student judges who volunteered to review applications during this period that had a higher than usual workload!

If you are interested in signing up to become a judge for the next application period for the Ray Travel Award, please send me an email to the new Ray email address! [cgs-raytravel@osu.edu](mailto:cgs-raytravel@osu.edu)  
Please continue to reach out to me with the new Ray Travel Award email address for official Ray-related questions and communications!

### CGS Finances

As we get closer to the end of the academic year, committee chairs should already have planned the last events for the semester. Thank you to all the committees who have planned events over the last month! Please see the table below for updated expenses for each committee and CGS budget line item:

Budget Section	Budget Sub-Section	Annual Budget	Budget Spent RFP
President's Projects	Discretionary	\$3,000.00	\$793.78
President's Projects	CGS 70th Anniversary Event	\$5,000.00	\$5,781.88
President's Projects	Global Gateway	\$5,000.00	\$1,745.00
Vice President's Projects	Hayes	\$13,000.00	\$27,850.69
Vice President's Projects	Grad Student Appreciation Week	\$15,000.00	\$14,822.86
Vice President's Projects	Discretionary	\$500.00	\$-
Executive Committee	Retreat	\$1,500.00	\$1,229.84
Executive Committee	Awards & Recognition	\$500.00	\$-
Executive Committee	Marketing	\$11,000.00	\$2,940.00
Executive Committee	Executive Discretionary	\$2,500.00	\$124.75
Internal Committees	Academic Affairs	\$1,500.00	\$-
Internal Committees	Arts & Culture	\$4,000.00	\$754.50
Internal Committees	Diversity and Inclusion	\$750.00	\$-
Internal Committees	International Student Affairs	\$3,000.00	\$326.24
Internal Committees	Grant Admin – Ray Travel Award & Career Development	\$750.00	\$-
Internal Committees	Health, Wellness, and Safety	\$4,000.00	\$2,099.04



Internal Committees	SERC	\$1,500.00	\$1,330.93
Internal Committees	Org. & Election	\$-	\$-
Internal Committees	Government Affairs	\$750.00	\$-
Internal Committees	Graduate Student Affairs	\$2,000.00	\$-
Internal Committees	Housing and Family Affairs	\$1,000.00	\$952.50
Internal Committees	Committees - Other	\$5,000.00	\$-
Internal Committees	Research and Data Operations	\$750.00	\$-
Internal Committees	Membership Wellness	\$1,500.00	\$1,315.05
Special Projects	Academic Regalia Lending Library	\$35,000.00	\$33,720.38
Intergovernmental Affairs	Intergovernmental Affairs Projects	\$1,000.00	\$-
Grant Funding	Career Development	\$12,500.00	\$8,009.08
Grant Funding	Ray Travel Award	\$40,000.00	\$32,258.32
Office Equipment and Technology	Copier	\$250.00	\$-
Office Equipment and Technology	Equipment	\$500.00	\$-
Office Equipment and Technology	Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$-
Office Equipment and Technology	Telephone	\$500.00	\$-
Office Equipment and Technology	Technology	\$5,364.00	\$6,078.00
Administrative	Campus Connections Speaker Series	\$16,000.00	\$17,440.98
Administrative	Organizational Development	\$1,500.00	\$1,507.36
Administrative	Travel	\$1,500.00	\$-
Administrative	Parking Passes	\$5,500.00	\$5,809.92
Administrative	Delegate Parking Reimbursement	\$500.00	\$-
Administrative	Secretary Stipend	\$2,000.00	\$-
Administrative	Treasurer Stipend	\$2,000.00	\$-
Administrative	Reserves	\$3,500.00	\$-
<b>Total:</b>		\$212,114.00	\$166,891.10
<b>Total Non-Grants:</b>		\$159,614.00	\$126,623.70

As always, please reach out if you have any questions!

Yours in service,  
Adam Tjoelker.4



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TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
FROM: Kaz Gary, Secretary  
DATE: March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
RE: Secretary's Report

Hi y'all,

**As Secretary:**

- Nothing from me!

**As CDG Chair:**

- CDG Cycle 4 results will go out Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>! I will present the results during the General Delegate Meeting on Friday 😊
  - Record number of applicants with 40 this cycle
  - **Thank you to all of the judges for stepping up!**

Best,  
Kaz Gary.102



## Committee Chair Reports

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
FROM: Danwyn Aranha and Anastasia Shikanova, CGS Academic Affairs, Chair  
DATE: March 8, 2026  
RE: Academic Affairs Chair Report

Hello,

We met on Feb 13 for the academic affairs meeting. We discussed ideas for the academic Regalia party. The Regalia party will be held during the last week of April at the Alumni house. We are coordinating the event with Sabrina and Blue

Best regards,

Aranha.7 & Shikanova.1



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TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
FROM: Holly Engel, Arts and Culture Chair  
DATE: March 13, 2026  
RE: Arts and Culture Chair's Report

Hello,

Arts & Culture's Open Mic Night back in February was a big success! We had about 30 attendees and six well-loved performances with overall positive views from both sides. Several people asked if this is an event that we'll do in the future, so if the Committee demonstrates interest, this event may occur again in the future. Thank you to all who participated and helped out!

A&C is still making plans for the rest of the semester. We are looking for more opportunities to use our Committee funding, so if there are other committees or events that would like to collaborate with us, let me know.

Goodbye,

Holly Engel.210



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TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
FROM: Johnathan Chisam, Diversity & Inclusion Chair  
DATE: March 07, 2026  
RE: Diversity & Inclusion Chair's Report

Hello,

The Diversity and Inclusion committee met on February 24<sup>th</sup> and further discussed our plans to hold a drag show in June. We are now seeking drag kings and queens from the OSU community who would be interested in performing at this event. If you know anyone who may be interested, please have them contact me!

Sunrise Conversations planning is ongoing. We have, as of March 7, a singular professor that has expressed interest in participating; we desperately need more. Please reach out to me, Chisam.1, if you know any professors who may be interested in participating.

Thanks,

Chisam.1



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TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
FROM: Charlie Mace, Government Affairs Chair  
DATE: March 8, 2026  
RE: Government Affairs Chair's Report

Hello everyone,

The next meeting of the Government Affairs Committee is March 12<sup>th</sup>, where we will discuss and make a decision on our potential public advocacy event.

Primary elections are May 5<sup>th</sup>! The deadline to register to vote is April 6<sup>th</sup>, and early voting begins on April 7<sup>th</sup>. See the Ohio Secretary of State website for the [voting schedule](#), and to find your [polling location](#).

Some Ohio news:

- Lawmakers are considering a commission to study the “economic, environmental, agricultural, and utility impacts” of data centers in Ohio [\[x,x,x\]](#).
- The bill that would prohibit the use of ranked choice voting in Ohio has been sent to the governor to be signed [\[x,x\]](#).

Thank you,  
Charlie Mace.103



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
FROM: Jon Fritz, CGS Graduate Caucus, Chair & Senator  
DATE: March 13, 2026  
RE: Graduate Caucus Chair Report

Hi all,

As always, let your senators and grad reps know if there is anything you would like us to know/discuss in our committees. Given that President Ted Carter resigned on 3-9-2026 and as of this writing, I am unsure how Carter's departure will impact the University Senate meeting. I hope you get to have a relaxing or productive, depending on who and where you are in your degree, spring break. Thanks!

Athletic Council, represented by Lydia Gokey.5:

Met on March 4. We discussed our final two candidates (Drs. Timothy C. Haab & Valerie Williams) for the AY26-27 Athletic Council Faculty Chair to send to President Carter, which will be reviewed and approved by him and his team. We also discussed our Bylaws changes, changing membership from 2 Alumni to 1 Current Undergraduate Student Athlete appointed by the Student-Athlete Advisory Council and 1 Alumnus designated by the Alumni Association. CGS was represented by new Interim Vice President Lydia Gokey and reported on Hayes Advanced Research Forum and upcoming officer elections.

Committee on Academic Technology (CAT) represented by Sabrina Durso.19:

Met on March 9<sup>th</sup> to talk about the new Title II ADA requirements; not much news.

Council on Academic Freedom & Responsibility (CAFR), represented by Rebekah Akintade.3:

Met on February 9<sup>th</sup>. We reviewed feedback on the Type 1 report (report on SB1 conditions that may affect faculty academic freedom and responsibility). We are also preparing a Type 2 report (report on faculty complaints that infringe academic freedom or responsibility).

Council on Enrollment and Student Progress (CESP), represented by Braydon Lazzara.14 & Peter Carrera.55:

CESP met on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. We reviewed an OAA initiative to help students who join OSU with underdeveloped math knowledge, the AI Eistein tool, and continued to discuss transfer and campus change students.

Council on Student Affairs (CSA), represented by Kirsten Myers.2377 (chair), Oluwadamilola Salau.2, & Gabe Myers.2039:

The Council met on 2/16 and received a presentation from the Student Advocacy Center. The Council met again on 3/2 with Dr. Micky Sharma from Counseling and Consultation Services giving a presentation. Also at the 3/2 meeting, the Council approved the proposed updates to the Code of Student Conduct approved by the Code Review Committee on 2/27. The president's office, provost's office, and University Senate leadership are reviewing the proposal and will send any feedback to CSA. The current plan is to have the final vote on the proposed updates at the April University Senate Meeting. The Allocations Committee is also almost done revising the Student Organization Registration and Funding Guidelines and plans to present them to the Full Council at the 4/6 meeting.



Government Affairs, represented by Charlie Mace.103:

Met February 25<sup>th</sup>. Discussed potential future plans for the committee, including regular updates at Senate, more direct suggested actions for OSU Government Affairs, and closer collaboration with constituent GA committees (CGS, USG, etc.) Next meeting is March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Intellectual Property, Patents, and Copyright (IPPC) Committee, represented by Jon Fritz.288:

3/4 IPPC meeting was canceled given our limited agenda. The Rules Committee is considering our proposed faculty misconduct policy change and whether it grants IPPC too much power; we're currently in a holding pattern.

University Research Committee (URC), represented by Courtney Jewell.196 & Holly Engel.210:

CGS members and delegates should take the [Researcher Training Survey](#) by March 27, which will help URC get an idea of the state of research training at the University and where people need assistance.

The following committees do not have any updates as of this writing on March 9, 2026:

- Affirmation of Accreditation Committee, represented by Andrew Miles.375
- Council on Academic Affairs (CAA), represented by Andrew Miles.375 & Andy Vance.128
- Council on the Physical Environment (COPE), represented by Casey Ortbahn.1
- Library Committee, represented by Brian Rocha.51
- Evaluation of Central Administrators (EOCA), represented by Andy Vance.128
- Fiscal Committee, represented by Kenny Saephan.2
- Rules Committee, represented by Jorge Clavo Abbass.1
- Senate Steering Committee, represented by Sabrina Durso.19

**University Senate mtg:** Senate convened in-person on February 26<sup>th</sup> virtually. Highlights included approval of new rules impacting staff Senators, a panel discussion on athletic spaces, and questions towards President Carter regarding the Chase Center and Wexner's name on University spaces. The next mtg will take place later this month on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2026 at 3:30pm in Sullivant at 3:30pm.

All the best,  
Jon Fritz.288



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
FROM: Bryan Pérez Soto, Graduate Compensation and Benefits (University Senate  
Committee) Report  
DATE: March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
RE: Graduate Compensation and Benefits Chair's Report

Saludos!

For this month, the committee has focused efforts on the proposed graduate student fee by the College of Engineering. The fee, in a nutshell, is a \$1000 yearly fee (\$500 per semester, excluding summer semester). This fee would then increase \$1000 yearly until it caps to \$3000. This fee is proposed for incoming students, in other words, current students are unaffected. The fee went for discussion to the Senate Fiscal committee, and this committee sent a report with feedback from College of Engineering students to the committee for consideration. The fee has passed, but only \$1000 dollars, but the college must resubmit a proposal for increasing the fee for consecutive years (small victories). The fee is now on its way to the provost office.

Kindly,

Bryan  
PérezSoto.2



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
FROM: Tinu Oduloye, Graduate Student Affairs Chair  
DATE: March 8, 2026  
RE: Graduate Student Affairs Chair's Report

Hello everyone, and happy March!

We are officially less than one month away from Graduate Student Appreciation Week (GSAW) 2026. We have now confirmed all organizations that will be tabling during GSAW, and we are excited about the plans coming together for the week. Our committee met on February 25 to review progress and finalize next steps. At this point, our main priorities are continuing to recruit volunteers and encouraging graduate students to sign up for the Instructional Kitchen events. Volunteer sign-up will remain open through Friday, March 27, and Instructional Kitchen registration is currently open through March 13 (with plans to extend it to March 20, if needed). Students may register for one Instructional Kitchen date.

Please help us spread the word about GSAW events, volunteer opportunities, and the Instructional Kitchen sign-up. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please reach out.

**GSAW Registration Links:**

- Volunteer Sign-Up:
  - [Go.osu.edu/gsaw2026volunteer](https://go.osu.edu/gsaw2026volunteer)
- Instructional Kitchen Registration:
  - [Go.osu.edu/gsawcooks](https://go.osu.edu/gsawcooks)

**GSAW schedule: April 6-10, 2026**

- Monday, April 6: Donuts with the Deans from 9-11am (w/ Buckeye Paws)
  - OCCSE & Student Wellness Center - Adrienne
- Tuesday, April 7: Instructional Kitchen 1, Lower Level of the Ohio Union
  - Student Wellness Center - Adrienne
- Wednesday, April 8: GSAW/CGS Game Night at the Keith B. Key Center, Ohio Union from 5-8pm (w/ BuckeyePaws)
  - Graduate School & OSU Student Legal Services (11am-1pm)
- Thursday, April 9:
  - Rebeka Campos-Astorkiza, Graduate and Professional Student Ombudsperson (9am-12pm) & Student Wellness Center - Adrienne
- Friday, April 10: Instructional Kitchen 2, Lower Level of the Ohio Union
  - Grad Student Resource: Monda Student Resource Center – Jordyn Sikula & Student Wellness Center – Adrienne Wilson

Warm regards,  
Oduloye.1



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TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
FROM: Deb Pathak and Luke Van Niel, Health, Wellness, and Safety Chair  
DATE: March 9, 2026  
RE: Health, Wellness, and Safety Chair's Report

Greetings,

No new updates.

Pathak.89 & Vanniel.5



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
FROM: Lauren Levesque, Housing and Family Affairs Chair  
DATE: March 6, 2026  
RE: Housing and Family Affairs Chair's Report

Hello,  
Here all HAFA related updates:

#### Roommate Fair

- Wednesday, March 25th at 5-7pm in Ohio Union Milestone Room
- Flyer is ready for distribution
- 3 people have registered thus far
- Will include games and snacks

#### Housing Survey

- Officially Closed
- 454 respondents
- Will be presenting major findings at March 13th delegate meeting

#### CGS Branded First Aid Kits

- Submitted RFP
- On March 3rd, Anna Sullivan Kvam informed me that RFP was passed along to fiscal team

#### Tabling Off-Campus Living Expo

- Tuesday, March 24th 11am-3pm
- Looking for volunteers, especially for the first 2 hours
- Opportunity to advertise roommate fair happening the next day

#### Grad/Prof Off-Campus Living Session

- March 12th at 6:00pm via Zoom
- Learn all about off-campus living options in the Columbus, Ohio area
- Collaboration between OCCSE and College of Pharmacy
- Registration Link:  
[https://osu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_M3EguagBQdevUb\\_8w2vR4A](https://osu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_M3EguagBQdevUb_8w2vR4A)

Best,

Levesque.31



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TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
FROM: Ashutosh Soni, International Student Affairs Chair  
DATE: March 9th, 2026  
RE: International Student Affairs Chair's Report

Hi everyone,

Our committee met on 2<sup>nd</sup> March and we discussed the following -

1. Tax workshop – one of our committee members took the webinar offered by Sprintax itself (details of which are on OIA's website) and mentioned that it had a Q&A session towards the end. This helped us conclude that those webinars should be good enough for both general and specific queries. Hence, we would not be organizing a separate webinar.
2. Share your story – planned for around the end of April. We are looking for potential speakers. The event will be catered. Will be done with the project registration, RFPs and booking a room soon.

Thank you,  
Soni.117



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
FROM: Aryn Robinson and Katie Conner, Membership Wellness Chair  
DATE: March 13, 2026  
RE: Membership Wellness Chair's Report

Hi everyone,

### Upcoming Events

- **Wellness Bingo Challenge Submission Form**
  - <https://forms.office.com/r/FsNh1fxMCB>
    - Will close Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

### Ongoing Events and Reminders

- **Creative Wellness Bingo:** Check out this month's wellness bingo attached to the Delegate Packet email!
- **CGS Distinguished Awards**
  - Nominate someone  
here: [https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_8p5QbR20rKlwqa2](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8p5QbR20rKlwqa2)
  - Closes March 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:59 p.m.
- **Adopt a Cat:** Check out Saup Services, run by an OSU Alum! Find more details at [go.osu.edu/saupservices](http://go.osu.edu/saupservices)

### 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



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TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
FROM: Bill Wang and Shiddhartha Ramprakash, Research and Data Operations Chair  
DATE: March 9, 2026  
RE: Research and Data Operations Chair's Report

Hello,

During this month, we analyzed the data from GenAI and Housing survey for the Academic Affairs and HAFA committee and shared crucial insights gained from the results.

Regards,

Wang.13945 & Ramprakash.4



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TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
FROM: Katelyn Amstutz and Casey Ortbahn, Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility  
Committee (SERC) Chair  
DATE: March 13, 2025  
RE: SERC Chair's Report

Hi everyone,

We continue to plan our upcoming Time for Change event Art with Plants, which is on April 2, 5-8pm on the Hansford Quadrangle, we hope to see you there! We will be doing Anthotyping with the Living Art and Ecology Lab. We also worked on a resolution on Sustainability and AI at Ohio State, which is in the meeting packet for this week.

Best,

Amstutz.87 & Ortbahn.1