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AN ACT REORDERING AND RESTRUCTURING THE ARTICLES OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF
GRADUATE STUDENTS

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Section 1. The purpose of this act shall be to amend the Constitution of the Council of Graduate Students (CGS) and establish a new Code of Ethics and Values for the Council of Graduate Students.

Section 2. Whereas, the current order of Articles within the CGS Constitution is as follows:

Article I – Name
Article II – Mission
Article III - Authority and powers
Article IV - Membership and Eligibility
Article V- Elections and Officers
Article VI – Committees
Article VII – Meetings
Article VIII - Quorum and Voting
Article IX - Parliamentary Authority
Article X – Bylaws
Article XI- Standing Rules
Article XII – Amendments
Article XIII - Code of Ethics and Values

Section 3. Furthermore, Article X of the CGS Constitution currently reads as follows:

“Section X.1: Any proposed amendment to the Bylaws must be sent to all delegates one week prior to a regular meeting of the Council of Graduate Students. At the regular meeting of the Council, the proposed amendment to the Bylaws may be approved by a simple majority vote.”

Section X.2: These Bylaws shall be appended to this Constitution and be made available upon request. (Approved 4/18/14, 1314SP012)”

Section 4. Furthermore, Article XI of the CGS Constitution currently reads as follows:

“Section XI.1: The Council may establish additional standing rules by a simple majority vote. Such rules shall be appended to the Bylaws and be available upon request.”

Section 5. Furthermore, Article XIII of the CGS Constitution currently reads as follows:

Preamble

The Council of Graduate Students of Ohio State University (CGS), hereinafter referred to as CGS and the Organization, is the official body representing graduate students' diverse issues, concerns, and needs at Ohio State University. We involve students in a productive partnership in governance of the University, promote the internal welfare and unity of the student community, further the goals of our University, and respond to the challenges of our society. To these ends, CGS has adopted this Code of Ethics and Values (hereinafter referred to as our Code) to (1) live out the mission espoused in our Constitution; (2) and establish basic standards of ethical behavior for academic and professional life. A CGS representative is defined as any member of CGS acting in any capacity for the organization, including: Officers, Committee Chairs, Committee Members, Senators, Delegates, and appointed members. Every CGS representative is a signatory to the Code, which symbolizes a united pledge to abide by the Code's spirit and principles. The ten values enumerated in this Code represent ten equally significant guiding ideals of the Organization, and delegates hold themselves and each other accountable for adherence.

Behavioral Standards and Values

1. As a CGS Representative, I value Honesty. In practice, this value looks like:

1. *I express my genuine opinion on issues even if my view is unpopular.*
2. *I only make promises that I genuinely believe I can keep.*
3. *I disclose my affiliations with any organization or with any friends or groups that have substantial business with CGS.*
4. *I abstain or recuse myself from the decision-making process in all situations when I believe that I cannot exercise impartial judgment.*

2. As a CGS Representative, I value Fairness. In practice, this value looks like:

5. *I seek out diverse ideas/opinions and reserve judgment until I have all of the relevant information.*
6. *I treat all viewpoints with respect, even if I do not personally agree with them.*
7. *I only take credit for work that I have done and acknowledge everyone who assists me in accomplishing tasks.*
8. *I observe the established procedures detailed in the Constitution and Bylaws and demonstrate transparency in my decision-making process.*

3. As a CGS Representative, I value Flexibility. In practice, this value looks like:

9. *I am willing to re-evaluate a prior decision in light of unforeseen circumstances in order to uphold the fundamental mission of CGS.*
10. *I adapt my communication style to the situation, and to accommodate the concerns of persons involved.*

4. As a CGS Representative, I value Responsibility. In practice, this value looks like:

11. *I seek to maintain personal integrity and the integrity of the organization.*
12. *I can clearly articulate how my decision will advance the Organization's core values.*
13. *I use CGS materials and resources solely for CGS-related activities.*
14. *I take ownership for the decisions I make or fail to make, the actions I take or fail to take, and the consequences that result.*
15. *I protect confidential information that has been entrusted to me.*

5. As a CGS Representative, I value Communication. In practice, this value looks like:

16. *I clearly convey messages and relay necessary information to fellow delegates as soon as possible.*
17. *I ask clarifying questions if I disagree or do not understand.*
18. *I actively seek feedback from a diverse range of students and promote the mission and goals of the Organization.*
19. *I only act on behalf of CGS or OSU when I am authorized specifically to do so.*

6. As a CGS Representative, I value Responsiveness. In practice, this value looks like:

20. *I am available to all students and fellow delegates and keep them informed on CGS projects and events.*
21. *I am ready to respond in a direct and respectful manner to issues that implicate the well-being, justice, and unity of our community.*

7. *As a CGS Representative, I value Cooperation. In practice, this value looks like:*

22. *I seek to work with others and divide responsibilities on tasks.*

23. *I encourage new ideas and share all relevant information with others.*

24. *I strive to reach a consensus that best serves the OSU community.*

8. *As a CGS Representative, I value Commitment. In practice, this value looks like:*

25. *I continue to pursue worthy goals, regardless of their difficulty.*

26. *I have a clear set of objectives, a general time frame for accomplishment, and am willing to see difficult projects through to their completion.*

27. *I make every effort to recommend potential services when I am unable to fulfill a request.*

9. *As a CGS Representative, I value Professionalism. In practice, this value looks like:*

28. *I prepare for meetings by reading the necessary materials and arriving on time.*

29. *I make guests at meetings feel welcome and devote my full attention to their presentations.*

30. *I speak respectfully, without profanity or sarcasm.*

31. *I approach directly those persons with whom I have a conflict or disagreement.*

10. *As a CGS Representative, I value Service. In practice, this value looks like:*

32. *I make a concerted effort to assist my peers in any capacity.*

33. *I focus on the needs of the greater student body, with consideration for my own position as a student within that body.*

34. *I understand my role as a CGS Representative as service to the values articulated in our Constitution.*

Section 6. Whereas, a Preamble describing the purpose and goals of CGS as an organization serves as an important introduction for the Constitution.

Section 7. Whereas, Articles VII, VIII, and IX contain important information and definitions that are referenced throughout the document and should be presented earlier in the text for clarity.

Section 8. Whereas, Articles X and XI are both extremely brief and contain related information and should be condensed for efficiency. The title of this article should be updated to reflect this condensation of information.

Section 9. Whereas, it was deemed that Article XIII containing the Code of Ethics and Values was not well integrated into the text of the Constitution and should become a stand-alone document not contained within the Constitution.

Section 10. Therefore, be it resolved, the new order of Articles within the CGS Constitution will be as follows:

Preamble

Article 1 – Name

Article 2 – Mission

Article 3 – Authority and Powers

Article 4 – Membership and Eligibility

Article 5 – Quorum and Voting

Article 6 – Meetings

Article 7 – Parliamentary Authority

Article 8 – Elections and Officers
Article 9 – Committees
Article 10 – Other Governing Documents
Article 11 – Amendments

Section 11. Be it further resolved that the Preamble will read as follows:

Preamble: *The Council of Graduate Students of Ohio State University (CGS) is the official body representing graduate students' diverse issues, concerns, and needs at The Ohio State University. We involve students in a productive partnership in governance of the University, promote the internal welfare and unity of the student community, further the goals of our University, and respond to the challenges of our society. The statement of purpose for CGS is "to effectively advocate and program to ensure that The Ohio State University graduate student experience is the best it can be".*

Section 12. Be it further resolved, Article 10 of the CGS Constitution will be amended as follows:

Article 10 – Other Governing Documents

Section 10. 1. *The Council shall establish and maintain Bylaws, a Code of Ethics and Values, and Standing Rules. These governing documents shall be appended to this Constitution and be made available upon request.*

Section 10.2. *Any proposed amendment to the Bylaws must be sent to all delegates one week prior to a regular meeting of the Council. At the regular meeting of the Council, the proposed amendment to the Bylaws may be approved by a simple majority vote.*

Section 10.3. *Any proposed amendment to the Code of Ethics and Values must be sent to all delegates one week prior to a regular meeting of the Council. At the regular meeting of the Council, the proposed amendment to the Code of Ethics and Values may be approved by a simple majority vote.*

Section 10.4 *The Council may establish or amend additional standing rules by a simple majority vote.*

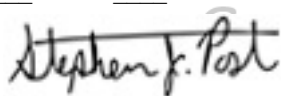
Section 13. Be it further resolved, Article XIII containing the Code of Ethics and Values will be removed from the CGS Constitution and be adopted as the CGS Code of Ethics and Values, a stand-alone governing document.

Section 14. Be it finally resolved that the changes contained within this act shall be effective immediately after an affirmative vote of two-thirds of delegates at a regular meeting of CGS in accordance with Article XII of the CGS Constitution.

Approved: Yes/No

77 Yeas, 0 Nays, 3 Abstentions

Date: __1/15/21__



Council of Graduate Students
at The Ohio State University

Stephen J. Post, President

Delegate Name	Delegate Seat	Vote
Arts & Sciences		
Benjamin Mertus.3	Anthropology	Yea
Robin Gordon.215	Arts Administration, Education, & Policy	Yea
Greg Jameson.61	Biophysics	Yea
Maddy Lomax-Vogt.2	Chemistry	Yea
Alexander Milder.3	Chemistry	Yea
Ashweta Sahni.16	Chemistry	
Kye Stachowski.7	Chemistry	Yea
Matthew Maynard.228	Classics	
Morgan Ross.1655	Communication	Yea
Rob Barry.213	Comparative Studies	
Laura Neese.13	Dance	Yea
Lindsey Hernandez.641	Earth Sciences	Yea
John Bundschuh.8	East Asian Languages & Lit	Yea
Alan Lujan.14	Economics	Yea
Keira Hambrick.25	English	Yea
Jamie Utphall.1	English	Yea
Mary Sagatellova.2	Evolution, Ecology, & Organic Biology	Yea
Erik Scaltitri.1	French & Italian	Yea
Polina Berezina.1	Geography	Yea
Meaghann Dynes.19	Germanic Languages & Lit	
Greyson Teague.78	History	Yes
Yifan Li.8320	History of Art	Yes
Katie Conner.280	Linguistics	
Luke Andrejek.1	Mathematics	Yea
Kacey Clark.3684	Mathematics	
Andrew Wilson.3787	Microbiology	
Swetha Rajasekaran.11	Molecular Genetics	
Kelsey Pinckard.6	Molecular, Cellular, & Developmental Biology	Yea
Robert Dahlberg-Sears.1	Music	Yea
Zari Mahmoudi.4	Near Eastern Languages & Cultures	Yea
Jenna Greve.41	Ohio State Biochemistry Program	Yea
Todd DeRose.28	Philosophy	Yea
Jahmour Givans.2	Physics	Yea
Charlie Mace.103	Physics	Abstain
Jay Padayasi.1	Physics	
Daniel Smith.13091	Political Science	
Ekaterina Tikhonyul.1	Slavic & East European Languages & Cultures	Yea
Story Edison.22	Sociology	Yea
Kendra Dickinson.130	Spanish & Portuguese	Yea
Riley DeBacker.2	Speech & Hearing	Yea
Bethany Frick.70	Speech & Hearing	Yea
Morgan Heyde.9	Statistics	Yea
Kumar Somnath.1	Statistics	
Aviva Neff.336	Theatre	Yea
Robert Cremins.3	Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies	Yea
Fisher College of Business		
Matthew Stuckey.56	Business Administration	Yea
Akanksha Sahni.22	Management & Human Resources	

Dentistry		
Michelle Scott.1445	Dentistry	Yea
Education & Human Ecology		
Christian Hines.350	Teaching & Learning	
Ho-Chieh Lin.2532	Teaching & Learning	
Xinyue Lu.2092	Teaching & Learning	Yea
Doricka Menefee.18	Teaching & Learning	Yea
Javonte Lipsey.25	Human Sciences	Yea
Derek Walton.425	Human Sciences	
Steph Charles.211	Educational Studies	
Paul Gregor.32	Educational Studies	Yea
Noor Khalayleh.1	Educational Studies	Yea
Goran Stevanovski.	Educational Studies	Yea
Engineering		
Ali Asghariadib.1	Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering	
Melika Shahhosseini.2	Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering	
Blake Barnett.615	Material Science & Welding Engineering	Yea
Felipe Pacci Evaristo.1	Material Science & Welding Engineering	Yea
Ana Velasquez Giraldo.1	Food, Agricultural, & Biological Engineering	Yea
Ty Drayton.18	Engineering Education	Yea
Om Prakash Bedant.1	Electrical & Computer Engineering	Yea
Jacob Compaleo.2	Electrical & Computer Engineering	Yea
Krutant Mehta.337	Electrical & Computer Engineering	
Ada Barach.8	Computer Science & Engineering	Yea
Pouya Kousha.2	Computer Science & Engineering	
Garrett Tatum.71	Civil Engineering	Yea
Archit Datar.10	Chemical Engineering	Yea
Ashwin Kane.314	Chemical Engineering	
Architecture		
Brett Wedding.10	Architecture	Yea
Rosie Rabati.1	Architecture	
Food, Agricultural, & Environmental Sciences		
Nathaniel Neiden.22	Plant Pathology & Agriculture	
Jordan Hartman.635	Horticultural & Crop Science	Yea
Ellia La.18	Food Science & Technology	Yea
Sarah Haines.241	Environmental Sciences	Yea (Alt: Ewing.244)
Dominique Nagasawa (magistrado.1)	Entomology	Yea
Benjamin Duran.83	Animal Sciences	
Colby Gregg.186	Agricultural Communication, Education, & Leadership	Yea
Environment & Natural Resources		
Wanderson Novais Pereira.1	Environment & Natural Resources	Yea
Maritza Pierre.77	Environment & Natural Resources	Yea
College of Medicine		
Jessica Blackburn.243	Graduate Medical Science	Yea
Shontiar Johnson.8278	Graduate Medical Science	Yea

Lauren Riley.865		Yea
Roy Chang.1541	Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program	
Paul Consiglio.4	Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program	
Shane O'Neil.175	Neuroscience Graduate Program	Abstain
Health & Rehabilitation Sciences		
Adam Culiver.1	Health & Rehabilitation Sciences	Yea
Steph Fanelli.18	Health & Rehabilitation Sciences	
Madison Mize.29	Health & Rehabilitation Sciences	Yea
Megan Zib.1	Health & Rehabilitation Sciences	Yea
College of Nursing; College of Optometry; College of Pharmacy		
Ericka Velez-Bonet.1	Ohio State Nutrition Program	Yea
Annedra Gladney.9	Nursing	
Bryan Remaily.1	Pharmacy	Abstain
Austin DeGroff.23	Optometry	Yea
Public Affairs		
Carrington Conerly.2	Public Affairs	Yea (Alt: Chevrolet.1)
Caroline Fitzpatrick.271	Public Affairs	Yea
Public Health		
Selasi Attipoe.1	Public Health	Yea
Anthony Bowersock.26	Public Health	
Sarah Hyman.62	Public Health	
Brian O'rourke.130	Public Health	Yea
Social Work		
Megan Espana.5	Social Work	Yea
Marie Rineveld.1	Social Work	Yea
Karla Shockley McCarthy.1	Social Work	Yea
Yitong Xin.93	Social Work	