

**ACT 2021-002**  
AN ACT UPDATING AND CLARIFYING THE LANGUAGE OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF  
GRADUATE STUDENTS

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**Section A.** The purpose of this act shall be to amend the Constitution of the Council of Graduate Students (CGS).

## **Section B- Article 2**

**Section B.1** Whereas, Article 2 of the CGS Constitution currently reads as follows:

## Article 2 – Mission

*Section 2.1: The Council is the representative body for all students enrolled in graduate programs at The Ohio State University, hereinafter also referred to as "graduate students" or the "graduate student body."*

*Section 2.2: The Council of Graduate Students promotes and provides academic, administrative, and social programs for the university community in general and for graduate students in particular.*

*Section 2.3: The Council provides a forum in which the graduate student body may present, discuss, and set upon issues related to its role in the academic and non-academic aspects of the university community.*

*Section 2.4: The Council shall represent The Ohio State University graduate student body at the national level in a manner as determined by the Executive Committee in consultation with the Delegate body. The President or his/her designee will be the primary representative of the Council at the national level and shall keep the Council informed of all such activities.*

**Section B.2** Whereas, the language of this article and the order of the sections do not accurately and specifically represent the priorities of CGS as an organization.

**Section B.3** Therefore, in order to more accurately depict the current mission of CGS, this act will amend Article 2 of the CGS Constitution to read as follows:

## Article 2 – Mission

*Section 2.1 The Council represents all students enrolled in graduate programs at The Ohio State University, hereinafter referred to as graduate students or the graduate student body.*

*Section 2.2 The Council provides a forum in which the graduate student body may present and discuss issues that pertain to the academic and non-academic success and experience of graduate students and their role within the university community.*

*Section 2.3 The Council advocates on behalf of all graduate students with attention to the diverse experiences of students across race, class, gender, nationality, sexuality, disability, and religious affiliation.*

*Section 2.4 The Council promotes and provides academic, administrative, and social programs to support graduate students specifically and the university community in general.*

*Section 2.5 The Council shall represent the graduate student body at all appropriate venues in a manner determined by the Executive Board<sup>1</sup> in consultation with the delegate body. The President or their designee shall be the primary representative of the Council and shall keep the Council informed.*

## **Section C- Article 3**

<sup>1</sup> The name change from Executive Committee to Executive Board will be discussed in Section J.

54 **Section C.1** Whereas, Article 3 of the CGS Constitution currently reads as follows:

56 *Article 3 - Authority and powers*

58 *Section 3.1: The authority for the establishment of the Council of Graduate Students is derived from the consent of the*  
59 *graduate student body.*

61 *Section 3.2: The Council is recognized by The Ohio State University and the Graduate School as the only organization*  
62 *representing all graduate students at The Ohio State University.*

64 *Section 3.3: On all matters brought before personnel, committees, or agencies of The Ohio State University involving the*  
65 *interest of graduate students, the Council or its appointed representative(s) have the power to sit as an advisory agent on*  
66 *behalf of graduate students.*

68 *Section 3.4: The Council has the power to plan and implement programs in accordance with its mission.*

70 *Section 3.5: The Council has the primary authority to allocate and distribute funds from the treasury of the Council and has*  
71 *the power to collect fees or voluntary contributions approved by The Ohio State Board of Trustees on all students enrolled in*  
72 *the Graduate School.*

74 *Section 3.6: The Council judges the elections, returns, and qualifications of its own members and determines its own rules of*  
75 *procedure.*

77 **Section C.2** Whereas, the language in this article is unnecessarily specific and flowery.

79 **Section C.3** Therefore, in order to simplify and clarify the language, this act will amend Article 3 of the CGS Constitution  
80 to read as follows:

82 *Article 3 – Authority and Powers*

84 *Section 3.1 The authority for the establishment of the Council is derived from the consent of the graduate student body.*

86 *Section 3.2 The Council is recognized by The Ohio State University as the official organization representing all graduate*  
87 *students at The Ohio State University.*

89 *Section 3.3 On all matters brought before entities of The Ohio State University involving the interest of graduate students, the*  
90 *Council or its representatives have the power to act as an advisory agent on behalf of graduate students.*

92 *Section 3.4 The Council has the power to plan and implement programs and make policy recommendations to the university*  
93 *in accordance with the mission of the Council.*

95 *Section 3.5 The Council has the primary authority to allocate and distribute funds from the Treasury of the Council.*

97 *Section 3.6 The Council oversees the elections and qualifications of its members and determines its own rules of procedure.*

99 **Section D- Article 4**

101 **Section D.1** Whereas, Article 4 of the CGS Constitution currently reads as follows:

103 *Article 4 - Membership and Eligibility*

105 *Section 4.1: A person is eligible to hold any Council position, elected or appointed, if and only if that person meets the*  
106 *qualifications for graduate student status in good standing as defined by that person's program of study and the graduate*  
107 *school.*

109 *Section 4.2: The Council of Graduate Students is composed of delegates chosen by the graduate students of the unit of*  
110 *representation or by any other such means as Council shall enact and publish.*

Section 4.3: No student shall be denied membership in this organization on the basis of race, sex, color, national origin, religion, age, political views, veteran status, sexual orientation, disability, or gender identity.

**Section D.2** Whereas, this article contains an outdated discrimination policy and lacks information about which members of CGS have voting rights.

**Section D.3** Therefore, this act will amend Article 4 of the CGS Constitution to read as follows:

*Article 4 – Membership and Eligibility*

*Section 4.1 A person is eligible to hold any Council position, elected or appointed, if and only if that person meets the qualifications for graduate student status in good standing as defined by that person's respective program of study.*

*Section 4.2 No student shall be denied membership in this organization on the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, pregnancy, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or protected veteran status.*

*Section 4.3 All members of the Council shall abide by the Council's governing documents.*

*Section 4.4 The Council is composed of a delegate body elected by graduate students and an Executive Board made up of Executive Officers, appointed officers, and Committee Chairs (as outlined in Article 10).*

*Section 4.5 All delegates and Committee Chairs shall be voting members and have full voting and speaking privileges at meetings. All Officers (elected and appointed) shall have speaking rights at meetings but do not hold voting rights.*

*Section 4.6 Delegates who are appointed to Committee Chair positions and do not also hold elected officer positions may retain their delegate seats. All Officers, elected or appointed, shall resign their delegate seats when their term begins (as outlined in Article 8).*

**Section E- Article 5**

**Section E.1** Whereas, Article 5 of the CGS Constitution currently reads as follows:

*Article 5 - Quorum and Voting*

*Section 5.1: At all meetings of the Council of Graduate Students, except those held in summer term, one-fifth the number of certified delegates and executive committee members shall constitute a quorum. At the summer term meetings of CGS, one-fifth of the number of certified delegates and executive committee members who indicate summer residency in the Columbus area at the last meeting of Spring semester shall constitute a quorum.*

*Section 5.2: Each delegate in attendance shall have one vote that may only be cast in person. In the event of an absence, a delegate's designated certified alternate may attend and shall be entitled to the same general powers and privileges in the Council as the delegate, including voting.*

*Section 5.3: Voting members of the Executive Committee who are not Executive Officers shall have full voting and speaking privileges at Council meetings. Such Executive Committee members may not designate alternates to vote on their behalf at Council meetings. An Executive Committee member who is also a delegate may not vote twice.*

*Section 5.4: Every voting member and Executive Officer will signify attendance at a meeting by a procedure supervised by the Secretary and approved by the Council. This procedure may differ for summer term. It must be documented and available upon request.*

**Section E.2** Whereas, the article lacks detail and clarity concerning who holds voting rights during delegate meetings.

**Section E.3** Whereas, the article needs to be updated to more closely reflect the procedures used by CGS to determine quorum and evaluate the outcome of votes during meetings.

**Section E.4** Therefore, this act will amend Article 5 of the CGS Constitution to read as follows:

*Article 5 – Quorum and Voting*

*Section 5.1 At all meetings of the Council, except those held in summer term, one-fifth of the total number of voting members (as outlined in Article 4, Section 5) shall constitute a quorum. At the final regular meeting of spring semester, a poll shall be conducted to determine the total number of voting members who will be available to attend meetings over the summer. For all summer term meetings, one-fifth of the total number of voting members available to meet during summer term shall constitute a quorum.*

*Section 5.2 Each voting member (as outlined in Article 4, Section 5) in attendance shall have one vote. An Executive Board member who is also a delegate may not vote twice.*

*Section 5.3 In the event of an absence, a delegate's designated alternate may attend and shall be entitled to the same powers and privileges as the delegate, including voting. Voting members of the Executive Board may not designate alternates to vote on their behalf unless they also hold a delegate seat.*

*Section 5.4 If quorum is not reached at any meeting of the Council, no votes may be held. The Council may still discuss issues and attend to other agenda items. If quorum is lost during the course of a meeting, all legislation and scheduled votes will be automatically tabled until the next regular meeting.*

*Section 5.5 A two-thirds majority vote shall be defined as an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of all voting members in attendance. A simple majority vote shall be defined as an affirmative vote of at least half of all voting members in attendance.*

**Section F- Article 6**

**Section F.1** Whereas, Article 6 of the CGS Constitution currently reads as follows:

*Article 6 – Meetings*

*Section 6.1: There will be at least four regular meetings of the Council of Graduate Students during each semester and summer term. Over the summer, the Executive team may cancel up to two meetings if need be.*

*Section 6.2: Special meetings shall be called at the discretion of the President, at the request of the Executive Committee, or upon the written request of ten or more delegates.*

*Section 6.3: All meetings of the Council are presided over by an executive officer, who shall have the ability to vote in the case of a tie.*

**Section F.2** Whereas, the language of this article needs clarification and lacks information about the procedure used by the Council to record attendance and schedule special meetings.

**Section F.3** Whereas, the newly amended language of Article 5 outlines voting procedures that will not ever produce a tie, meaning that it will not be necessary for the presiding officer to cast a vote.

**Section F.4** Therefore, this act will amend Article 6 of the CGS Constitution to read as follows:

*Article 6 – Meetings*

*Section 6.1 There will be at least four regular meetings of the Council during both autumn and spring semesters. During the summer term, the Council must hold at least 2 regular meetings.*

*Section 6.2 Special meetings shall be called at the discretion of the President, at the request of the Executive Board, or upon the written request of ten or more delegates. The special meeting must be held within nine days of such a request, provided that the University is in session on the ninth day. Otherwise it must be held within three days of the start of the next session.*

Section 6.3 All meetings of the Council are presided over by an executive officer, who shall be recognized as the chair.

Section 6.4 Every voting member and Officer will signify attendance at a meeting by a procedure supervised by the Secretary. This procedure may differ for summer term. Attendance must be documented, and records made available upon request.

## **Section G- Article 7**

**Section G.1** Whereas, Article 7 of the CGS Constitution currently reads as follows:

*Article 7 - Parliamentary Authority*

*Section 7.1: The current edition of "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised" governs the procedures of all meetings of the Council except where conflicting with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Council of Graduate Students.*

*Section 7.2: The chair of the Council meeting shall be responsible for interpreting all relevant aspects of the CGS Constitution, Bylaws, and rules of order. Decisions of the chair may be appealed to the full Council. The Council's ruling is final.*

*Section 7.3: The President may appoint a parliamentarian to advise on the details in Section 7.2 and other relevant matters.*

**Section G.2** Whereas, the language concerning appeals of the chair's decisions about parliamentary procedure is vague and does not detail how any disputes should be resolved.

**Section G.3** Therefore, this act will amend Article 7 of the CGS Constitution to read as follows:

*Article 7 – Parliamentary Authority*

*Section 7.1 The current edition of "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised" governs the procedures of all meetings of the Council, except where conflicting with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Council.*

*Section 7.2 The Chair of the meeting shall be responsible for interpreting all relevant aspects of the CGS Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules. Decisions of the Chair may be appealed to the full Council and overturned by a simple majority vote. The Council's ruling is final.*

*Section 7.3 The President may appoint a Parliamentarian to advise on the details in Section 7.2 and other relevant matters (as outlined in Article 8.3.F).*

## **Section H- Article 8**

**Section H.1** Whereas, Article 8, Sections 1, 2, and 3 of the CGS Constitution currently read as follows:

*Article 8 - Elections and officers*

*Section 8.1: The Council of Graduate Students shall elect annually from the graduate student body the following Executive Officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.*

*Section 8.2: If applicable, once a person becomes an executive officer of the Council, that person will resign as a delegate when the term of office begins.*

*Section 8.3: President*

*8.3.A. The President presides over all meetings of the Council and is responsible for implementing all decisions of the Council.*

*8.3.B. The President selects the time and place of all regular and special meetings of the Council. The President shall inform each delegate in writing of the time and place chosen for each regular meeting of a semester by no later than the tenth day of that semester.*



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283 8.3.C. The President has primary responsibility for managing the office associate and for ensuring Council compliance with  
284 Council, University, State, and Federal fiscal and personnel policies.

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286 8.3.D. The President shall also serve as a liaison between CGS and the Graduate School, the University administration, and  
287 the Ohio State Board of Trustees.

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289 8.3.E. The president serves, externally, as an ex officio member of the University Senate and its Steering Committee. The  
290 President, or designee serves, externally, on the Council of Student Affairs.

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292 8.3.F. The President shall fulfill other duties as directed by the Council and the Executive Committee.

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294 **Section H.2** Whereas, Article 8, Section 4 of the CGS Constitution currently reads as follows:

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296 *Section 8.4: Vice President*

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298 8.4.A. The Vice President coordinates the Edward F. Hayes Graduate Research Forum and represents the Council of  
299 Graduate Students in the planning of orientation and welcome week-related activities and events.

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301 8.4.B. In the absence of the President, or if the President is temporarily unable to fulfill his or her duties, the Vice President  
302 shall serve in the President's place.

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304 8.4.C. The Vice President chairs the Organization and Elections Committee and is responsible for ensuring that all delegate  
305 and committee positions are filled.

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307 8.4.D. The Vice President is responsible for ensuring that CGS committee and member records are properly maintained.

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309 8.4.E. The Vice President shall serve as a liaison between CGS and other student organizations.

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311 8.4.F. The Vice President serves, externally, on the Council on Student Affairs and the Welcome Week Steering Committee.  
312 The Vice President, or designee, serves, externally, on the Council on Student Affairs.

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314 8.4.G. In the absence of the President, the Vice President presides over meetings of the Council.

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316 8.4.H. The Vice President shall fulfill other duties as directed by the Council, the Executive Committee, and the President.

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318 **Section H.3** Whereas, Article 8, Section 5 of the CGS Constitution currently reads as follows:

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320 *Section 8.5: Treasurer*

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322 8.5.A. The Treasurer handles all the finances of the Council and keeps an accurate record of its financial status at all times.

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324 8.5.B. The Treasurer serves as an ex officio voting member of the Council on Student Affairs and its Allocations  
325 subcommittee and is responsible for overseeing the Council's Edward J. Ray Travel Award for Scholarship and Service. The  
326 Treasurer, or designee, serves as an ex officio voting member of the Council on Student Affairs and its Allocations  
327 subcommittee.

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329 8.5.C. In the absence of the President, Vice President, and Secretary, the Treasurer presides over the meetings of the  
330 Council.

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332 8.5.D. The Treasurer shall fulfill other duties as directed by the Council.

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334 **Section H.4** Whereas, Article 8, Section 6 of the CGS Constitution currently reads as follows:

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336 *Section 8.6: Secretary*

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338 8.6.A. The Secretary is responsible for keeping the minutes of the meetings of the Council and its Executive Committee, for  
339 maintaining records, and for conducting correspondence.

8.6.B. *The Secretary is responsible for maintaining attendance records and determining quorum (see Article 5, Sec. 1) at Council meetings.*

8.6.C. *In the absence of the President and Vice President, the Secretary presides over meetings of the Council.*

8.6.D. *The Secretary shall fulfill other duties as directed by the Council, the Executive Committee, and the President.*

8.6.E. *The Secretary is responsible for maintaining a record of all legislation that has been passed throughout the academic year, and that this record is formally passed to the next incumbent Executive Board.*

8.6.F. *The Secretary shall be responsible for ensuring that all governing documents (Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules) are updated at the end of every semester of all legislative amendments.*

**Section H.5** Whereas, Article 8, Section 7 of the CGS Constitution currently reads as follows:

*Section 8.7: The Council has the authority to remove an Executive Officer only through the following procedure:*

8.7.A. *The written motion for such an action, bearing the signatures of at least ten certified Council delegates, or an affidavit of a two thirds majority vote of the Executive Committee, must be submitted at a regular meeting of the Council.*

8.7.B. *The officer shall be given the opportunity to respond to the motion at a hearing with the Organization and Elections Committee.*

8.7.C. *The Organization and Elections Committee will thereupon conduct an investigation into the allegations against the officer and present its findings at the next Council meeting.*

8.7.D. *Following this presentation, the motion will be voted upon. A two-thirds vote of the Council is required to effect the removal.*

**Section H.6** Whereas, Article 8, Section 8 of the CGS Constitution currently reads as follows:

*Section 8.8: Vacancy*

8.8.A. *In the event the presidency falls vacant, the Vice President shall have the option of becoming the President. In this instance, the Council shall elect a new Vice President. The Vice President shall also have the option of refusing the office of the presidency, in which case the Vice President shall serve as President pro tempore until such time as the Council is able to elect a new President. Subsequent to the election of the President, the President pro tempore shall reassume the office and duties of Vice President.*

8.8.B. *In the event of a vacancy in any other Executive Officer position, an election to complete the current term will be held no later than the second meeting of the Council following the occurrence of the vacancy. Election procedures will be in accordance with the current provisions of this Constitution and any Bylaws Council shall enact. An interim officer may be appointed by the President to hold office until such time as an election can be held.*

**Section H.7** Whereas, the current title of this article is illogical as it contains no specific details about the procedure for election of the executive officers.

**Section H.8** Therefore, this article will be renamed "Executive Officers".

**Section H.9** Whereas, all sections of this article require updates and clarifications to the listed duties of each officer to more closely reflect the current obligations and roles filled by the people in these positions.

**Section H.10** Whereas, it is logical that the Treasurer should preside over meetings of the Council in the absence of the President and Vice President rather than the Secretary, who is responsible for taking minutes during meetings.

**Section H.11** Therefore, this act will amend Article 8, Section 3 of the CGS Constitution to read as follows:

*Section 8.3: President*

*8.3.A The President shall preside over all meetings of the Council as the chair.*

*8.3.B The President shall select the time and place of all regular and special meetings of the Council. The President shall inform each delegate in writing of the time and place chosen for each regular meeting of a semester by no later than the tenth day of that semester.*

*8.3.C The President shall serve as a liaison between CGS and the Graduate School, the University administration, and The Ohio State University Board of Trustees.*

*8.3.D. The President shall be responsible for ensuring Council compliance with all fiscal and personnel policies of the Council, university, state, and federal government.*

*8.3.E The president shall serve as an ex officio member of the University Senate and its Steering Committee.*

*8.3.F The President shall have the power to appoint a Chief of Staff and/or a Parliamentarian if they so choose. These appointments shall be subject to approval by the Executive Committee.*

*8.3.G The President shall be responsible for implementing and enacting all decisions of the Council and shall fulfill other duties as directed by the consensus of the Council and the Executive Committee.*

**Section H.12** Therefore, this act will amend Article 8, Section 4 of the CGS Constitution to read as follows:

*Section 8.4: Vice President*

*8.4.A The Vice President shall be responsible for overseeing and maintaining records of appointments to all University committees, Senate committees, and shared governance committees on which the Council has representation, as well as to all internal CGS committees.*

*8.4.B The Vice President shall coordinate the Edward F. Hayes Graduate Research Forum.*

*8.4.C The Vice President shall review delegate eligibility, oversee delegate elections, and maintain records of all delegate seats.*

*8.4.D The Vice President shall oversee and serve as Chair during all elections.*

*8.4.E The Vice President shall have the power to appoint a Deputy Treasurer. This appointment shall be subject to approval by the Executive Board.*

*8.4.F In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall preside over meetings of the Council.*

*8.4.G The Vice President shall fulfill other duties as directed by the Council, the Executive Committee, and the President.*

**Section H.13** Therefore, this act will amend Article 8, Section 5 of the CGS Constitution to read as follows:

*Section 8.5: Treasurer*

*8.5.A The Treasurer shall handle all the finances of the Council and keep an accurate record of its financial status at all times.*

*8.5.B The Treasurer, in consultation with the President and Vice President, shall be responsible for creating an annual budget for the Council.*

*8.5.C The Treasurer shall oversee the Edward J. Ray Travel Award for Scholarship and Service.*



8.5.D In the absence of the President and Vice President, the Treasurer shall preside over meetings of the Council.

8.5.E The Treasurer shall fulfill other duties as directed by the Council, the Executive Committee, and the President.

**Section H.14** Therefore, this act will amend Article 8, Section 6 of the CGS Constitution to read as follows:

*Section 8.6: Secretary*

8.6.A The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping minutes of all meetings of the Council and the Executive Committee, for maintaining records of legislation, and for communicating announcements and information to the delegate body.

8.6.B The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining attendance records and determining quorum at Council meetings as declared in Article 5, Section 1 of this Constitution.

8.6.C The secretary shall oversee the Career Development Award.

8.6.D The Secretary shall be responsible for ensuring that the Constitution, Bylaws, and Standing Rules are updated at the end of every semester to reflect all passed legislative amendments.

8.6.E In the absence of the President, Vice President, and Treasurer, the Secretary shall preside over meetings of the Council.

8.6.F The Secretary shall fulfill other duties as directed by the Council, the Executive Committee, and the President.

**Section H.15** Whereas, as currently written, it is unclear what actions would prompt the initiation of removal procedures for an executive officer.

**Section H.16** Whereas, it is deemed appropriate that a motion to initiate an investigation into an executive officer should come from either a group of 10 delegates or the Executive Committee.

**Section H.17** Whereas, the listed procedure for bringing a motion to remove an officer does not make sense within the framework of normal parliamentary procedure and language is needed to clarify how an investigation would be initiated and carried out.

**Section H.18** Therefore, this act will amend Article 8, Section 7 of the CGS Constitution to read as follows:

*Section 8.7: Executive Officer Removal*

8.7.A Executive Officers holding an appointed position may be removed by the President in consultation with the Executive Board, members of the relevant committee, and/or the delegate body.

8.7.B The Council has the authority to remove any Executive Officer, for violation of the governing documents through the following procedure:

8.7.B.i A written motion requesting an investigation of an Executive officer for such violations must be presented at a regular meeting of the Council. This motion must bear the signatures of at least ten delegates or at least two-thirds of the Executive Committee.

8.7.B.ii The officer shall be given the opportunity to respond to the motion. If the motion is approved by a simple majority vote, a committee will be convened to conduct an investigation into the allegations against the officer and present its findings at the next regular Council meeting. This membership and chairship of this committee will be subject to approval by the council.

8.7.B.iii Following this presentation, a two-thirds vote of the Council is required to approve the removal of the officer, effective immediately.

511 **Section H.19** Whereas, the current text is very vague and unclear about the procedure for when and how vacancies in  
512 executive officer positions should be filled.

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514 **Section H.20** Therefore, this act will amend Article 8, Section 8 of the CGS Constitution to read as follows:

515  
516 *Section 8.8: Vacancy*

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518 *8.8.A A vacancy shall be declared if an elected officer is removed or is unable to fulfill their duties as outlined in this*  
519 *Constitution for a period of time exceeding 3 weeks. In the event of a temporary absence less than 3 weeks, the rest of the*  
520 *executive officer team shall ensure that the necessary obligations of the absent officer are fulfilled.*

521  
522 *8.8.B In the event the presidency falls vacant, the Vice President shall have the option of becoming the President. In this*  
523 *instance, a new Vice President shall be elected or appointed following the procedures outlined in 8.8.D and 8.8.E. The Vice*  
524 *President shall also have the option of refusing the office of the presidency, in which case the Vice President shall serve as*  
525 *President pro tempore until such time as the Council is able to elect a new President. This election shall be held no later than*  
526 *the second regular meeting of the Council following the occurrence of the vacancy.*

527  
528 *8.8.C In the event that the positions of President and Vice President simultaneously become vacant, the Secretary shall serve*  
529 *as President pro tempore. In the case that the position of Secretary is also vacant, then the Treasurer shall serve as President*  
530 *pro tempore. In either case, the Council shall elect a new President no later than the second regular meeting of the Council.*

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532 *8.8.D In the event that the position of Vice President, Treasurer, or Secretary becomes vacant prior to the last meeting of the*  
533 *autumn semester, an election to complete the current term will be held no later than the second regular meeting of the*  
534 *Council following the occurrence of the vacancy. Election procedures will be in accordance with the current provisions of*  
535 *this Constitution and any Bylaws the Council shall enact. An interim officer may be appointed by the President to hold office*  
536 *until such time as an election can be held. This interim officer is subject to approval by the Executive Committee.*

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538 *8.8.E In the event that the position of Vice President, Treasurer, or Secretary becomes vacant after the last meeting of the*  
539 *autumn semester, the President shall appoint an interim officer to hold office for the remainder of the term. This appointment*  
540 *must be confirmed by a simple majority vote of the Council at the next regular meeting.*

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542 **Section I- Article 9**

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544 **Section I.1** Whereas, Article 9 of the CGS Constitution currently reads as follows:

545  
546 *Article 9 – Committees*

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548 *Section 9.1: The Executive Committee conducts the business of the Council between meetings and prepares the agenda for*  
549 *regularly scheduled meetings.*

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551 *Section 9.2: The Organization and Elections committee oversees all business relating to membership credentials, external*  
552 *representation, and elections procedures.*

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554 *Section 9.3: The Edward J. Ray Travel Award for Scholarship and Service Committee sets eligibility and application*  
555 *guidelines for the Award and determines its recipients.*

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557 *Section 9.4: The Council may create such standing or ad hoc committees as it deems necessary.*

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559 **Section I.2** Whereas, it is deemed that additional information about how committees are established and led should be  
560 included in this article.

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562 **Section I.3** Whereas, information about the Ray Travel Award Committee is contained within the other governing  
563 documents and is not appropriate for inclusion in the Constitution.

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565 **Section I.4** Therefore, this act will amend Article 9 of the CGS Constitution to read as follows:

566  
567 *Article 9 – Committees*

568  
569 *Section 9.1 All standing committees shall be led by chairs appointed by the President. These appointments are subject to*  
570 *approval by the Executive Board.*  
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572 *Section 9.2 The Council may create such standing or ad hoc committees as it deems necessary. Ad hoc committees are*  
573 *designed to be temporary, single issue committees. When they are created, they should have a specified start and end date*  
574 *that would require approval from the body to extend.*  
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## 576 **Section J- Article 10**

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578 **Section J.1** Whereas, it is deemed that more information about the membership and duties of the Executive Committee is  
579 appropriate for inclusion in the Constitution and should be moved from the Bylaws.  
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581 **Section J.2** Whereas, this group does not really function like the rest of the committees of CGS and the name “Executive  
582 Committee” is therefore confusing.  
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584 **Section J.3** Therefore, a new article will be created for this information and will be called “Article 10- Executive Board”.  
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586 **Section J.4** Therefore, the previous Articles 10 and 11 will become Articles 11 and 12, respectively.  
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588 **Section J.5** Therefore, the newly created Article 10 of the CGS Constitution will read as follows:  
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### 590 *Article 10 – Executive Board*

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592 *Section 10.1 Membership of the Executive Board shall be determined as follows:*  
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594 *10.1.A All four executive officers and all chairs of standing committees shall be voting members.*  
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596 *10.1.B The President chairs the Executive Board.*  
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598 *10.1.C One graduate student representative each from any University and Senate committees may be appointed by*  
599 *the President as voting members.*  
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601 *10.1.D Ex-officio non-voting members of the Executive Board shall include emeritus officers, the Parliamentarian,*  
602 *the Chief of Staff, the Deputy Treasurer, ad-hoc committee chairs, and the student members of The Ohio State*  
603 *University Board of Trustees.*  
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605 *10.1.E During summer term, the Executive Board shall consist of those individuals who were members during the*  
606 *spring semester of the previous academic year, the newly elected officers, and all new committee chairs as they are*  
607 *appointed.*  
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### 609 *Section 10.2 Duties and powers*

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611 *10.2.A The Executive Board transacts the business of the Council between regular meetings and recommends actions to be*  
612 *taken by the Council.*  
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614 *10.2.B All actions taken by the Board shall be reported to the Council at its next delegate body meeting and meeting minutes*  
615 *will be publicly distributed. The Executive Board shall bring before the Council any matter coming within its knowledge that*  
616 *needs the consideration or action of the Council.*  
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618 *10.2.C A quorum for Executive Board meetings shall consist of at least 50% of all active voting members of the Executive*  
619 *Board.*  
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621 *10.2.D The Executive Board prepares the agenda for each Council meeting.*  
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623 *10.2.E The Executive Board shall approve all officer and committee chair appointments by a simple majority vote. These*  
624 *appointments shall be announced at the next regular meeting of the Council.*

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626 10.2.F The Executive Board may not take any actions that would directly conflict with a previous directive of the full council.  
627 Other restrictions on the actions of the Executive Board may be imposed by the Council.  
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629 10.2.G The Executive Board shall build and maintain relationships with sister student governments.  
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631 10.2.H The Executive Board shall approve all official statements released on behalf of the Council.  
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633 **Section K- Article 12**  
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635 **Section K.1** Whereas, Article 12 of the CGS Constitution currently reads as follows:  
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637 *Article 12 – Amendments*  
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639 *Section 12.1: Any proposed amendment to this Constitution must be presented in writing either with the signatures of ten*  
640 *delegates or at the initiative of the Executive Committee at a regular meeting of the Council of Graduate Students.*  
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642 *Section 12.2: A copy of the proposed amendment must be sent to all delegates at least one week before the regular meeting*  
643 *that follows the meeting at which the amendment was proposed.*  
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645 *Section 12.3: An affirmative vote of two-thirds at a regular meeting following the meeting at which the amendment was*  
646 *proposed will be sufficient to adopt the amendment.*  
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648 **Section K.2** Whereas, the language in this article is confusing and leaves details of the amendment procedure up to  
649 interpretation.  
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651 **Section K.3** Therefore, this act will amend Article 12 of the CGS Constitution to read as follows:  
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653 *Article 12 – Amendments*  
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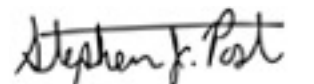
655 *Section 12.1 Any proposed amendment to this Constitution must be presented in writing at a regular meeting of the Council*  
656 *either with the signatures of ten delegates or at the initiative of the Executive Committee. A copy of the proposed amendment*  
657 *must be sent to all delegates within 5 business days of the meeting at which the amendment was presented.*  
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659 *Section 12.2 An affirmative two-thirds vote at a regular meeting following the meeting at which the amendment was proposed*  
660 *will be sufficient to adopt the amendment.*  
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662 **Section L.** The changes contained within this act shall be effective immediately after an affirmative vote of two-thirds of  
663 delegates at a regular meeting of CGS in accordance with Article 12 of the CGS Constitution.  
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666 Approved: Yes/No  
667 66 Yeas, 1 Nay, 2 Abstentions  
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669 Date: \_\_\_2/5/21\_\_\_  
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673 Stephen J. Post, President  
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Delegate Name	Delegate Seat	Vote
<b>Arts &amp; Sciences</b>		
Benjamin Mertus.3	Anthropology	
Robin Gordon.215	Arts Administration, Education, & Policy	Yea
Greg Jameson.61	Biophysics	
Maddy Lomax-Vogt.2	Chemistry	Yea
Alexander Milder.3	Chemistry	Yea
Ashweta Sahni.16	Chemistry	Yea
Kye Stachowski.7	Chemistry	Yea
Matthew Maynard.228	Classics	Yea
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	
Keira Hambrick.25	English	Yea
Jamie Utphall.1	English	Yea
Mary Sagatlova.2	Evolution, Ecology, & Organic Biology	Yea
Erik Scaltitri.1	French & Italian	Yea
Polina Berezina.1	Geography	
Meaghann Dynes.19	Germanic Languages & Lit	
Greyson Teague.78	History	Yea
Yifan Li.8320	History of Art	Yea
Katie Conner.280	Linguistics	Yea
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	
Todd DeRose.28	Philosophy	
Jahmour Givans.2	Physics	Yea
Charlie Mace.103	Physics	Yea
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	
Morgan Heyde.9	Statistics	Yea
Kumar Somnath.1	Statistics	
Aviva Neff.336	Theatre	Yea
Robert Cremins.3	Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies	Yea
<b>Fisher College of Business</b>		
Matthew Stuckey.56	Business Administration	Yea
Akanksha Sahni.22	Management & Human Resources	



<b>Dentistry</b>		
Michelle Scott.1445	Dentistry	Yea
<b>Education &amp; Human Ecology</b>		
Christian Hines.350	Teaching & Learning	
Ho-Chieh Lin.2532	Teaching & Learning	
Xinyue Lu.2092	Teaching & Learning	Yea
Doricka Menefee.18	Teaching & Learning	
Javonte Lipsey.25	Human Sciences	
Derek Walton.425	Human Sciences	
Steph Charles.211	Educational Studies	
Paul Gregor.32	Educational Studies	Yea
Noor Khalayleh.1	Educational Studies	
Goran Stevanovski.	Educational Studies	Yea
<b>Engineering</b>		
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	
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	
Krutant Mehta.337	Electrical & Computer Engineering	
Ada Barach.8	Computer Science & Engineering	Yea
Pouya Kousha.2	Computer Science & Engineering	Nay
Garrett Tatum.71	Civil Engineering	Yea
Archit Datar.10	Chemical Engineering	
Ashwin Kane.314	Chemical Engineering	
<b>Architecture</b>		
Brett Wedding.10	Architecture	Yea
Rosie Rabati.1	Architecture	
<b>Food, Agricultural, &amp; Environmental Sciences</b>		
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
Dominique Nagasawa (magistrado.1)	Entomology	Yea
Benjamin Duran.83	Animal Sciences	Abstain
Colby Gregg.186	Agricultural Communication, Education, & Leadership	Yea
<b>Environment &amp; Natural Resources</b>		
Wanderson Novais Pereira.1	Environment & Natural Resources	
Maritza Pierre.77	Environment & Natural Resources	Yea
<b>College of Medicine</b>		
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
<b>Health &amp; Rehabilitation Sciences</b>		
Adam Culiver.1	Health & Rehabilitation Sciences	Yea
Steph Fanelli.18	Health & Rehabilitation Sciences	
Madison Mize.29	Health & Rehabilitation Sciences	
Megan Zib.1	Health & Rehabilitation Sciences	
<b>College of Nursing; College of Optometry; College of Pharmacy</b>		
Ericka Velez-Bonet.1	Ohio State Nutrition Program	
Annedra Gladney.9	Nursing	
Bryan Remaily.1	Pharmacy	
Austin DeGroff.23	Optometry	Yea
<b>Public Affairs</b>		
Carrington Conerly.2	Public Affairs	Yea
Caroline Fitzpatrick.271	Public Affairs	Yea
<b>Public Health</b>		
Selasi Attipoe.1	Public Health	Yea
Anthony Bowersock.26	Public Health	Yea
Sarah Hyman.62	Public Health	Yea
Brian O'rourke.130	Public Health	Yea
<b>Social Work</b>		
Megan Espana.5	Social Work	
Marie Rineveld.1	Social Work	Yea
Karla Shockley McCarthy.1	Social Work	Yea
Yitong Xin.93	Social Work	

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