



COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Delegate Packet

May 8th, 2026

Location: Ohio Union Senate Chambers and Zoom



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Agenda

General Delegate Meeting | 8 May 2026 | Senate Chambers, Ohio Union & Zoom

- 1. CAMPUS CONNECTIONS**
 - 1.1 Dr. Devon Carter, [Recognize Education and Learning \(REAL\)](#) Mentoring Initiative [3:00]
 - 1.2 Interim Vice President and Provost Trevor Brown and Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Dean of the Graduate School Mary Stromberger [3:30]
 - 1.3 CGS Distinguished Service Awards Ceremony [4:00]
- 2. CALL TO ORDER** [4:15]
 - 2.1. “To effectively advocate and program to ensure that The Ohio State University graduate student experience is the best it can be.”
- 3. ROLL CALL** [5 min]
- 4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** [5 min]
- 5. OFFICER REPORTS** [20 min]
 - 5.1. President’s Report – Sabrina Durso.19
 - 5.2. Interim Vice President’s Report – Lydia Gokey.5
 - 5.3. Treasurer Elect’s Report – Kene Adimorah.1
 - 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** [30 min]
 - 6.1. Academic Affairs – Danwyn Aranha.7 & Poormina Iyer.267
 - 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 – *Vacant*
 - 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 – *Vacant*
 - 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** [0 min]
- 8. NEW BUSINESS** [30 mins]
 - 8.1 Officer Special Elections
- 9. SPECIAL ORDER ITEM** [30 mins]
 - 9.1. Delegate Issues and Concerns
- 10. ANNOUNCEMENTS** [5 min]



10.1 Next General Delegate Meeting: Friday, June 5 at 3:30pm (Zoom ONLY) & July Meeting on Friday, July 10 at 3:30pm (Zoom ONLY)

11. ADJOURNMENT

6:20 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 | 3 April 2026 | Senate Chambers, Ohio Union and via Zoom

1. **CAMPUS CONNECTIONS** 3:30 PM
 - 1.1 University Senate Leadership
2. **CALL TO ORDER** 4:02 PM
 - 2.1. **“To effectively advocate and program to ensure that The Ohio State University graduate student experience is the best it can be.”**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
 - Motion to approve by *Oduloye.1*
 - Seconded by *DillmanHasso.1*
 - Approved by **CGS Majority**
5. **OFFICER REPORTS** 4:02 PM
 - 5.1. President’s Report – Sabrina Durso.19
 - 5.1.1) **Over the Past Month:**
 - Exec Committee:
 - Consider Chairing Next Year!
 - Grad School:
 - Met with Mary to talk about all things CGS elections, Hayes, and University Leadership! She’s grateful for all of our hard work this year!
 - 5.1.2) **Working on:**
 - SERC’s Resolution:
 - So far the Sustainability Institute, FOD, the Drake, and the Interim Provost have agreed to meet with us!
 - Academic PhD Regalia Lending Library:
 - We notified folks and everyone was AMAZING!
 - 70th Anniversary:
 - Come join us on April 15th for a Grand Ole Time!
 - 5.1.3) **Updates from Past Delegate Issues and Concerns:**
 - **Flock:** Introduced during President Johnson’s term (2021) to help with gun violence on and off campus (meant to support CPD’s effort to protect the University District) --> we then had issues with car break-ins/thefts on and off campus and used Flock to network within Franklin County’s already established Flock network --> OSUPD will have to legally comply with federal requests for access to our Flock network
 - **Regarding temperature fluctuations in some of the buildings at CFAES Wooster:** Dean Michel is working with CFAES Operations and Wooster Campus facilities team, the issues are mostly related to the large shifts in outside temperatures coinciding with the time that we are switching from heating to cooling buildings. We may see a bit more as we continue this transition and until outside temperatures stabilize. He did send a message to the CFAES Wooster Campus, which includes graduate students.
 - **Sidewalk Outside of Museum of Biological Diversity:** Seems like it’s in the process of being made and should be completed throughout the summer
 - **Kottman Hall:** Dean Cress sent us their FOD contact tree and I will be following up to ensure it’s getting to graduate students too
 - **TAKE CARE OF YOURSELVES**
 - 5.1.4) **SIGN UP TO BE A COMMENCEMENT BANNER BEARER**
 - The Graduate School is asking CGS to provide three banner bearers for the 2026 spring commencement on Sunday, May 10.
 - We have three lines of students that will participate, so **we need three bearers**. The only limitation is that it **cannot be a spring graduating student**.
 - This is a 3–4-hour time commitment.
 - 5.1.5) **Delegate Elections are here!**
 - PLEASE ASK YOUR COLLEAGUES TO REPRESENT YOUR DEPARTMENT!
 - Additionally, PLEASE think of running, or think of others you know to run for President!



5.2. Interim Vice President's Report – Lydia Gokey.5

5.2.1) **Elections:**

- We have a Vice President- and Treasurer-Elect! We will hopefully soon have a President-and Secretary-Elect
- Senator elections are today!
- Delegate applications are open as of March 30th, with elections running April 22-29

5.2.2) **Hayes Forum 2026:**

- Graduate School posted a write-up and pictures
- Monetary prizes are in the process of being distributed

5.3. Treasurer's Report – Adam Tjoelker.4

5.3.1) **Ray Travel Award Portal is Upgraded and Open!**

- FY27 Funding Period 1: Opened March 20th – closes May 1st (for conferences July-Sept.)
- Please remind your constituents to apply!
- If you would like to become a judge for Ray, I am running a training soon. Please reach out if you are interested at: cgs-raytravel@osu.edu

5.3.2) **This is my final meeting as CGS Treasurer**

- It has been an honor and a privilege to serve!
- Thank you to all the outstanding CGS leaders who have helped me learn and grow into this role
- I am looking forward to training the next CGS Treasurer!

5.4. Secretary's Report – Kaz Gary.102

5.4.1) **As Secretary:**

- Updated CGS Archives with the Meeting Minutes for 2025 – 2026
- I have greatly enjoyed getting to know and working with many of you! CGS has been a fundamental part of my graduate school experience :)

5.4.2) **As CDG Chair:**

- Updated CDG webpages to have more clear instructions and up-to-date information!
- CDG Cycle 1 for 2026 – 2027 is now open!
- Cycle was delayed 5 days for opening due to portal maintenance
- CDG portal has been updated for the next Secretary!

6. **COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

4:16 PM

6.1. Academic Affairs – Anastasia Shikanova.1 & Danwyn Aranha.7

6.1.1) **Met the Executive Director, Center for Software Innovation**

- Discussed ethical AI usage for GRA, GTA, grad students and the environmental impact of AI
- Discussed how AI can be implemented in grad coursework
- Planning to have a meeting with the Drake Institute to enhance AI fluency for GRAs, GTAs, and graduate students.

6.1.2) **Met the Executive Director, Center for Software Innovation**

- Location: Sanders Grand Lounge, Longaberger Alumni House
- The committee met on March 26 to discuss the planning of the event, with most of the main preparations already completed.
- Flyers to be sent out soon, please spread the word to graduating PhD students.

6.2. Arts and Culture – Holly Engel.210

6.2.1) **General Updates:**

- March = EVIL
- Interest in being A&C chair? I'll talk to you!
- Next meeting: Thursday, April 9 from 2:30-3:30pm, Hagerty 208 or Zoom



6.3. Government Affairs– Charlie Mace.103

6.3.1) **Last meeting:**

- Making plans for an advocacy workshop/panel in the Fall! Reach out if you are interested in getting involved, or in chairing the committee next year.

6.3.2) **State Legislation to Watch:**

- HB 249: Broadly restricts content of public performances deemed inappropriate for children, including drag shows.
- HB 347: 24 hour waiting period for abortions.

6.3.3) **Federal shutdown:**

- Executive order to pay TSA, Senate in recess without passing funding legislation

6.3.4) **It's primary election season! Some resources and deadlines:**

- Voting calendar: ohiosos.gov/elections/voting-schedule
- Registration lookup, poll worker volunteering, and more: ohiosos.gov/elections
- **April 6th:** To vote in the primary, you must be registered by this date.
- **May 3rd:** This is the final day of early voting.
- **May 5th:** Regular election day! Mail-in ballots must *arrive* at the board of elections by this date (you can thank [SB293](#) from last year), so mail them early.
- Franklin County voters can see their registration status, polling place, and sample ballots on the [County website](#).

6.4. Graduate Compensation and Benefits – Bryan Perez Soto (PerezSoto.2)

6.4.1) **GCBC:**

- Will meet April 13th to discuss report and have conversation about Leave Policy.
- I presented a report to the Steering committee about the GCBC recommendations.

6.4.2) **Dissertation Integrity (ad-hoc committee of Grad Council):**

- Group met and is planning to start writing some sort of guidance within the upcoming weeks.

6.5. Graduate Student Affairs – Tinu Oduloye.1

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

- Dates: April 6 – 10, 2026
- GSAW is next week!!!
- Committee met on March 24
- Daily CGS Giveaways & Campus Resources
 - Everyday from 9-1pm (or until supplies last)
 - The Graduate School, Off-Campus and Commuter Student Engagement Office (OCCSE), Student Wellness Center, Monda Resource Center, Student Legal Services, and Graduate and Professional Student Ombudsperson
- Monday, April 6: Donuts with the Deans 🍩
 - 9-11am on the Second Floor, University Hall Reception Area
- Tuesday, April 7 & Friday, April 10: Instructional Kitchens 🍳
 - 5-8pm, Instructional Kitchen, Lower Level, Ohio Union
- Wednesday, April 8:
 - CGS Open House & Game Night 🎮
 - 5-8pm in Keith B. Key Suite, Ohio Union
- Mentoring Up: Tips for Enhancing Your Mentoring Relationship
 - 1-2pm in Seminar Space, 2nd Floor of University Hall,
- Professional Portrait Sessions
 - Monday, April 6, 9AM - 1PM at the Graduate School Seminar Space (UH 250Q)
 - Friday, April 10, 9AM - 1PM at the Graduate School Seminar Space (UH 250Q)
 - Wednesday, April 15, 9AM - 1PM at the Biomedical Research Tower (BRT 130)
 - Tuesday, April 21, 12PM - 4PM at the Buckeye Commons (Ohio Union)



- 6.6. Health, Wellness, and Safety – Deb Pathak.89 & Luke Van Niel (Vanniel.5)
- 6.6.1) **Last meeting:**
- HWS met Thursday, April 2nd, to discuss leadership transition and plan for two minor community building events hopefully happening in May.
- 6.7. Housing and Family Affairs – Lauren Levesque.31
- 6.7.1) **OCCSE Off-Campus Living Expo on Tuesday, March 24th**
- Big shoutout to Mehmet Basaran, Kate Kaura, and Charlie Mace, for volunteering
- 6.7.2) **Roommate Fair on Wednesday, March 25th**
- Co-sponsored with OCCSE
 - 15 people who attendees
 - Great conversations and many attendees exchanged contact information
- 6.7.3) **2026 Community BLOC party hosted by OCCSE**
- Friday, April 24th, 4:00-6:00pm
 - University Square
 - We will be tabling
 - Let me know if you can help
 - Free food and drink for all attendees
 - Please reach out if you are interested in being HAFA chair next year.
- 6.8. International Student Affairs – Ashutosh Soni.117
- 6.8.1) **Tax Workshop**
- 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>
 - Code to file federal taxes – **F25OSU2000 (please share this with your departments).**
- 6.8.2) **Share your story**
- Planned for 22nd April 5 pm at the Round Meeting Room at Ohio Union. It will be a catered event (Yayy!)
 - Speakers (HELP NEEDED) - please email me if you know any international students who you think are doing reasonably well and would be interested to share their story.
- 6.8.3) **Looking for co-chair**
- Anyone interested can please reach out to me and Sabrina
 - Need someone to take charge when I am unavailable
- 6.9. Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility – Casey Ortbahn.1 & Katelyn Amstutz.87
- 6.9.1) **General Updates**
- Our Time for Change event was Thursday, April 2 – thanks to everyone who helped out with this event!!
 - FOD is inviting all graduate students to participate in a tree planting event on Arbor Day - April 25 from 10-11:30am at the Kottman Patio. More information here: <https://chadwickarboretum.osu.edu/events/arbor-day-celebration-1>
- 6.9.2) **Art with Plants!**
- 43 graduate and professional students
 - 62 undergraduate students
 - 2 faculty members
 - 6 blank
 - 113 total participants!
- 6.9.3) **Sustainability Tip:**
- Transport is responsible for about 1/5th of the global carbon dioxide emissions, and almost half of that is from personal automobiles, which emit about 3.7 Gigatons of carbon/year (Our World in Data) (IEA). Cars also produce large amounts of non-exhaust particulate matter, which are a health hazard (NRDC).



- Bike or use public transit to reduce these emissions! OSU and Columbus have resources for biking and public transit.
- OSU and COTA both have bus systems free for students! COTA has detailed riding instructions and videos here, and recommends using the Transit App to plan your route.
- The Buckeye Bike Hub at the RPAC does bike repairs, and sells both parts and refurbished bikes! Find some bike paths near you from the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission, or use the COTA Transit app to find the most protected route to your destination. You can combine the two even more by taking your bike on the bus

6.10. Membership Wellness – Aryn Robinson.2283

6.10.1) **Bingo Challenge Winners:**

- Smrutimedha Parida, Michaela Rogers, Tinu Oduloye

7. **OLD BUSINESS**

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

4:47 PM

8.1 Officer Special Elections

8.1.1) Election – Secretary

- **Candidate: Kayle Farr.77**
 - **Introductory speech:**
 - Housing and Residence Assistantship
 - Responsible for housing graduate students in the Gateway area
 - Experience with organizational skills, Microsoft Office
 - Help with Student Conduct Process
- **Q+A:**
 - **Gokey.5:** What do you feel your struggle has been in your GA-ship and how have you gone about finding a solution for that?
 - **Farr.77:** I tend to hold onto things that I'm really passionate about. It's been hard to re-learn this, but I've continued to do so in my job.
 - **Harper.932:** Could you elaborate on any experience with record retention and what that looks like in regards to timeliness?
 - **Farr.77:** Part of my GA-ship I supervise 3 undergraduate RAs and 2 graduate supervisors. Excel tracking is how I keep track of all this documentation.
 - **Foerster.18:** Can you discuss any challenges you anticipate in this role and how you will address it?
 - **Farr.77:** It will be a learning curve to understand and get familiar with the software and processes that you all use. I am confident I can lean on my colleagues for support.

8.2 Senator Elections

8.2.1) Election – Senators

- **Candidate: Akintade.3**
 - **Introductory speech:**
 - 4th year Student in Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
 - Second term
 - Addressed concerns about interpretation of SB1, conferences with diverse themes
- **Candidate: Aldosari.14**
 - **Introductory speech:**
 - 1st year Master's Student in Anatomy
 - As undergrad, I was on University Senate
- **Candidate: Durso.19**
 - **Introductory speech:**
 - 4th year PhD Student in English
 - Served as Senator for the last 3 years
 - Fierce advocate for graduate students



- **Candidate: Farr.77**
 - **Introductory speech:**
 - Dual Master's Student
 - Did undergrad at OSU
 - Want to put direction to my advocacy
- **Candidate: Maklavani.1**
 - **Introductory speech:**
 - 3rd year Student in Visual Design
 - 17 years experience in industry
 - Open to learn from others
- **Candidate: Miles.375**
 - **Introductory speech:**
 - Current Chief of Staff
 - Co-Chair of Hayes Planning Committee
 - Goals: want to improve transparency and transition materials for the role
- **Candidate: Myers.2039**
 - **Introductory speech:**
 - 1st year in BioEthics
 - Senator both in undergrad and grad
 - Council on Student Affairs veteran
- **Candidate: Nwankwo.15**
 - **Introductory speech:**
 - 3rd year PhD Student in Molecular Biology
 - Was Secretary and VP in undergrad for student orgs
 - Finished coursework so want to pursue advocacy
- **Candidate: Rogers.1843**
 - **Introductory speech:**
 - PhD candidate from Ecology and Biology
 - Served as delegate for past 2 years
 - CGS delegate for Dean's Advisory Board
 - Want to work at the intersection of science and policy
- **Candidate: Tjoelker.4**
 - **Introductory speech:**
 - PhD Student in Geography
 - Treasurer of CGS for past year
 - Want to do more advocacy for CGS
- **Q+A**
 - **Mace.103:** How will you manage your time?
 - **Tjoelker.4:** I keep my calendar quite organized and had a big workload as Treasurer. Was organized as Treasurer so I will ensure I will do the same
 - **Rogers.1843:** In my last year writing my dissertation so time is flexible. I'm used to a bigger time commitment from CGS. I'm a very organized person.
 - **Nwankwo.15:** Just finished my coursework, best time for me to serve the Student Body. This means a lot to me, so I will keep my time for it.
 - **Myers.2039:** Always make sure I have everything on my calendar, taking notes for things I need to get done.
 - **Miles.375:** It comes down to communication with my advisor. This is part of my professional development for my graduate program, so my advisor knows
 - **Maklavani.1:** I've already completed classes and will pass my other exams during the Summer, so I will have the time.
 - **Farr.77:** I love using different calendar and time management systems. I will be done with my medical humanities degree after summer and my other degree is done asynchronously.
 - **Durso.19:** I always prioritize my CGS commitments and I will continue to do so next year.
 - **Aldosari.14:** Anatomy is very flexible on time commitments and I am organized
 - **Akintade.3:** I've learned to make use of my calendar and keep things organized.
 - **Fernandez.412:** Please recall an experience or situation where you had to advocate for things you need
 - **Akintade.3:** I represented international students in China on my undergrad campus.



- **Aldosari.14:** I did a lot of advocacy with indigenous and native students on land acknowledgements during undergrad.
- **Durso.19:** I've advocated within Senate for better accessibility and accommodations across campus.
- **Farr.77:** Since OSU has been at Gateway, I've turned the empty common room into community spaces
- **Maklavani.1:** I worked as a project manager in industry with international relationships. I work with different departments such as African American Studies on campus.
- **Miles.375:** I remember advocating a lot in the Chase Student Center and having to work with different people on it.
- **Myers.2039:** When I was in USG in undergrad, I worked with every part of University Senate to create a renaming process for buildings and things on campus.
- **Nwankwo.15:** In a male dominated political race in my undergrad, I wanted to advocate for women and ran and won my election.
- **Rogers.1843:** Before the stipend increase, I was working on an ad-hoc committee to advocate for departments specifically to boost our graduate student stipend.
- **Tjoelker.4:** I served in Dean Stromberger's Advisory Council, I work right now on the AI Working Group. It's important for us to think about how these things intersect with the graduate student experience.
- **PerezSoto.2:** There are situations where you may be advocating for things you're not passionate about. How would you do this?
- **Tjoelker.4:** I represent the graduate students from the Geography department to the chair, so in the same way, I will do this for CGS.
- **Rogers.1843:** I already do this on a smaller scale since I'm a delegate for my department.
- **Nwankwo.15:** It's not about my personal opinions or beliefs, if I'm representing people, I represent what they feel and think.
- **Myers.2039:** I have done this already as a CGS Senator.
- **Miles.375:** It's always important to have an open mind. I always ask questions and try to understand the other side.
- **Maklavani.1:** As a graphic designer, I am put in this position often so every situation is challenging in its own way.
- **Farr.77:** In my residence hall experience, I have had to respond to situations that might be a Civil Rights compliance issue.
- **Durso.19:** A large part of who I am is understanding what I don't know and reaching out to people to understand
- **Aldosari.14:** I already do this in my job, for example if a patient has wishes that go against the physician, I still must do what the patient wishes.
- **Akintade.3:** I already work in this capacity dealing with academic freedom and responsibility.
- **Mace.103** moves to enter an Executive Session
- **Lassache.1** seconds
- Approved by **CGS Majority**

8.3 HAFA Survey Results

8.3.1) Overview

- Over 500+ responses
- Main Takeaways:
 - Monthly rent distribution: \$750-1000 was the most common range of rent prices
 - Monthly rent as share of income for PhD students: 25% to 40% is the most common share of income, 25.8% of students reported spending at least half of their income on rent
 - Surplus Funds: 47% of graduate students do not have surplus income at the end of the month, 60% of graduate students with families do not have surplus income at the end of the month
 - Student Loans: 2/3 of those who have loans for their current degree are PhD students, 11% of respondents reported having over \$50,000 in total student loans
 - Spending related to food: graduate students spend on average more on groceries than eating out, on average, PhD students spend ~\$500 on food each month



- On-Campus Housing for Families who Rent: 47% of respondents with families said they'd be very likely to live in this housing if it was offered to them

- **Q+A:**
 - **YaremsettyPreshant.1:** Can we track the percentage of income that goes to rent from previous years?
 - **Levesque.31:** We have that data for 2022-2023. The only caveat I can say is I only have access to the graphs, not the raw data.
 - **Durso.19:** Bill Wang might have that data.
 - **Sequeria.22:** I am curious to know about the food expenses, \$500 seems extreme. What was the wording on that question?
 - **Levesque.31:** The question was "how much do you individually spend on food"? That number is based off the individual.
 - **Sequeria.22:** One thing we talked about GCBC, did you have a question about these students having roommates and sharing housing?
 - **Levesque.31:** Those who lived alone paid on average \$1,094 for rent. We did specify in the question that the amount reported is their individual share of the rent.
 - **Miller.8823:** What are the pathways moving forward?
 - **Levesque.31:** Increasing stipends would be great, reaching out to housing outside of the University District since other places are less expensive besides here, the roommate fair is there to help offset costs with living other people
 - **Harper.932:** Are we able to have access to the raw data to do more data processing or would you rather us send you an e-mail about questions?
 - **Durso.19:** Can you e-mail about this?
 - **Levesque.31:** It's anonymized, but I'm not sure the grad school would be able to provide that data to anyone else.
 - **Durso.19:** The grad school wants to be careful of data safety. There are limited people who can see the data.
 - **Farr.77:** OSU has been phasing out the Neil building for graduate students. The only on-campus housing is Gateway and it's not owned by OSU technically. It's a lease between OSU and another company. Do you think it would be fruitful if maybe next year we considered the cost of parking?
 - **Levesque.31:** I will put that on the future questions list. I have several questions on there about transportation but not parking costs!
 - **Adimorah.1:** Does the rent include the utilities?
 - **Levesque.31:** No, it's just base rent, not utilities. Different apartments have different things that are covered by base rent, so there is some variability on that end.

9. SPECIAL ORDER ITEM

6:02 PM

9.1. Delegate Issues and Concerns

9.1.1) Parking Lot Concerns

- **Miller.8871:** There is a concern about the tarmac in the student parking lot. It has not been maintained at all, lines aren't clear, potholes aren't filled. Can we pressure CampusParc to make repairs so cars aren't damaged?
- **Durso.19:** I reached out to FOD and they didn't answer that specifically. I'll re-send that e-mail and let you know.

9.1.2) Denney Hall Concerns

- **McCoy.800:** Denney Hall still doesn't have heat regulation and has some elevators down.
- **Durso.19:** Dean Horn wants to move people out of these Halls, such as Denney, so that they can be renovated but there's not much money for relocation. The government upholds our money, so it's important to vote for legislators who care. The Deans do not have the power to fix these things when there's no money. I will follow up with FOD as well.



9.1.3) Tax Workshops

- **Pizzolu.2:** I had a couple constituents reach out to me about tax stuff. They were looking for any tax workshops, programs or help sessions that's open to all graduate students, not just international students. Is there help for Columbus residents specifically?
- **Durso.19:** Let me reach out to Student Legal and Office of Legal Affairs and see if there are workshops or programs.
- **Tjoelker.4:** IRS has some options here on campus.
- **Harper.932:** United Way Central Ohio has resources for tax prep.
- **Pizzolu.2:** There is a financial threshold for that program though, right?
- **Harper.932:** Yes, but there should be resources regardless of financial threshold.
- **Durso.19:** I'll reach out to Legal and get back to you.

9.1.4) Associate Job Notices

- **Pizzolu.2:** Associate Job notices were sent out very late. Are there protocols for how early we know the associateship will be terminated?
- **Durso.19:** Grad Handbook offers a minimum requirement. Departments are allowed to make those calls themselves. If you're concerned about equitability, send me an e-mail with more information and I'll talk to Dean Stromberger about this.
- Motion by **Chisam.1** to end Delegate Issues and Concerns early
- **Oduloye.1** seconds
- Approved by **CGS Majority**

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 10.1 **Next General Delegate Meeting: Friday, May 8 at 3:30pm (Senate Chambers & Zoom)**
- 10.2 **Secretary Election – Kaylee Farr.77 elected**
- 10.3 **Senator Election – All applicants were elected**

11. ADJOURNMENT

6:14 PM



Officer Reports

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Sabrina Durso, President
DATE: May 1, 2026
RE: President's Report

Dear lovely CGSers,

I hope you have all had a wonderful semester and are ready for a summer full of rest, research, travel, and fun! And for those of you graduating, CONGRATULATIONS! We've had a great year in the Council passing a resolution on sustainability, collecting data on housing and AI use, supporting our fellow graduate students through various events and grants, opening a regalia lending library, hosting our 70th anniversary, and more. I hope you are all proud of the work you've helped accomplish this past year.

I'm not one for sappy goodbyes, especially as I'll still be in CGS, but I do want to say thank you for allowing me to lead CGS throughout the past two academic years. In those two years, CGS stood up for those silenced and/or arrested, fought against Senate Bill 1 and the Chase Center, helped to brand The Buckeye Commons, obtained Microsoft and Adobe access for the entire campus community, improved childcare workers' wages to re-open 30 classrooms, bettered graduate student accommodations and leave policies, advocated for better communication between Facilities and departments, worked with the Graduate School to better advising relationships, obtained 16% worth of minimum stipend increases, screamed for graduate student housing, and so much more.

It has been a blessing of a lifetime to not only advocate on behalf of all graduate students here at OSU, but to also work alongside so many brilliant and compassionate people. I am forever indebted to so many of you, but I want to especially thank the entire executive committees from both this year and last--I couldn't have done anything without you all. And thank you so much to Blue Lerner, Katie Conner, Lydia Gokey, Jon Fritz, Adam Tjoelker, Kaz Gary, Andy Vance, Brian Rocha, and Bryan Perez Soto for working so closely alongside me to make CGS wonderful.

CGS continues to be my home away from home, and a family when I miss mine so much. I hope you all continue in the Council and find the love and joy I have in advocating to make OSU that much better for graduate students. Serving in CGS is an honor I will cherish throughout my entire life. Thank you for allowing me to do so.

Anyhow, I did in fact work this past month...

Over the Past Month:

- Executive Committee: Consider Chairing Next Year! We are looking for chairs Arts & Culture, Government Affairs, Graduate Caucus, Health, Wellness, and Safety, Hafa, Membership Wellness, and SERC.
- Graduate School: Met with Mary to talk about all things GCBC, Presidential Transitions, and more. Dean Stromberger is working on Leave Policies, AI Policies, and Accommodations over the summer. She's focusing on Graduate Student Success and



transparency on that front, data on program health, and strengthening partnerships with academic units.

- Senate: During my end of year address, I discussed our continued concerns around SB1 and the loss of ODI, our fears for our international student colleagues and how we can best support them, concerns around Niel becoming undergrad housing, and also celebrated CGS's many achievements. Many of these conversations were continued with the Provost at a one-on-one meeting with him.

Working On:

- Events: Over the past month, I helped out with Graduate Student Appreciation Week and the Graduation Celebration. ISAC and SERC also did amazing with their events! The 70th Anniversary was also amazing! Alumni and many Student Life staff showed up!
- Academic PhD Regalia Lending Library: Folks have hopefully picked up their regalia! Over the summer, Blue and I are going to look into Dry Cleaning, purchasing boxes for Tams, and the feasibility of hosting the library during the summer.
- Transitioning: I'm working on finalizing my materials to hand off to the next wonderful leader of CGS.

I will miss leading our effort to make the graduate student experience the best it can be, but I know CGS will continue to break records and advocate for all things that make OSU a wonderful place to pursue a graduate education.

In service to you all always,

Sabrina Durso.19



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Lydia Gokey.5, Interim Vice President
DATE: April 28, 2026
RE: Vice President's Report

Hi all,

This is my last meeting as Interim VP, and I am so sad to be leaving, but proud of the team that is coming after all of us. It has been an honor being able to serve you all for this very short time, and I will forever be thankful to all of you.

HAYES:

Hayes Feedback OFFICIALLY all went out! People received their feedback.

ELECTIONS:

We have our Presidential elections today, and we will hopefully have a president-elect soon here.

Delegate elections ran successfully from May 22nd to May 28th! I (Blue) did make the mistake of sending the university-wide email at 8:30am without making it clear that voting should not have started until 12:00pm that day, as is stated in our bylaws. I will make some further notes in the VP guidebook to prevent this from happening again in the future.

Notifications will go out to election winners, losers, and those with the opportunity to participate in runoffs before the May delegate meeting, and I (Blue) am currently working on academic verification for all candidates who applied through the portal.

SAPPY REMARKS:

Firstly, I want to thank all of you for being so great during this messy process of me coming in as Interim. It was a lot, but I know that all of you have been very welcoming to me.

Sabrina, thank you for being a great president and friend. We grew so close this last year, and I am glad that I get to call you one of my great friends. You have gone above and beyond through all of your placements here in CGS, and I know you may not always get the recognition that you deserve, but you have a special place in my heart. Thank you for all that you have done for me along the way.

Blue, I also want to thank you for everything you have done as Chief of Staff and VP-Elect. I have also grown very close to you, and I appreciate all of the work that you are doing behind the scenes. You are going to make the Vice Presidency such a great job to have, and you will excel at everything you do.

To all of my friends in CGS – Naseem, Alexis, Jonathan, Austin, Andy, and everyone else that I have made friends along the way, thank you all. I look forward to everything that we will do outside of CGS.

Thank you all for the great academic year! Have a wonderful summer, and I hope to see you all soon.

See you later,
Gokey.5



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Kene Adimorah.1, Treasurer
DATE: May 04, 2026
RE: Treasurer's Report

Hello Everyone,

I officially resumed as the new CGS treasurer and Ray Travel Chair for 2026-2027. I am immensely grateful to Adam for his unwavering support throughout the transition process, notwithstanding his Candidacy exam from May 4-7. In the same vein, I also want to thank the executives who have helped in the transition process.

Ray Travel Awards

The funding period 1 officially closed on May 1, and the judging has started.

CGS Budget

I am working on the budget and should be presenting the budget to the house in the May General Delegate meeting.

Yours in service,
Adimorah.1



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Kaz Gary, Secretary
DATE: May 4th, 2026
RE: Secretary's Report

Hi y'all,

First, to business:

As Secretary

- I have been working on transitioning our new Secretary: Kaylee Farr. We've met to discuss Secretarial and CDG duties, and will slowly train her over the summer so she can hit the ground running come August 😊
- I've updated the CGS Archives with all of our meeting packets for the year!

As CDG Chair

- CDG Cycle 2 closed on Friday! We have 36 applicants this year (another record high).
- I will be assisting Kaylee with this Cycle and helping her to understand the process
- **PLEASE consider being a judge for this cycle. With summer and a new Secretary, it will be hard to find judges. Kaylee and I could really use the help!**

This is my final meeting as your Secretary. It has been truly a pleasure to serve all of you and CGS for the past two years. Through my work as Secretary, **CDG has been able to fund ~100 graduate students in their career development.** I have also had many wonderful opportunities to improve the graduate student experience through helping with Hayes. Ray, GSAW and the OCCSE block party. But the best part of my CGS time has always been you. Thank you all for inspiring me with your care and dedication; it is truly something that academia needs more of. I want to shout out Sabrina Durso, Jon Fritz and Holly Engel for supporting and befriending me during my time and making the long nights all the better! I also want to shout out Aryn Robinson, Adam Tjoelker, Lauren Levesque and Blue Lerner for helping with CDG when I really needed it!

Keep fighting the good fight.

Yours in service,
Kaz Gary.102



Committee Chair Reports

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Danwyn Aranha and Poornima Iyer, CGS Academic Affairs, Chair
DATE: May 03, 2026
RE: Academic Affairs Chair Report

Dear All,

We would like to thank Anastasia for her efforts as academic co-chair this past year. We also have a new co-chair for Academic Affairs: Poornima Iyer, who was voted in during the previous executive meeting.

The Regalia Party was a success, and we would like to thank everyone involved in making it a success. We plan to continue working on the AI-Fluency Project as we move on to the next semester.

Finally, we would like to thank our wonderful committee members who have contributed immensely through their support and enthusiasm.

Best,

Aranha.7 & Iyer.267



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Holly Engel, Arts and Culture Chair
DATE: April 24, 2025
RE: Arts and Culture Chair's Report

My dear friends,

Arts and Culture has decided to go out with a bang this year with some final end-of-the-year planning. Below are some of our current projects, which we're hoping to complete and/or kickstart as the summer begins.

- Sound equipment purchase: A&C will be purchasing a microphone, mic stand, and speaker sometime after the spring semester, which will be available for future A&C events and for any other CGS committees who need some sound things and don't want to buy/rent them from somewhere else.
- Dtix collaboration: Today, I met with the Dtix coordinator to share A&C's interest in helping make more tickets available to students at lower prices. A&C can either sponsor events, paying for tickets for that event to make them cheaper or free to all OSU students, OR we can buy tickets as a group order for CGS and then distribute those tickets via contest/lottery/etc if we want to just reach grad students. Either way, I think A&C can make a positive contribution to the Dtix system.
- Collaboration with Diversity Committee: A&C is collaborating with the Diversity Committee as they plan their drag show in June. So, this is a shameless plug for the drag show: tell your friends, and attend!

We will be discussing these items, particularly the Dtix collaboration, during a short virtual meeting on **Thursday, May 14 from 2:30-3:30pm** at [this link on Zoom](#).

Bisous,

Holly Engel.210



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Johnathan Chisam, Diversity & Inclusion Chair
DATE: May 01, 2025
RE: Diversity & Inclusion Chair's Report

Hello everyone,

Sunrise Conversations will happen on May 7th from 1-3pm! If you have any questions you would like answered during the program, please see the email for the link to the question submission system.

In collaboration with the Arts & Culture Committee, we have officially scheduled CGS Has Pride: A Drag Showcase for June 26th! Currently we are planning to have three professional drag queens perform, and we are now looking for any graduate students that may be interested in performing during the event. If you or anyone you know is interested, please contact me as soon as possible.

Lastly, I would like to thank the members of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee for their assistance and support this year. Both Sunrise Conversations and CGS Has Pride: A Drag Showcase would not be happening without them.

Thanks,

Chisam.1



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

Hello everyone,

We are still looking for a Government Affairs chair for next year! Please let me know if you are interested in chairing the committee and/or getting involved with the advocacy workshop (I should have a few more details about the event by our meeting Friday).

The last Government Affairs Committee meeting was on April 2nd, where we discussed plans for the advocacy workshop, and planned the April newsletter which was sent out a few weeks ago. Our next meeting is May 7th, and our main focus will be the advocacy workshop. We are meeting with faculty from the Glenn College of Public Affairs to help plan the focus/direction of the workshop, and to find people to get involved. Our current plan is to get all the resources together to hold the workshop in Fall 2026.

A few things happening:

If you are reading this before the May 5th primary election, you can find polling and ballot information at [Ohio Secretary of State website](#).

[X] The Ohio Supreme Court ruled that submetering companies must be regulated as utilities, reversing a previous decision by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

[X] The partial government shutdown ends as the President signed a DHS funding bill, but the bill does not fund immigration enforcement.

The US Supreme Court made a ruling last week which will substantially affect redistricting across the county. Read about the ruling and its implications [here](#).

Mace.103



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Bryan Pérez Soto, Graduate Compensation and Benefits (University Senate
Committee) Report
DATE: May 1st, 2025
RE: Graduate Compensation and Benefits Chair's Report

Hello CGSers,

During the month of April, the GCBC committee has worked on finishing the report to be presented to the University Senate. We have also been looking into including other stakeholders in the committee to ensure our advocacy reaches central administration.

Expect the full report for the June Summer meeting!

Yours truly,
Bryan

PérezSoto.2



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Tinu Oduloye, Graduate Student Affairs Chair
DATE: May 1, 2026
RE: Graduate Student Affairs Chair's Report

Hi everyone,

I can't believe we are at the end of the semester! This year marked my first-year planning Graduate Student Appreciation Week (GSAW), and it has truly been a pleasure and an honor to serve as Chair of the Graduate Student Affairs Committee. Planning GSAW was fun, rewarding, and at times tiring, but it was incredibly meaningful to see graduate students come together throughout the week. I especially appreciated the opportunity to meet and speak with graduate students, hear about their experiences, and help create spaces where students could destress, connect with one another, and take a well-deserved break from academics.

GSAW 2026 was great this year. We had a good turnout for Donuts with the Deans and throughout the week, approximately 200-300 graduate students attended each day to pick up one of our daily swag giveaways and connect with campus partners. We were grateful to welcome five wonderful campus partners throughout the week, who shared valuable resources and support with graduate students.

In addition, both Instructional Kitchen events were fully attended, providing students with a fun and engaging opportunity to cook, connect, and take a break from academics. We also hosted Game Night and the CGS Open House, which created another space for graduate students to relax, socialize, and build community. By the end of the week, all of our giveaways had been distributed, which speaks to the excitement and engagement from graduate students throughout GSAW.

The Graduate Student Affairs Committee met on April 30 to debrief about GSAW 2026, discuss feedback, and reflect on ways to improve GSAW for next year. I am grateful to the committee for their time, ideas, and support throughout the planning process. I also want to thank the CGS Executive Team, the Graduate School, CGS leadership, campus partners, volunteers, and everyone who helped make GSAW possible. This week would not have been successful without the collaboration and support of so many people across campus.

Before the end of the fiscal year, I hope to purchase games that can be used for future CGS events and activities. Over the summer, I plan to review feedback from this year's events and begin thinking about goals, improvements, and ideas for GSAW 2027. I look forward to using the feedback we received to continue creating meaningful, inclusive, and engaging experiences for graduate students.

Finally, I would like to extend my congratulations and best wishes to all graduate students who are graduating this semester. I hope you are proud of your accomplishments, and I wish you the best in your next adventures! Have a great summer and go Buckeyes!!

With gratitude and appreciation,

Oduloye.1



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Deb Pathak and Luke Van Niel, Health, Wellness, and Safety Chair
DATE: May 4th, 2026
RE: Health, Wellness, and Safety Chair's Report

Hi all—

Luke and Deb would like to thank our wonderful HWS members for all their hard work and support throughout the past year, and we appreciate anyone that has served on or helped HWS in any way throughout our tenure. We look forward to passing the torch to the next chair(s) and appreciate everything that all of you do for your departments and graduate students on campus. We also thank Sabrina for inspiring us to chair HWS in the first place and for all her help throughout the years making campus more accessible for disabled graduate students. If you are interested in chairing HWS and have any questions, feel free to reach out to Luke Vanniel.5@osu.edu.

Sincerely,
Pathak.89 & Vanniel.5



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Lauren Levesque, Housing and Family Affairs Chair
DATE: May 1st, 2026
RE: Housing and Family Affairs Chair's Report

Hello,

We tabled at the OCCSE BLOC party. Shout out to Tinu and Katya to help with that. I sent the final report of the housing survey to OCCSE. Other than that, nothing to report. I hope everyone has a peaceful and restful summer.

Best,

Levesque.31



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Ashutosh Soni, International Student Affairs Chair
DATE: May 3, 2025
RE: International Student Affairs Chair's Report

Dear all,

A few updates from our committee -

1. We successfully organized the 3rd installment of our annual 'Share Your Story' event on 22nd April. This time we had 5 speakers, which is the most we have had in this series so far. We also had more than 30 attendees and the room was full.
2. Given that I would be moving to my 5th yr of PhD, I won't have much time to dedicate to ISAC which is why I have decided to step down from the chair to co-chair for the next academic year.
3. I have found 3 candidates who reached out showing interest in co-chairing the committee. I am trying to work on talking to them over the next week or so.

I hope everyone has a great summer.

Thanks,
Soni.117



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Aryn Robinson, Membership Wellness Chair
DATE: May 8, 2026
RE: Membership Wellness Chair's Report

Hi everyone,

Thank you for all of your support as CGSers. I hope you look back on this time fondly and made a friend or two along the way. If you are continuing in CGS, please keep showing up and speaking out for the graduate student experience.

Congratulations to all of the Distinguished Service Award winners! Good luck to everyone wherever life takes you.

Happy summer,

Robinson.2283



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Bill Wang and Shiddhartha Ramprakash, Research and Data Operations Chair
DATE: May 3rd, 2026
RE: Research and Data Operations Chair's Report

Hello,

In the following month, we haven't had any activities as a team. But looking forward to working on any upcoming tasks!

Thanks,
Wang.13945 & Ramprakash.4



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Katelyn Amstutz and Casey Ortbahn, Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility Committee (SERC) Chair
DATE: May 1, 2025
RE: SERC Chair's Report

Hi everyone! Happy May!

It's hard to believe that we've made it to the end of yet another academic year! Thanks to our committee members for doing such great work on advocacy and events this year. This past month, Katelyn, Casey, and Sabrina met with the Sustainability Institute (SI) and Provost Brown regarding the generative AI resolution that we passed a few months back. This month we will also meet with the Drake Institute. In general, both the SI and Provost have been receptive to our resolution, and our new President is interested in sustainability. The SI will be working with the Drake Institute to create more resources for faculty, staff, and students related to the sustainability impacts of generative AI, as well as researching AI and sustainability on campus, and has extended some invitations for graduate students to be a part of these processes.

Also, we included this information in our slides last meeting, but wanted to include this in our written report as well. Last month, we hosted our Time for Change event, "Art with Plants!", on Thursday, April 2 from 5-8pm. A huge thanks to everyone that helped out with this event! And a special thanks to the Living Art and Ecology Lab and the amazing Emma Kline for leading the anothotype printing activities. The event was a success, with over 113 participants, including 43 graduate and professional students, 62 undergraduate students, and a few faculty members.

Other than that, our committee is still in need of a chair (or co-chairs) for the upcoming academic year. If you are interested in chairing or co-chairing SERC, please reach out to Katelyn, Casey, Sabrina, or whoever our next CGS President will be.

Happy summer and congratulations to all our graduates!

Amstutz.87 & Ortbahn.1