

1 **ACT 2021-005**

2 AN ACT UPDATING THE ATTENDANCE POLICY AS DESCRIBED IN THE BYLAWS OF THE COUNCIL OF GRADUATE
3 STUDENTS

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6 Sponsor: Executive Committee
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8 **Section 1.** The purpose of this act shall be to amend the Bylaws of the Council of Graduate Students (CGS).
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10 **Section 2.** Whereas, Article 1, Section 7 of the CGS Bylaws currently reads as follows:
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12 **Section 1.7** *The attendance policy for delegates will be as follows:*
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14 *1.7.A Delegates or their alternates are expected to attend all CGS delegate meetings. As a matter of professional*
15 *courtesy, delegates are encouraged to notify the Secretary in the case that absence cannot be avoided.*
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17 *1.7.B In the event that neither a delegate nor the delegate's alternate attend two CGS delegate meetings in a row or*
18 *three CGS delegate meetings in an academic year, the Secretary will send a reminder letter to the delegate*
19 *requesting their attendance.*
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21 *1.7.C In the event that neither a delegate nor the delegate's alternate attend three CGS delegate meetings in a row*
22 *or four CGS delegate meetings in an academic year, the Organization and Elections Committee may remove the*
23 *delegate (following the procedure outlined in Section 1.10 below). Following removal, the Graduate Studies Chair*
24 *of that unit of representation will be notified of the vacancy and will be encouraged to appoint a graduate student to*
25 *the empty seat.*
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27 **Section 3.** Whereas, it is deemed that this policy is unnecessarily restrictive and does not allow flexibility for unforeseen
28 circumstances and emergency situations.
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30 **Section 4.** Whereas, it is deemed that CGS' attendance policy should align more closely with the policies used by The Ohio State
31 University.
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33 **Section 5.** Therefore, this act will amend Article 1, Section 7 of the CGS Bylaws to read as follows:
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35 **Section 1.7** *The attendance policy for delegates will be as follows:*
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37 *1.7.A Delegates or their alternates are expected to attend all CGS delegate meetings.*
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39 *1.7.B It is the responsibility of the delegate to notify the Secretary in the case that absence cannot be avoided.*
40 *Reasonable excuses may include family and work emergencies, medical emergencies, and other excuses thought to*
41 *be reasonable by the CGS Secretary. Regularly scheduled classroom obligations and meetings are not considered*
42 *reasonable excuses. This policy is intended to be flexible given the many obligations and demands on graduate*
43 *students.*
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45 *1.7.C Unexcused absences will be counted when the delegate does not have a reasonable excuse for their absence*
46 *and fails to send an alternate to the meeting. Delegates are allowed one unexcused absence each semester. In the*
47 *event that a delegate exceeds one unexcused absence in a semester or two in an academic year, the Secretary will*
48 *send a reminder letter to the delegate requesting their attendance.*
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50 *1.7.D In the event that a delegate exceeds two unexcused absences in a semester or three in an academic year, the*
51 *Organization and Elections Committee may remove the delegate (following the procedure outlined in Section 1.10*
52 *below). Following removal, the Graduate Studies Chair of that unit of representation will be notified of the vacancy*
53 *and will be encouraged to appoint a graduate student to the empty seat.*
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55 **Section 6.** The changes contained within this act shall be effective at the beginning of the 2021-2022 delegate term after an affirmative
56 majority vote of delegates at a regular meeting of CGS in accordance with Article 11, Section 2 of the CGS Constitution.
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59 Approved: Yes/No

60 66 Yeas, 3 Nays, 6 Abstentions

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62 Date: __3/5/21__

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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	
Ashweta Sahni.16	Chemistry	Abstain
Kye Stachowski.7	Chemistry	Yea
Morgan Ross.1655	Communication	Nay
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	
Jamie Utphall.1	English	Yea
Mary Sagatellova.2	Evolution, Ecology, & Organic Biology	Abstain
Erik Scaltitri.1	French & Italian	Yea
Polina Berezina.1	Geography	Yea
Meaghann Dynes.19	Germanic Languages & Lit	
Greyson Teague.78	History	
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	Yea
Kelsey Pinckard.6	Molecular, Cellular, & Developmental Biology	Yea (Alt: Abdebaky.1)
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	Yea
Jahmour Givans.2	Physics	Yea
Charlie Mace.103	Physics	Yea
Jay Padayasi.1	Physics	Yea
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	Nay
Bethany Frick.70	Speech & Hearing	Yea
Morgan Heyde.9	Statistics	
Kumar Somnath.1	Statistics	
Aviva Neff.336	Theatre	Abstain
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	Abstain
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	Yea
Steph Charles.211	Educational Studies	
Paul Gregor.32	Educational Studies	
Noor Khalayleh.1	Educational Studies	
Goran Stevanovski.	Educational Studies	Yea
Engineering		
Ali Asghariadib.1	Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering	
Melika Shahhosseini.2	Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering	
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	
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	
Ashwin Kane.314	Chemical Engineering	
EST Architecture		
Brett Wedding.10	Architecture	
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
Dominique Nagasawa (magistrado.1)	Entomology	Yea
Benjamin Duran.83	Animal Sciences	Abstain
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	
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	Yea
Health & Rehabilitation Sciences		
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	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	
Austin DeGroff.23	Optometry	Yea
Public Affairs		
Carrington Conerly.2	Public Affairs	Abstain
Caroline Fitzpatrick.271	Public Affairs	Yea
Public Health		
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
Social Work		
Megan Espana.5	Social Work	Yea
Marie Rineveld.1	Social Work	Nay
Karla Shockley McCarthy.1	Social Work	Yea
Yitong Xin.93	Social Work	Yea

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