



COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Delegate Packet

May 2nd, 2025

Location: Ohio Union Senate Chambers and Zoom

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Agenda

General Delegate Meeting | 2 May 2025 | Senate Chambers, Ohio Union and via Zoom

- 1. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS** **3:00 PM**
 - 1.1. **Campus Connections:** Dean Mary Stromberger, Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Dean of the Graduate School & Enterprise for Research, Knowledge and Innovation
- 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. Vice President’s Report – Anna Zaitseva.1 alongside Outgoing VP Katie Conner.280
 - 5.3. Treasurer’s Report – Adam Tjoelker.4 alongside Outgoing Treasurer Jon Fritz.288
 - 5.4. Secretary’s Report – Kaz Gary.102
 - 5.5. Parliamentarian Report – Andy Vance.128
- 6. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS** **[25 min]**
 - 6.1. Academic Affairs – Sohan Daniel.508
 - 6.2. Arts and Culture – Holly Engel.210 & Nick Booker.200
 - 6.3. Diversity & Inclusion – Priya Jana.20
 - 6.4. Government Affairs– Madeline Carrola.1 & Charles Mace.103
 - 6.5. Graduate Caucus – Peter Carrera.55
 - 6.6. Graduate Student Affairs – Chiranth Koratagere Nagaraj (KoratagereNagaraj.1)
 - 6.7. Health, Wellness, and Safety – Deb Pathak.89 & Luke Van Niel (Vanniel.5)
 - 6.8. Housing and Family Affairs – Lauren Levesque.31
 - 6.9. International Student Affairs – Kaustubh Kumar.889
 - 6.10. Membership Wellness – Aryn Robinson.2283
 - 6.11. Research and Data Operations – Bill Wang.13945 & Shiddhartha Ramprakash.4
 - 6.12. Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility – Casey Ortbahn.1 & Katelyn Amstutz.87
- 7. OLD BUSINESS** **[0 min]**
- 8. NEW BUSINESS**
 - 8.1 Senator Elections **[20 min]**
 - 8.2 Grad Caucus Further Updates & Discussion **[10 min]**
- 9. SPECIAL ORDER ITEM** **[30 min]**
 - 9.1 Delegate Issues and Concerns
- 10. ANNOUNCEMENTS** **[5 min]**
 - 10.1 **Next General Delegate Meeting: Friday, June 6 at 3:30pm (Zoom Only)**
- 11. ADJOURNMENT** **6:10 PM**



CGS Virtual Meeting Ground Rules

1. Be open, flexible, considerate, and kind!
2. Speak your discomfort if something is bothering you.
3. Challenge the idea, not the person.
4. You will be automatically muted when you join the meeting. Please keep your audio MUTED, unless asking a question.
5. You may ask a question by submitting it directly in the “Chat” box; or if you would like to ask via video/audio, use the “Raise Hand” feature in the “Participant” section and the chair will recognize you. Sarah will be monitoring to ensure they are brought up.
6. You may keep your video on or off as to whichever is most comfortable for you, but we may ask you to turn off your video should connectivity issues arise.
7. Please be visually presentable, if using video, and limit background activity.
8. This meeting will be recorded for note taking purposes, and in hopes to share our meetings in the future.



Meeting Minutes for Approval

General Delegate Meeting | 04 APRIL 2025 | Senate Chambers, Ohio Union and via Zoom

1. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

3:30 PM

1.1. Campus Connections: Meet Your Delegates!

1.1.1) gradSERU

- Survey on graduate student experience
- Deadline is May 10th
- Find QR code on stickers sent out at meeting or on gradSERU website
- Current response rate is 9.2%
- Department with highest ratio of winners get a pizza/ice cream party

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

- Motion to approve by **Mace.103**
- Second by **MulterHopkins.1**

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

5. OFFICER REPORTS

4:03 PM

5.1. President’s Report – Sabrina Durso.19

5.1.1) Recording of Sabrina’s comments to University Senate

5.1.2) Over the past month:

- Exec: Looking for Chief of Staff, Academic Affairs chair, ISAC co-chair, and D&I chair!
- Grad School: Possible Termination of Payroll Deduction & Transitioning of Preparing for Professoriate and Dissertation Bootcamps
- Senate: Needs to do better by its people!
- Funding Concerns: Reach out to ERIK & Fulbright Concerns Managed

5.1.3) Working on:

- Dean Stromberger Meeting: Hold after Decision Day for concrete Data?
- CBSC: Updates to Come!
- **Making OSU DO BETTER**
- **DANGER UPDATE:** The Guardian has shared that the Trump Admin is using AI to revoke student VISAs for those who have shared pro-Hamas posts on social media

5.1.4) Grad SERU:

- March 17th!
- Sign up to be an ambassador (Katie will send link in digest)! These folks will get a free shirt and will help the Grad School share the survey with their department!
- The department with the highest ratio of responses will win a GRATERS ICE CREAM PARTY from the Grad School!

5.2. Vice President’s Report – Katie Conner.280

5.2.1) Election Timeline

- April
 - 4.4.24 - Senator elections at/during CGS General Body Meeting
 - 4.17.25 - Delegate voting period opens at Noon ONLINE (Email with link will be sent)
 - 4.24.25 - Delegate voting period closes at 5pm
- Why is there a timeline gap between delegate applications closing and voting period beginning?
 - Gives VP/election chair time to track down academic verifications, and address any eligibility issues before the voting period starts



5.3. Treasurer's Report – Jon Fritz.288

5.3.1) Personal and professional privilege to be your Treasurer

- Prioritized spending down COVID monies and streamlining/updating the RTA
- Some thanks to:
 - Eric Brown, for knowledge of university policy and support of the organization
 - Michelle Beverly (CGS Treasurer 2021-2023), for training & supporting me throughout my transition and maturity into the role
 - Katie Conner, for 'bringing me in' to the CGS officership despite my insecurities & remaining a steadfast friend throughout my time as Treasurer
- I'm not pursuing additional leadership in CGS, but will still be around to volunteer as needed/support the mission of the organization as a constituent
- Thank you for the work that you do for your fellow graduate students, for yourself, and for your communities!

• 5.4. Secretary's Report – Kaz Gary.102

5.4.1) As secretary:

- Nothing to report! Excited to be Secretary again this year ☺

5.4.2) As CDG chair:

- CDG funding period 4 results are out! That's a wrap on CDG for FY 24 – 25 :)
- Able to fund 7/29 applicants, giving us a 24% acceptance rate
- Delays due to judging and processing scores, will return to normal schedule next FP!
- Applications for FP 1 are now open until May 1st, remind your constituents
- If you'd like to serve as a judge, please email at gary.102@osu.edu

6. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

4:23 PM

6.1. Arts and Culture – Holly Engel.210 & Nick Booker.200

6.1.1) Bonsai event success!

- 25 people in attendance in addition to workshop leaders

6.1.2) Check out our Arts & Culture pathfinder document!

- QR code in April's Delegate Meeting Slides

6.1.1) Join us!

- Next meeting: Monday, April 28th, 12:30–1:30 PM in Hagerty 206 and on Zoom

6.2. Government Affairs – Madeline Carrola.1 & Charles Mace.103

6.2.1) Government Affairs met on March 26, 2025. We discussed transition planning, SB1/ HB6, and the newsletter.

6.3. Graduate Caucus – Peter Carrera.55

6.3.1) Thank you to all the Senate applicants for your commitment to serve! Please look at the full report from each senate committee. Some highlights:

- Graduate Compensation & Benefits is working on the draft of their annual report with recommendations on the cost of living realities in Columbus, mandating a 12 month funding system for all GAs
- Committee on Academic Technology wants to stress usage of university approved AI tools which are secure / do not share data to the public cloud: <https://ai.osu.edu/faculty-staff-students/approved-ai-tools>



- Government Affairs held a meeting which reviewed SB1 and discussed what would occur if it passed. The Office of Legal Affairs and Government Affairs is looking for different constituencies to bring questions / concerns / situations regarding local, state, and federal policies and laws.
 - Email your questions / concerns / situations to perezsoto.2@osu.edu.
- 6.4. Graduate Student Affairs – Chiranth Koratagere Nagaraj (KoratagereNagaraj.1)
 - 6.4.1) 📢 Reminder: National GSAW is Almost Here! 🎉
 - Let's make sure to show our appreciation to our hardworking graduate students in some way! Whether it's a shoutout, a small gift, or just a simple "thank you," every bit counts! 🙌
 - GSAW Events You Don't Want to Miss!
 - ALL WEEK LONG (April 7-11)
 - CGS Giveaways | 9 AM - 1 PM | Grad School Lobby (2nd floor, University Hall)
 - Monday, April 7 – Donuts with the Deans | 9 AM - 11 AM | Grad School Lobby
Kick off GSAW with FREE donuts and a chance to chat with the deans!
 - Wednesday, April 9 – Game Night | 6 PM - 9 PM | KBK Suite (Ohio Union)
Unwind with board games, card games, and friendly competition with pizza!
 - Friday, April 11 – Instructional Kitchen | 5 PM - 7:30 PM | Ohio Union
Learn new cooking skills and enjoy a fun night with fellow grad students!
 - Mark your calendars & spread the word! ⌚ 2 days left! 🇺🇸🇮🇹
- 6.5. Health, Wellness, and Safety – Deb Pathak.89 & Luke Van Niel (Vanniel.5)
 - 6.5.1) Met on March 26th.
 - Heard updates on upcoming changes to Grad Handbook on grad leave policies.
 - Working on an initiative, potentially in collaboration with SLDS, to compile disability narratives and resources in a web-based medium for the benefit of graduate students.
 - Beginning to plan this year's Accessibility Stakeholder's Symposium!
- 6.6. Housing and Family Affairs – Lauren Levesque.31
 - 6.6.1) International Student Survey for Off-Campus Living Guide
 - OCCSE is creating a living guide for international students and needs information via this survey. Survey QR code in the Delegate Meeting slides! Please send out to your constituents.
 - 6.6.2) Off-campus Living Expo: March 25, 2025 in Ohio Union Performance Hall
 - Great turnout and lots of free swag!
 - 6.6.3) Housing Situation Report
 - Report on rent prices and rental conditions in Columbus for grad students
 - Sent to Graduate Compensation Committee in Senate
 - QR code for the report in Delegate packet
 - 6.6.4) Upcoming Food Truck Event
 - OCCSE x CGS, April 11, 4-6 PM in University Square
- 6.7. International Student Affairs – Kaustubh Kumar.889
 - 6.7.1) 'Share your story' event held 6-8 pm on 24th March at Great Hall Meeting Room 2, Ohio Union.
 - Two speakers: Syed Murtaza Arshad (PhD candidate, Dept of ECE; Home country Pakistan) and Mauricio Dos Santos (Fulbright scholar and MA Student, Dept of Teaching and Learning, College of Education and Human Ecology; Home country Brazil).
 - 6.7.2) Tax info session couldn't materialize and deferred to next academic year. Steps identified to improve planning and conduct more than one session next academic year.
- 6.8. Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility – Brittany Multer Hopkins (MulterHopkins.1)
 - 6.8.1) Spring is the perfect time to reflect on your environmental habits and renew your commitment to



protecting our planet. Here are a few ways to get involved in sustainability this season:

- 🌍 Attend Time for Change Week (April 5–11): Join CGS SERC's sustainability panel event to learn how sustainability is being implemented at OSU.
- 🚲 Get Outside: Walk or bike to work and around campus to soak up some vitamin D while reducing your carbon footprint.
- 🥕 Eat Seasonal & Local: Visit the Worthington and Upper Arlington Farmers' Markets for fresh, locally grown asparagus and other in-season produce.

6.8.2) SERC T4C Week

- Find attached flyer for this event in the Delegate Packet!

6.9. Membership Wellness – Aryn Robinson.2283

6.9.1) Financial Wellness Event

- Thank you to our speakers:
 - Adrienne Wilson, *Wellness Coordinator – Student Wellness Center*
 - Deep Patel, *Branch Manager of US Bank in the Union*
- Thank you to our attendees
- If you could not make it, find the presentation slides attached to the Delegate Packet email

6.9.2) April Environmental Wellness Bingo

- Thank you, SERC!
- Find attached to the Delegate Packet email

6.9.3) CGS Cookbook

- Collection of the favorite recipes of CGSers
- <https://forms.office.com/r/5ZrmXikjnV>
- Due: Friday, April 11th

7. OLD BUSINESS

8. NEW BUSINESS

4:45 PM

8.1 Treasurer Special Election

8.1.1) Election - Treasurer

- **Candidate:** Adam Tjoelker.4
 - *Introductory speech:*
 - 1st year PhD student and delegate from Department of Geography and Atmospheric Sciences
 - Started on Academic Affairs and Dean Stromberger's advisory council this past year
 - Helped in making OTDI policy changes and get access for Adobe
 - Contribute to CGS successes
 - Managing an experimental Learning Technology Resource Library which has a \$200,000 budget in department
- **Q+A:**
 - **Elton.21:** Why do you want to be treasurer?
 - **Tjoelker.4:** This is a great chance for me to continue to contribute to CGS. Through my time in CGS, I've appreciated the work and people. It's a great way to keep learning and growing.
 - **Booker.200:** Can you talk more about your experience with financials, spreadsheets, and your fiscal experience for the job?
 - **Tjoelker.4:** I'm a physical geographer doing quantitative data science. I used Microsoft Excel and other number-crunching software in my work before, but I'm dedicated to learning any other software needed for the position.
 - **Elton.21:** If we were to encounter issues like the sweater debacle, how would you handle that as Treasurer with funds?
 - **Tjoelker.4:** Communication comes first and making sure everyone is on board.
 - **Carrera.55:** Can you speak about your ability to make sure CGS is still in compliance with the business office while meeting the goals of the group?



- **Tjoelker.4:** In my current role, I had to learn a lot of Workday policy and it was difficult for me to work through. As CGS treasurer, I will make sure we're in compliance of rules but also distributing funds in a just, equitable and fair way across the entirety of CGS.
- **Daniel.508** moves to extend Q+A session by 2 minutes
- **Elton.21** seconds
- Motion passes
- **Online CGSer:** There's knowledge from where the funds come from for CGS. Are you going to discuss the interests and position of the CGS financial existence?
- **Tjoelker.4:** My approach will be to maximize what we can get from interests. I will look critically at funding sources and if there's an issue with the source not aligning with our shared values, ideas and morals, I will bring this up to CGS and we can discuss this source further.
- **Daniel.508:** What is your favorite ice cream flavor?
- **Tjoelker.4:** Strawberry

8.2 Senator Elections

8.2.1) Election - President

- **Candidate: Holly Engel.210**
 - Arts and Culture Co-Chair and Delegate from the French and Italian Department
 - Good communication and collaboration skills from department and CGS
 - Wants to be more involved in CGS as this is her last year
- **Candidate: Jon Fritz.288**
 - 4th year BioPhysics PhD student, previously delegate and currently Treasurer
 - Feel empowered by CGS and have connections within CGS and across 2 different colleges through the research I do
- **Candidate: Andrew Miles.375**
 - 3rd year PhD student in plant pathology
 - Served on University Research Committee, Coordinating Committee for University's Reaffirmation of Accreditation
 - Have directly and indirectly interacted with President and Provost
 - Was Senator last year
 - Tried to advocate for all students, not just graduate students
- **Candidate: Kirsten Myers.2377**
 - 1st year in the Higher Education Student Affairs master's program in the Education and Human Ecology department
 - Went to OSU for undergrad
 - Served on Council of Student Affairs, was Issues Chair then Allocations Chair
 - Served as an alternate for senator last year
- **Candidate: Bryan PerezSoto.2**
 - 4th year PhD student in molecular, cellular, developmental biology
 - Served on Graduate Compensation and Graduate Student Affairs committee as senator last year
 - Would like to continue this work
- **Candidate: Nidhi Satiani.3**
 - 1st year PhD in public policy and management
 - Received degrees in healthcare from OSU previously, was involved in undergraduate student government Election Governance Board
 - Was Vice-President of Interprofessional Council
 - Interested in shared governance, making sure our community is fairly and loudly represented
- **Candidate: Andrew Shan.90**
 - New to CGS
 - Want to share expertise in statistics and as a good researcher
- **Candidate: Dawson Varuola.1**
 - Incoming PhD student to School of Communication
 - Have served in a lot of leadership roles in my time as an undergraduate



- Worked as the Legislative Aide to the Assistant Minority leader of the Ohio House of representatives
- **Candidate: Carerra.55**
 - 5th year PhD Candidate in Operations and Management
 - 3 years in Senator
 - Served on CGS for 4 years and chaired for the last 2 years
 - Lead a student code of conduct update that protects students undergoing concurrent criminal and code cases at the same time
 - Reviewing student activity fee
- **Q+A:**
 - **Multerhopkins.1:** What are you passionate about advocating for outside of the traditional compensation, housing or childcare?
 - **Carerra.55:** One of the big things we've spent a lot of time on is living student hourly wages, which doesn't affect as many graduate students as it does undergraduates.
 - **Engel.210:** In the broad sense, I'm interested in student needs, specifically students who are not being heard and listening to those voice to figure out how to speak up for those who can't speak up for themselves.
 - **Fritz.288:** Background as treasurer has emphasized financial points, looking for logistical gaps in the University infrastructure like I did with the academic regalia project. Specifically looking at what other institutions do better than OSU and calling them out for it.
 - **Miles.375:** Gained an appreciation of academic affairs, and previously served on the Academic Standards Committee at Penn State. Ensuring our students are preparing for future careers, making sure programs are high quality
 - **Myers.2377:** I'm very passionate about accessibility on campus. Continuing that work and learning more through CGS
 - **PerezSoto.2:** Enhance communication through new avenues, move people from 9 month to 12 month appointments, and ensuring diversity
 - **Satiani.3:** Talking to as many people as possible for windows of opportunity and hearing concerns that aren't being elevated right now, transparent support for students through different colleges
 - **Shan.90:** Mental health is a priority for graduate students given the stress we're under and substance use driven by these mental health problems
 - **Varuola.1:** Importance of diversity and connecting people to government resources who may not hear about them otherwise
 - **Mace.103:** Suppose in your time as Senator, there's a controversial topic in front of the OSU Senate or the committee you serve on. Suppose you have a strong personal conviction about what should be done for grad students. What's the right course of action if that belief disagrees with what this body feels that CGS should be done? How do you deal with that discrepancy and do your job as a grad student Senator?
 - **Varuola.1:** Being able to separate myself from my position and my own personal convictions is important. Listening before speaking will be my number 1 priority
 - **Shan.90:** I think I would discuss my own position with CGS, but if CGS has more reasons for what they stand for, they should lead the discussion.
 - **Satiani.3:** Time and space for personal opinions and different ones for group opinions. If we're discussing as a group, that's where I would express my personal opinion. But ultimately, advocating for the group and understanding that line between those time and spaces.
 - **PerezSoto.2:** Listening to what CGS has to say and bringing that to the necessary people
 - **Myers.2377:** Taking my own personal beliefs out before attending Senate and going with what everyone says
 - **Miles.375:** Ask and use the connections available through CGS
 - **Fritz.288:** Time and space for personal opinions which is why there's a block of Senators from CGS. So, it's just a timing issue, where is the most appropriate place for personal opinions and for group opinions.
 - **Engel.210:** Putting listening first and looking at notes that I took for meetings and making sure my personal bias isn't there in the notes
 - **Carrera.55:** All about collaborative consensus building. We meet as a group, so our group decision should be what's present in Senate.



- **Teafatiller.1:** Have you given any thoughts into what Senate committees you would want to be put in?
- **Carrera.55:** Hope to continue contributing to CSA and programs that benefit graduate students
- **Engel.210:** Interested in joining the Research Committee, there's creative freedom in the research that they do and that's extremely important, want to make sure the University is upholding that
- **Fritz.288:** I would be fine with any committee given my experience but I think I would work best in 1) the Finance Committee given my connections and experience as Treasurer and 2) Grad Benefits Committee, been through a lot of different pay scales within the University
- **Miles.375:** Continue on CAA and on the newfound committees, both committees work hand-in-hand
- **Myers.2377:** CSA, been on it the last year and will serve as chair this year, Committee on Academic Misconduct is something I'm interested in especially with all of my coursework learning about what works for graduate students
- **PerezSoto.2:** Have served on Graduate Compensation and Government Affairs committees, have enjoyed working on both of these committees. For third option, I would say Rules Committee because this upcoming year will be interesting and I would be honored to bring your voices there
- **Satiani.3:** Served on several of them before, Most interested in Government Affairs Committee and Evaluation of Senior Leaders Committee given my work in public policy and management and the evaluation process that goes into those areas
- **Shan.90:** Research committee, make evidence-based approach for anything we ask for in CGS
- **Varuola.1:** Diversity committee given my personal background, Rules Committee given my background in the Ohio Statehouse

- **Daniel.508:** move to extend in 10 minutes
- Seconded by **Oduloye.1**
- Motion passes

- **Elton.21:** You'll have to come back to me because I forgot my question.

- **Acharya.105:** How important do you think it is to attend the CGS meetings as senator and why do you want to be senator specifically when there's so many other positions in CGS?
- **Varuola.1:** Definitely important to attend the meetings to understand what voice I need for Senate, chose Senator because of current climate
- **Shan.90:** Learn more about how CGS runs and attending meetings will get me to understand the voice I need, want to give evidence-based voices
- **Satiani.3:** Shared governance model is something I'm really interested in so coming to meetings will ensure I'm representing our body accurately and as Senator, I would be able to participate in this shared governance model
- **PerezSoto.2:** Come to meetings to hear everyone's voices and as senator, I've loved doing it for the past year and I know I can do good work for you guys and get my degree
- **Myers.2377:** Have the bandwidth, being able to hear people's voices as senator is important so I'll attend meetings to listen, my work with CSA has been encouraging me to join as Senator
- **Miles.375:** Engage with CGS and other people outside of CGS, enjoy being a senator and feel where I can make a difference at OSU
- **Fritz.288:** Been attending the meetings for last 3 years, been every other position in this organization besides Senator
- **Engel.210:** Invaluable to attend these meetings, approached by a number of people to run for Senator and would allow me to be further involved in CGS
- **Carrera.55:** Served as delegate and on GSAC, understand the importance of attending meetings, lots of work in the past year on information transfer between Senate and CGS



- **Elton.21:** In your individual committees, you will be the only one in the room. How comfortable are you with speaking with faculty and staff when you are the only student perspective?
- **Carerra.55:** Through CSA, have passed two different resolutions in the University Senate. In one of the sessions, I was grilled for 30 min about the importance of having a land acknowledgement from the University so I'm happy to continue being a student voice in those spaces.
- **Engel.210:** Often have been in discussions with faculty in my own department as President of the French and Italian Graduate Student Association so keeping those lines of communication open is something I'm comfortable with.
- **Fritz.288:** As an interdisciplinary student, I'm having to do self-advocacy all the time for myself. Additionally, through CGS I have worked with multiple different administrators at the University to try and get things done.
- **Miles.375:** If we don't advocate and don't speak up, those concerns will not be recognized. This will be at the detriment of our constituencies.
- **Myers.2377:** Comfortable with talking with faculty and staff, Chair of Allocations on CSA and I have faculty and staff on my committee that I regularly engage with. When I worked in the College of Pharmacy, I attended faculty meetings and advocated for those students
- **PerezSoto.2:** Little too comfortable with faculty and staff so I love being in those spaces and talking with them. I have things to say and they have stuff to say too so it's nice to have that feedback loop between me and the faculty.
- **Satiani.3:** Very often the only voice in the room and experienced this being on the school board in Northeast Ohio, a lot of connections and relationships within the University given this is my 5th degree at OSU that I'm pursuing
- **Shan.90:** Attended a lot of meetings in front of senior researchers and student representative at Case Western and regularly attended faculty meetings, feels comfortable being in those spaces
- **Varuola.1:** Used to meet with Governor of Ohio and have uncomfortable conversations, from this experience I feel well equipped to do the same in University Senate
- Motion by **Daniel.508** to move into Executive Session
- Seconded by **Mace.103**
- Motion passes

8.3 Grad Caucus Further Updates & Discussion

6:00 PM

- Motion by **Pathak.89** to move into Executive Session
- Seconded by **MulterHopkins.1**
- Motion passes
- Motion by **Carolla.1** to move into Executive Session
- Seconded by **Daniel.508**
- Motion passes

9. SPECIAL ORDER ITEM

6:49 PM

9.1. Delegate Issues and Concerns

9.1.1) CESP Update on A/A+ Grading System

- **Elton.21:** USG has a resolution that is currently being reviewed regarding OSU not giving out A+ grades considering this makes students less competitive for graduate school. What are your thoughts on this and your experience with A/A+ grades when applying for graduate school?
- **Teafatiller.2:** What's the opposing opinion to A+? Why do they care if it's A or A+?
- **Elton.21:** I'm not sure, that's a University decision.
- **Durso.19:** The argument is that you would have to go above a 4.0 system, and that gets complicated when you're having people apply and go elsewhere, and things like that. It's like you have people with like a 4.3, and that gets confusing for the school itself.



- **Elton.21:** There are some schools who have A+ that are still on the 4.0 scale. So if they want to use that as an excuse, I don't think that's acceptable.
- **Pathak.89:** I'm confused why this is relevant considering there's several different universities and several different grading systems, not to mention that international schools also have a different grading scales.
- **Elton.21:** It's an effort thing. Did you get your 4.0 with all 93's? If you're applying to the law or medical school, it's a very competitive process so the difference between a A and A+ matters.
- **Carrola.1:** I feel like grading is not uniform even across classes within the same institution, some professors have different teaching philosophies. Is there evidence to suggest that for these extremely competitive schools that there is an inequality between those who are given A's and A+'s in applications?
- **Elton.21:** I'm not sure. From personal experience, every institution before I came from OSU had the A+ grading scale so it was nice to put that in an application.
- **Durso.19:** I think what Deb and Maddie are trying to give you is questions to bring back to the committee and not necessarily questions that you need to answer.
- **Multerhopkins.1:** I've heard that graduate student grades don't matter as much as research does, not my philosophy but just from what I've heard. From a CGS standpoint, I don't really feel we should be advocating for or against it. If the undergrads really want to then sure, but I feel we should save our political capital for other things.
- **Durso.19:** Well if it goes to Senate for a vote, that's kind of when we would advocate for it, but do you think you got good feedback Tom?
- **Elton.21:** Yes, thank you.
- **Parajuli.17:** As an international student, I think it was just my GPA that mattered and not the A/A+.

9.1.2) Update on Library Platform Transfer

- **GuzmanCamaco.1:** Be aware that the library LMS migration system started, and it is scheduled to go live on June 25th. So if something seems weird on the library platform in the next couple of months, it's because they're migrating their platforms. Be sure to ask your department chairs and faculty to ask for workshops on how to use the new platform, because it will be different than what we traditionally use. Hopefully, the implementation will not be chaotic.
- Motion by **Chisam.1** to end Delegate Issues and Concerns early
- Seconded by **Multerhopkins.1**
- Motion passes

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

10.1 Treasurer – **Adam Tjoelker.2**

Arts and Humanities Senator – **Holly Engel.210**

SPS and Business Senator – **Peter Carerra.55**

Bio and FAES Senator – **Bryan PerezSoto.2**

EHE Senator – **Kirsten Myers.2377**

Math and Physical Science Senator - VACANT

At-Large Senators – **Jon Fritz.288**, **Andrew Miles.375**, **Nidhi Satiani.3**, **Andrew Shan.90**, and **Dawson Varuola.1**

10.2 Next General Delegate Meeting: Friday, May 2 at 3:30pm (Senate Chambers & Zoom)

11. ADJOURNMENT

7:00 PM



Officer Reports

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Sabrina Durso, President
DATE: April 25, 2025
RE: President's Report

Dear End of Semester Scholars,

Somehow, we made it to May and the end of another politically fraught semester. To all of those graduating, CONGRATULATIONS! You made it out alive! To those who have completed candidacy, I envy you and also wish you the best of luck writing that dissertation this summer—make sure to find time to enjoy the sunshine while you are writing! And to all of those who completed coursework alongside of me, you made it through another semester of hard work and I hope you find many ways to rest this summer!

I'd also like to highlight that CGSers have done amazing this year! We hosted 11 wonderful community-building events, awarded 91 professional development grants, and invited over 201 grad and post-docs, a record-breaking number, to present their research at the Hayes Forum! I can't wait to see the work we do next year!

Over the Past Month:

- **Exec:** We continue to welcome new chairs as folks graduate and leave us. Welcome **Casey Ortbahn and Katelyn Amstutz as SERC co-chairs!** If you're interested in chairing or co-chairing a committee, feel free to reach out! **We are still looking for chairs for the Academic Affairs and Diversity & Inclusion committees** for the upcoming academic year! Additionally, we voted on our **summer meeting dates: June 6 and July 11 at 3:30 EST via Zoom.** Zoom links and Outlook calendar holds to come!
- **Graduate School:** **We have won the fight to keep the Graduate Student Payroll Deduction service!** YAY!!! However, **the University will no longer be offering the WilceCare Supplement to new students.** Participation in WilceCare has decreased by nearly 80% since 2012/2013, with little expectation of future growth, making the current operating model financially unsustainable for the future. Between increased options through the Affordable Care Act and the expansion of Student Health Services' portfolio of contracted health insurance companies, WilceCare is not as attractive an option as it was in the past. The approximately 1000 students who are currently signed up for WilceCare have been notified. Students or families with questions, can contact Student Health Insurance.
- **University Senate:** This month's Senate meeting centered on constituent updates, where I shared our concerns regarding Shared Governance, Shared Values, international student safety, and academic freedom. Additionally, the Undergraduate Student Government passed a proposal for Senate to endorse The Scarlet Button, or an AI tool that would help students find resources on the Ohio State App. Also, Student Legal presented their service, and CGS senators stated their concerns that this service



is currently not doing enough for students in need, as they largely send them to outside legal counsel.

- **Public Safety:** I urged Public Safety to bridge the gap between themselves and students when it comes to safety. They need to ensure they are attempting to build trust by reaching out to marginalized groups, especially those who will be here over the summer.
- **THE Buckeye Commons:** After getting as much feedback from student stakeholders as possible, the student body leaders have worked together to open THE Buckeye Commons to fill the space the Center for Belonging and Social Change once held. The support and space should be inclusive, welcoming and attractive to all students, including a wide range of student populations, such as non-traditional groups such as veterans, first generation students, parenting students and students with disabilities. Beyond the physical space, the Buckeye Commons will work similarly in concept to the soon-to-open Monda Student Resource Center, which is a one-stop resource for students' essential needs. Similarly, the Commons will serve as a central hub for all students to come together to connect, network, engage, learn and thrive in an inclusive, dedicated space focused on student success.
- **SEI Transition:** The University is currently transitioning from a Student Evaluation of Instruction to a Survey of Student Learning Experience. Please [follow this link](#) to read of these changes. The new survey is more qualitative, asking questions about instructor availability and helpfulness, feedback, teaching methods, engagement, interest in teaching, and classroom environments. I served on this committee and feel it will benefit grads. Additionally, there will be options to add questions and center the SSLE on labs and other specialized spaces.
- **Events I attended on CGS's Behalf:** Adobe & Microsoft Discussion with SVP of Admin and Planning, Public Safety Advisory Committee, ERIK & CGS Meeting, Graduate Council, SEI Meeting, SVP Student Leader Panel

Working On:

- **Concerns regarding Senate Bill 1 implications:** Please see the delegate packet to read and comment on CGS's concerns regarding the Enact Advance Ohio Higher Education Act. We will go over this in the meeting.
- **Sunrise Conversations:** On Monday, May 19th from 2-4PM via Zoon, C.G.S. will host a new speaker series titled "Sunrise Conversations," where all Graduate Associates (both Research and Teaching) will be able to ask distinguished O.S.U. professors in S.T.E.M. and the Humanities questions about navigating difficult conversations within the labs and classrooms you lead. The event will begin with short presentations from each professor on how they engage student thought and center respect within their classrooms and labs. Following the presenters' talks, C.G.S. will host a moderated Q&A. G.A.s new and old to mentoring undergraduate students are welcome to ask questions addressing how to prepare and lesson plan for navigating controversial topics with students, navigate potentially conflicting student opinions during class time and one-on-one contexts, address students in office hours respectfully, set and enforce reasonable and shared expectations, build a sense of community between students with diverse perspectives, encourage collaboration within your classes/labs, and more. **This will be a moderated discussion, with priority to those questions**



asked via this anonymous, one-question
survey: https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3EkSh6uVLGNJW3Y

- **Adobe and Microsoft 365:** The SVP of Admin and Planning, alongside the CIO of OTDI are looking at ways to decrease the cost of these services without impacting us. It seems this will be an open dialogue throughout the summer.

In solidarity always,
Sabrina Durso.19



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Katie Conner, Outgoing Vice President & Anna Zaitseva, Incoming Vice President
DATE: May 2025
RE: Vice Presidents' Report

Hey everyone,

We are working on wrapping up the main portion of transitioning Katie out of office and Anna into office, while juggling semester's end writing and teaching and all other things that come with the summer arriving.

Delegate elections wrapped earlier this week (April 21-25) and, pending runoffs, we are expecting to seat roughly 60-70 delegates this fall right out of the gate! As usual, this number will likely go up another 10-15 delegates over the summer with Anna/the VP's recruitment and vacancy filling work. This is a strong start to the 25-26 CGS body, and we're thrilled to have a great group of both returners and new faces joining us in a few months.

If you're returning as a delegate, chair, or senator this fall, please be sure to keep your eyes on your emails for when Anna reaches out with info on committee appointments, CGS orientation, and anything else Anna may need to get things prepped for the 25-26 school year.

We hope everyone has a productive, peaceful, safe, restful, and well-deserved break this summer.

Cheers,
Katie Conner.280 VP 24-25
Anna Zaitseva.1 VP 25-26



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Adam Tjoelker, Incoming Treasurer & Ray Travel Award Committee Chair
DATE: May 2, 2025
RE: Treasurer's Report

Hello everyone,

Jon has been working with me over the last month to get me trained as the new treasurer and Ray Travel Award Committee Chair. We have also been working together to create a budget for next year.

Treasurer Updates:

1. Budget for FY26: In addition to the budget listening session during today's delegate meeting, I plan to have an additional session for those interested on May 9th, 10am-11am, via Zoom:

Link: <https://osu.zoom.us/j/95542716616?pwd=lzed6iP1Juoa7EppGkKWJrqRoHXb6Q.1>

Meeting ID: 955 4271 6616

Password: 743118

Also feel free to reach out with questions, thoughts, or other feedback at any time regarding the FY26 budget via email before our June delegate meeting.

Ray Travel Award (RTA) Updates:

1. As of 4/25/2025, we have ~20 applications for RTA this funding period. In previous years we have had 40-50 applications, so we expect more will have been submitted by the May 1st deadline. As always, if you are interested in judging/helping us out, please reach out via email soon since Jon and I plan to send out judging assignments next week!
2. Jon and I are currently working to address international travel concerns in cases where the RTA has been awarded to students who will no longer be travelling.

Yours,

Adam Tjoelker.4 Treasurer 25-26

Jon Fritz.288 Treasurer 24-25

FY 2026 Proposed Budget	
	FY26 Budgeted
INCOME	
<i>Coca-Cola Carry Forward</i>	<i>\$15,000.00</i>
<i>Coca-Cola Endowment</i>	<i>\$19,500.00</i>
<i>CSA Carry Forward</i>	<i>\$35,000.00</i>



CSA Student Activity Fee	\$76,154.00
Global Gateway Carry Forward	\$5,000.00
Graduate School - Hayes	\$10,000.00
Office of Research - Hayes	\$10,000.00
Graduate School - GSAW	\$5,000.00
OAA Ray Travel	\$35,000.00
OAA Ray Travel Carry Forward	\$10,000.00
Engaged Scholar (Carry Forward)	\$15,031.00
IT Transfer	\$3,207.60
TOTAL INCOME	\$238,892.60
EXPENSE	
President's Projects	
Discretionary	\$3,000.00
TOTAL PRESIDENT'S PROJECTS	\$3,000.00
Vice President's Projects	
Hayes	\$30,000.00
Grad Student Appreciation Week	\$15,000.00
Discretionary	\$500.00
TOTAL VICE PRESIDENT'S PROJECTS	\$45,500.00
Executive Committee	
Retreat	\$1,500.00
Awards & Recognition	\$500.00
Marketing	\$11,000.00
Executive Discretionary	\$2,500.00
TOTAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	\$15,500.00
Internal Committees	
Academic Affairs	\$1,500.00
Arts & Culture	\$4,000.00
Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion	\$750.00
International Student Affairs	\$3,000.00
Ray Travel Grant Admin	\$750.00
Health, Wellness, and Safety	\$4,000.00
SERC	\$1,500.00
Org. & Election	\$0.00
Government Affairs	\$750.00
Graduate Student Affairs	\$2,000.00
Housing and Family Affairs	\$1,000.00
Committees - Other	\$5,000.00
Research and Data Operations	\$750.00
Membership Wellness	\$1,500.00



TOTAL INTERNAL COMMITTEES	\$26,500.00
Academic Regalia Lending Library	
Academic regalia project	\$35,000.00
TOTAL CROSS GOVERNMENTAL PROJECTS	\$35,000.00
Intergovernmental Affairs	
Intergovernmental Affairs Projects	\$1,000.00
TOTAL CROSS GOVERNMENTAL PROJECTS	\$1,000.00
Grant Funding	
Career Development	\$12,500.00
Ray Travel Award	\$40,000.00
TOTAL GRANT FUNDING	\$54,500.00
Office Equipment & Technology	
Copier	\$250.00
Equipment	\$500.00
Supplies	\$1,000.00
Telephone	\$500.00
Technology	\$5,364.00
TOTAL OFFICE EQUIPMENT & TECHNOLOGY	\$7,614.00
Administrative	
Campus Connections Event (catering)	\$16,000.00
Organizational Development	\$1,500.00
Travel	\$1,500.00
Parking Passes	\$5,500.00
Delegate parking reimbursement	\$500.00
Reserves	\$3,500.00
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	\$28,500.00
Encumbrances	
Career Development	\$0.00
Ray Travel Award	\$0.00
TOTAL Encum	\$0.00
OVERALL	
INCOME (not including Engaged Scholar + Global Gateway Carryforwards)	\$218,861.60
EXPENSE	\$217,114.00



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Kaz Gary, Secretary
DATE: May 2nd, 2025
RE: Secretary's Report

Hi all,

Happy summer and happy CDG season 😊 Our first cycle for FY 25 – 26 officially ends on May 1st! **Please remind your constituents about this opportunity!**

If you'd like to be a judge for this cycle, please send me an interested email at gary.102@osu.edu **ASAP**. Get experience with grant participation and a great line on your CV!

Best,
Kaz Gary.102



Committee Chair Reports

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Sohan Daniel, CGS Academic Affairs, Chair
DATE: April 25, 2025
RE: Academic Affairs Chair Report

No Updates.

Sohan Daniel.508



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Holly Engel and Nick Booker, Arts and Culture Co-Chairs
DATE: May 2, 2025
RE: Arts and Culture Chair's Report

Good news, everyone!

If you're in Columbus in the coming weeks and unsure how to engage with culture, you can try our [Arts and Culture Pathfinder Document](#)!

It has been a wonderful academic year filled with struggle, creativity, collaboration, and, of course, bonsai. Nick is not running for re-election in CGS, but Holly intends to stay on with the A&C committee. So, contact Engel.210 if you have arts and culture interests next academic year! Thanks for engaging with our events and programs. In the coming months, please remember that we are always stronger together and that hanging together is often a matter of culture.

In the spirit of creative solidarity,

Engel.210 and Booker.200



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Madeline Carrola & Charlie Mace, Government Affairs Chair
DATE: May 2, 2025
RE: Government Affairs Chair's Report

Hello,

The Government Affairs Committee met on April 17, 2025. We planned for our upcoming newsletter and discussed potential ideas and collaborations for next year.

On a personal note, it's been a privilege and joy being a part of the Government Affairs Committee these past three years. Amidst ongoing threats to education, diversity, and social justice, having the opportunity to work alongside you all to advocate for graduate students is an experience I will always treasure. Looking back on the past three years, I feel especially grateful for Charlie Mace, Sabrina Durso, and Katie Conner – for their leadership, sharp insights, and unwavering support. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Carrola.1



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Peter Carrera, Graduate Caucus Chair
DATE: 5/2/2025
RE: Graduate Caucus Chair's Report

The Graduate Caucus will be giving monthly updates to CGS members on the work university senate committees are conducting month to month. Please share and discuss any relevant information with your constituents. If you have any questions or want to share thoughts about what is going on in a senate committee please contact the respective CGS senator.

All Senate Committees complete annual reports. They are accessible here: <https://senate.osu.edu/committees>. Select a committee, scroll down to "Annual Reports" and select the year's report you'd like to see.

Fiscal Committee – Gabriel Guzman Camacho (guzmancamacho.1)

No update.

Graduate Comp & Benefits – Brian Rocha.51 (rocha.51)

GCBC report is drafted and is being circulated to the committee for comments. It will be voted on in May.

Diversity Committee – Deb Pathak.89 (pathak.89)

Jared Gardner highlighted that the board of trustees currently lacks direction regarding the role of Senate Diversity. The current focus is on legal affairs to understand the extent of OSU's compliance requirements and how Senate Diversity fits in. We were asked to consider a name change for our committee after June 26th. A July meeting has been proposed that will focus on strategic planning and defining our committee's role and objectives.

Council on Student Affairs – Peter Carrera (carrera.55)

The Council on Student Affairs approved the primary distribution of the SAF, language for the Code of Student Conduct to be included in a Code review during 2025-2026, and updated procedures. CSA has one more meeting to update student organization guidelines before the end of the year.

Intellectual & Property, Patents, and Copyright Committee– Brian Rocha (rocha.51)

Committee is done for the year, no updates.

Council on Academic Affairs – Andrew Miles (miles.375)

CAA discussed the College Credit Plus program and the low enrollment from Columbus City Schools, despite their close proximity to campus. We also received brief updates on SB1 and its potential impact on academic affairs. At this stage, this was primarily an overview of the bill's language, much work remains to fully understand its implications for academic programs, and continued discussions are necessary as the OAA evaluates its effects. CAA is also in the process of reviewing and assessing the efficiency of COAM. They have brought in a systems and logistics specialist to oversee COAM operations and make strategic recommendations for improvements. The goal is to streamline and expedite the process, especially given the increasing number of cases. Lastly, the College of Pharmacy has launched a new AI Taskforce. This initiative aligns with recent internal conversations at CCA regarding how to effectively teach, utilize, and address AI in the classroom. These college-specific task forces represent a



promising approach to exploring AI applications within the unique context of each discipline and academic unit. The Reaccreditation Committee was informed that the graduate students will be focusing in on the Mission and Values area during the reaffirmation processes; however, we are excited to contribute to any sections of the final document that involve the graduate student experience, and I hope to share the successes of our graduate programs in the final document.

Council on Academic Freedom & Responsibility – Tony Annerino (annerino.2)

CAFR has met to start writing a statement on the state of academic freedom. The committee is choosing to draw this out at every opportunity, so it will probably not be released until sometime in May despite everyone also saying that they want it released before the end of this Spring Semester.

Rules Committee – Jorge E. Clavo Abbass (clavoabbass.1)

No relevant update to share.

Library Committee – Gabriel Guzman Camacho (guzmancamacho.1)

No relevant update to share.

University Research Committee – Tony Annerino (annerino.2) / Andrew Miles (miles.375)

URC met on April 4th. Most of that meeting was dedicated to a mostly hollow presentation from the Office of Academic Affairs about support for faculty then an end-of-year presentation by the cross-appointed faculty senator who sits concurrently on the Committee on Academic Technology where she presented about the various things that I have reported to CGS as situations developed over this past year. URC will not meet again until next academic year.

Committee on Academic Technology – Tony Annerino (annerino.2)

CAT met on April 14th. CAT was informed that all CIO interviews are complete and told to expect an announcement by the end of April. The survey of student technology loan program need found that to be about 3300 students per year even though established funding for the program supports only 1500 devices per year. All that came of that is that “the provost has been informed” about the issue. The previously mentioned software purchasing working group has been working on the new university-wide searchable software directory and digital storage service directory, and these have launched and are now available at <https://softwaredirectory.osu.edu/> and <https://storagedirectory.osu.edu/>. Plans are being laid for OSU to retire the Virtual Desktop that is funded directly by OTDI in favor of a new, analogous tool that departments will have to pay for on a per-user basis; there is no timeline set for this yet. and are forming to add the accessibility feature Mobile Connect to the largest lecture halls on campus to allow any student to hear live speech into the lecture hall microphone through their personal electronic devices. This tool may be added to smaller lecture halls if this trial in the biggest lecture halls goes well. CAT will not meet again until next academic year.

Council on Enrollment and Student Progress – Thomas Elton (elton.21)

IPC – Put out a survey asking about post graduate plans, relevant for who plans to stay in Ohio after graduation; a priority for OSU.

USG Resolution; Wants A+ grades which have implications for graduate & professional schools, OSU currently does not award A+, will likely be put Infront of the University Senate after review.

Government Affairs – Bryan Perez Soto (perezsoto.2)

The group discussed the budget approved for the university, and more questions were brought up about federal/state changes affecting the university. Answers were not provided. Government



Affairs Office and Legal Services is working on clarifying languages to make the university compliant with all bills and executive orders.

Council on the Physical Environment – Brittany Multer Hopkins (multerhopkins.1)

No meeting.

Athletic Council – Katie Conner (connor.280)

No update relevant to graduate students.

Steering – Sabrina Durso (Durso.19)

GCBC made their update. Additionally, I made President Carter aware of international grad concerns (for lack of a better word) on not leaving the country, dangers of extending visas, and possible issues like conference travel requirements impacting degree completion. I also discussed the need to find ways to hear from and speak up for those being silenced and how visa revocations are impacting academic freedom. Lastly, I asked that the university and faculty leaders find MANY ways to communicate and share official resources often and to host events throughout the summer to support the international student community that is largely forced to stay here over the summer.

In service,
Peter Carrera (Carrera.55)



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Chiranth Koratagere Nagaraj, Graduate Student Affairs Chair
DATE: May 02, 2025
RE: Graduate Student Affairs Chair's Report

Event Overview

The Graduate Student Affairs Committee is thrilled to report the successful completion of **Graduate Student Appreciation Week (GSAW) 2025**, held from **April 7–11, 2025**. This weeklong celebration was dedicated to recognizing and appreciating the contributions of graduate students across campus. Departments were encouraged to show their appreciation through kind gestures, small tokens, and active participation in GSAW events. Scheduled Events and Participation Highlights

All Week (April 7–11): CGS Giveaways

- Location: Graduate School Lobby (2nd floor, University Hall)
- Volunteer Shifts: Covered daily by committee members and delegates
- Footfall:
 - Monday: 600+ students
 - Tuesday: 300+ students
 - Wednesday: 500+ students
 - Thursday: 400+ students
 - Friday: 500+ students

Monday, April 7: Donuts with the Deans

- Location: Graduate School Lobby
- Time: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM
- Attendance: Over 300 graduate students and 6–8 OSU Deans!
- Volunteer: Shekhar (8:00 AM – 12:00 PM)

Wednesday, April 9: CGS Open House & Game Night

- Location: KBK Suite, Ohio Union
- Time: 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- Attendance: 175+ graduate students
- Volunteers: Ashutosh (5:30 PM – 9:30 PM)
- Highlights: Outstanding engagement and fun atmosphere — recommending continuation for future GSAWs!

Friday, April 11: Instructional Kitchen

- Location: Ohio Union, Instructional Kitchen (Lower Level)
- Time: 5:00 PM – 7:30 PM
- Attendance: Full capacity with 30 graduate students
- Volunteers: Tanay (4:00 PM – 8:00 PM)

Committee Acknowledgments

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our incredible team:

- **Shekhar**, for exceptional setup support and leadership at Donuts with the Deans.
- **Chris**, for your infectious enthusiasm and engagement during giveaways.
- **Tanay** and **Priya**, for making the Instructional Kitchen event so lively and memorable.
- **Ashutosh**, for outstanding support during Game Night.



- **Smita, Sudeshna**, and all committee members and volunteers who supported daily operations throughout GSAW week.

A special thanks to **Sabrina Durso** and **Katie Conner** from the CGS Staff for their constant support, guidance, and patience throughout the planning and execution process.

Bests,
Koratagerenagaraj.1



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Deb Pathak and Luke Van Niel, Health, Wellness, and Safety Chair
DATE: April 25, 2025
RE: Health, Wellness, and Safety Chair's Report

Hey everyone,

Health, Wellness, and Safety will meet on April 30th when we will be finalizing the timeline for the CGS Accessibility Stakeholders' Symposium in October 2025. We will also be in full swing of planning and delegating work for the Symposium, so if you are interested in joining, please reach out to Pathak.89 and Vanniel.5!

A HUGE thank you to our wonderful committee members for being excellent advocates and awesome committee members – Sam Chrin, Blue Lerner, Jasmine May, Nile Najmi, Tinu Oduloye, and Yoon-Jae Yi! Thank you for making the first ever Accessibility Stakeholders' Symposium in 2024 a success, and we're excited to see what you do next!
Hang in there everyone :)

In solidarity,

Pathak.89 & Vanniel.5



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Lauren Levesque, Housing and Family Affairs Chair
DATE: April 22, 2025
RE: Housing and Family Affairs Chair's Report

Hello Everyone,

April Food Truck (11th April):

We represented CGS and HAFA at the April Food Truck Event organized by OCCSE on Friday, April 11th. We were able to advertise CGS, encourage grad students to complete the take the 2025 Graduate Student Experience Survey, and give away swag (note the small sharpies were VERY popular). There was a record attendance of 359 people, 63 of which were graduate and professional students. A big shout out to Anna Zaistev and Zeynep Ozkaynak for enduring the unseasonably cold weather with me.

Graduate and Professional Student Off-Campus Living Session

OCCSE is hosting a virtual learning session focused on steps and resources to find housing as a graduate/professional student. It will be held on May 9th, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

Link to register:

https://osu.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_J6OrEe7ZTjOPHpBjGatqKA#/registration

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best,
Levesque.31



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Kaustubh Kumar, International Student Affairs Chair
DATE: April 29, 2025
RE: International Student Affairs Chair's Report

Hi Everyone,

We had committee's monthly meeting on 29th April. The following items were discussed:

- Need of ISAC co-chair position.
- Revisiting ISAC events calendar, and steps to improve their planning and implementation next academic year.
- We plan to foster more coordination with other CGS committees and promote for more international student participation in CGS and related events.

We are always looking for new committee members who will help us grow and contribute positively to international graduate students experience at the OSU. So, please tell your friends and reach out (kumar.889@osu.edu) if you have any ideas and/or are interested in serving on the committee.

Wishing all a fruitful summer ahead,
Kumar.889



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Aryn Robinson, Membership Wellness Chair
DATE: May 2, 2025
RE: Membership Wellness Chair's Report

Hi everyone,
Congratulations on wrapping up the semester!

May Creative Wellness Bingo Challenge is attached to the Delegate Packet email. Please take a look to get inspired!

CGS Cookbook – Taste of CGS, Volume I

Thank you to everyone who submitted a recipe! Please take a look at the cookbook and enjoy finding new dishes to create. Find attached to the Delegate Packet email.

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.

Contact me if you have any ideas for MW!

Thank you!

Robinson.2283



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Bill Wang & Shiddharta Ramprakash.4, Research and Data Operations Chair
DATE: April 25, 2025
RE: Research and Data Operations Chair's Report

No Update.

Bill Wang.13945 & Shiddharta Ramprakash.4



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Brittany Multer Hopkins, Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility Committee (SERC) Chair
DATE: May 2, 2025
RE: SERC Chair's Report

Hello everyone,

Thanks to all that attended our Time for Change week event! We had some great speakers and enjoyed learning from our panel.

Your sustainability tip for May is to create a greener garden:

- Water early or late: water your garden in the morning or evening to reduce evaporation and help plants absorb more moisture.
- Use kitchen scraps in the garden: banana peels, coffee grounds, and eggshells can go straight into garden beds or compost—free fertilizer!
- Grow what you'll eat: stick to herbs, veggies, or fruits you actually use. It will both reduce waste and save money on groceries.
- Reuse containers: yogurt cups or cans can be turned into plant pots—just poke drainage holes.

Best,
Brittany Multer Hopkins.¹