



CGS Delegate Packet April 3, 2020

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Special Announcements

Cancelled Events:

CGS Awards Ceremony on Monday, April 13th from 5-7pm
Spring Wellness Event on Wednesday, April 15th
Out of the Darkness Campus Walk on April 4th

Hello CGS Delegates,

In the coming weeks, we will be establishing an ad hoc committee to review current CGS governance procedures, policies, and practices. Throughout the 2019-2020 academic year, numerous delegates and executive officers expressed concerns and confusion with the current procedures, policies, practices, and language used within CGS governance documents. Based on this feedback, the consensus was to appoint an ad hoc committee to review and revise these documents. Any delegates, planning to return during the 2020-2021 year, interested in serving on this committee is asked to email me ASAP.

Additional details regarding the committee and review process will be shared with all delegates at a later date.

Thank you,
DaVonti' D. Haynes (haynes.242)



1. **CALL TO ORDER** (3:30pm)
 - 1.1. **Statement of Purpose**
 - 1.1.1. *“To effectively advocate and program to ensure that The Ohio State University graduate student experience is the best it can be.”*
2. **Roll Call** (5 min.)
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (5 min.)
 - 3.1. **Minutes from March 6th, 2020**
4. **OFFICER REPORTS** (15 min.)

<ol style="list-style-type: none">4.1. President, Stephen Post.1444.2. Vice President, Libby Bauman.1934.3. Treasurer, DaVonti’ Haynes.242	<ol style="list-style-type: none">4.4. Secretary, Sarah Light.1094.5. Chief of Staff, Jack Brandl.84.6. Parliamentarian, Rania Khamees.5
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5. **COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES** (15 min.)

<ol style="list-style-type: none">5.1. Academic Affairs, Kevin Ingles.275.2. Arts & Culture, Kathryn Holt.3515.3. Delegate Relations, Conner Sarich.65.4. Diversity & Inclusion, Andrea Davis.56885.5. Government Relations, Maddy Lomax-Vogt.25.6. Graduate Student Affairs, Mark Pauley.665.7. Health, Wellness, & Safety Alec Clott.1	<ol style="list-style-type: none">5.8. International Student Concerns, Eshan Estiri.15.9. Marketing & Communications, Priscila RodriguezGarcia.25.10. Senate Advisory, Blake Szkoda.15.11. SERC, Carly Larosa.155.12. External Collaborations, e alexander.9795.13. Housing and Family Affairs, James Uanhoro.1
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6. **SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS** (15 min.)
 - 6.1. **Delegate Issues and Concerns (15 min.)**
7. **NEW BUSINESS** (20 min.)
 - 7.1. **Announce CGS Awards**
8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** (5 min.)
 - 8.1. **May 8th, 2020 – Full Body Delegate Meeting | <https://osu.zoom.us/j/156194749>**
9. **Adjourn** (~4:45pm)



Present: e alexander, Pranav Ambardekar, Jacky Anderson, Ali Asghari Adib, Selasi Attipoe, Tyler Beauregard, Aaron Beczkiewicz, Om Prakash Bedant, Jessica Blackburn, Mary Byrne, Qiuchang (Katy) Cao, Yu-chun Chang, Steph Charles, Min-Seok Choi, Jorge Clavo Abbass, Alec Clott, Katherine Conner, Paul Consiglio, Austin Cool, Archit Datar, Robert Dahlberg-Sears (ALT), Ty Drayton, Benjamin Duran, Story Edison, Kat Ellis, Micheline Fahrback, Brandon Free, Elizabeth Galko, Jahmour Givans, Jenna Greve, Lindsey Hernandez, Kathryn Holt, Lauren Howard, Audrey Hungerpiller, Sarah Hyman, Kevin Ingles, Jeffrey Kast, Carly LaRosa, Jungmin Lee, Yifan Li, Ho-chieh Lin, Stephen Lo, Madeleine Lomax-Vogt, Emily Lundstedt, Raven Lynch, Lucas Magee, Rohit Mukherjee, Kate Ormiston (Connor Mahler), Tricia Oyster, Ryann Patrus, Mark Pauley, Kelsey Pinckard, Avi Pokala, Maritza Pierre, Zeltzin Reyes, Isaac Reynolds, Marie Rineveld, Priscila Rodriguez Garcia, Ashweta Sahni, Conner Sarich, Erik Scaltriti, Lena Schreiber, Melika Shahhosseini, Karla Shockleymccarthy, Preeti Singh, Sundeep Siripurapu, , Lindsey Stirek, Philip Tice, Taylor Tomu, Jorge Torres Espinosa, James Uanhoro, , Jennifer Valdez, Mitch Vicieux (ALT), Leila Vieira, Derek Walton, Sarah Walton, Daniel Williams, Yu Lun Wu, Piao Yang, Megan Zib

Absent: Luke Andrejek, Andrew Borst, Pouya Kousha, Arsh Kumar, Ruonan Lin, Eric Loria, Tori Magers, Matthew Maynard, Aviva Neff, Alejandro Otero Bravo, Miguel Pedrozo, Ken Poland, Michelle Scott, Sarah Scott, Utkarsh Shah, Shruthi Shetty, Nithya Sivashankar, Ryan Slechta, Kye Stachowski, Nicole Tchorowski, Soroush Zamanian

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 3:38pm

1.1. Statement of Purpose

- 1.1.1. To effectively advocate and program to ensure that the Ohio State University graduate student experience is the best it can be.

2. ROLL CALL

2.1. Carmen log-in

3. GUEST SPEAKER

3.1. City of Columbus GreenSpot (David Celebrezze)

- 3.1.1. Columbus is ranked in the top 25 cities with the most Energy Star buildings. There are a whole host of programs and organizations that are working to improve the sustainability of the city.
- 3.1.2. The primary goals for the Sustainable Columbus initiative are to increase the number of participants in the GreenSpot Columbus, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, to protect public green resources, and to reduce waste in the community.
- 3.1.3. GreenSpot is a program that encourages community members and businesses to adopt behaviors that will increase their sustainability as an individual or neighborhood. There is an online platform where you can track your participation and earn points. Points can be redeemed for rebates and free rewards. This program is also doing outreach to provide education to and recruit program members from the population of Ohio State students.

4. OFFICER ELECTIONS

4.1. Treasurer

- 4.1.1. Raven Lynch elected.

4.2. Secretary

- 4.2.1. Sarah Light elected.

4.3. Vice President

- 4.3.1. Candidates speak about themselves in order of last name: Akshay Asaithambi, Annedra Gladney (via pre-recorded video), and DaVonti' Haynes.
- 4.3.2. Ehtiri.1 motioned to continue with the voting process without replaying the video, which was very quiet

and not easily heard by everyone in the room.

- Uanhoro.1 comments that if there are any people in the room who were not able to hear the video, there should be an opportunity for it to be replayed.

4.3.3. Motion passes.

4.3.4. Questions:

- Beaugard.13 asked how the candidates will balance their academic commitments and their CGS obligations.
- Holt.351 asked if any of the candidates plan to be involved with CGS even if they do not win the position of VP.
- Clavoabbass.1 asked how they will specifically advocate for international students.
- Williams.5671 asked the candidates what they see as the biggest obstacle to improving the graduate student experience.

4.3.5. Executive Session Discussion

4.3.6. Williams.6571 motioned to close the executive session.

4.3.7. Lynch.389 seconded the motion.

4.3.8. DaVonti' Haynes elected.

4.4. President

4.4.1. Stephen Post elected.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1. Minutes from February 7, 2020

5.1.1. Lynch.389 motioned to approve the minutes.

5.1.2. Motion was seconded by Hyman.62.

5.1.3. Minutes approved.

6. OFFICER REPORTS (as submitted in Delegate Meeting Packet)

6.1. President (Post.144)

6.1.1. On April 4th, CGS is participating in the "Out of the Darkness" walk to engage and support people affected by suicide. CGS is a well-being sponsor and contributed financially to this event. Additionally, CGS has a team that will walk together. Please join the CGS team by signing up even if you can't be there in person (the website will ask if you want to donate but there is no need unless you want to).

6.1.2. The start date for graduate assistantships has changed to earlier in the month of August so be aware of that and look for information from your grad studies chairs and program chairs.

6.1.3. Office of Academic Affairs has communicated that there are ongoing talks about creating an ombudsperson office rather than an individual position. They are looking into this possibility and benchmarking against other institutions. The current projected timeline for this office to be created is January 2021. Post.144 is looking into other ways that we can support student in the meantime.

6.1.4. The Parenting and Pregnant Student Working Group is continuously evaluating the current resources provided to students with families including childcare, food insecurity, and housing. This issue will be brought up in that group for further consideration, as well as a formal request will be sent to the Provost to form a committee that will comprehensively evaluate and produce a new proposal.

6.1.5. Post.144 will be sending out a year-end survey to evaluate progress CGS has made this year and establish priorities for next year.

6.2. Vice President (Bauman.193)

6.2.1. Senator elections are happening next month. Application materials will be included in the meeting packet. Candidates will not speak to the delegate body so make sure you look over materials ahead of the meeting and are prepared to vote.

6.2.2. Applications for open delegate positions will be accepted between March 23 and April 2. Voting will happen online.

6.2.3. Thank you to everyone who assisted and participated in the Hayes Forum. Feedback about this event will

be collected via an online survey.

6.3. Treasurer (Haynes.242)

- 6.3.1. Our official budget shows that we have over-spent for both the Ray and CDG. This is because of the way our current funding guidelines require that we overspend for recipients who do not plan to use the maximum amount of the award. This will even out at the end of the year.
- 6.3.2. We have been informed that the money we were overcharged for our technology fees will be reimbursed back to us by the end of the fiscal year.
- 6.3.3. Due to growing health concerns about COVID-19 and uncertainties about travel, students who received either the Ray or the CDG in funding periods 3 and 4 will be eligible to use their funds anytime in the next 12 months, even for a different activity than what they wrote their application on.

6.4. Secretary (Light.109)

- 6.4.1. The application window for the Global Gateway Grant has been extended to Friday, March 13th. If you are able and willing to judge applications in the second half of March, please get in touch.
- 6.4.2. CGS will be hosting an awards ceremony on Monday, April 13th from 5-7pm in the Performance Hall of the Union. This event will recognize all winners of the Ray, Career Development Grant, and the Global Gateway Grant over the past year. Additionally, we will be thanking all current delegates, senators, and officers of CGS for their service this academic year and welcoming students who will be taking over these positions. Finally, we will award several CGS awards to recognize students and faculty who have gone above and beyond both within CGS and in the greater OSU community. All current delegates have been invited to this ceremony and a formal invitation is forthcoming this month.

7. COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES (as submitted in Delegate Meeting Packets)

7.1. Health, Wellness, & Safety (Clott.1)

- 7.1.1. Tell your constituents April 15th from 3-6pm is the Graduate Wellness Expo in the RPAC. There will be dental, optometry, and vaccine reps in attendance so this is a good time to make an appointment you've been avoiding. There will also be tables and information from various offices around campus. There is a template email you can use in the announcements section on Carmen.

7.2. Graduate Student Affairs (Pauley.66)

- 7.2.1. Graduate Student Appreciation Week is coming up. CGS is hosting multiple events that week including Donuts with the Deans, free movie screening at AMC Lennox, ice cream social, chat with the chairs, free professional headshots, happy hour at Bristol Republic, free breakfast buffet. There will also be random giveaways to classes of graduate students. The full list of events will be publicized soon.

7.3. Government Relations (Lomax-vogt.2)

- 7.3.1. Elizabeth Brown will be hosted on campus on April 9th from 2:00- 3:00pm. Stop by 100 Page Hall to meet her and grab some food from Fox In The Snow.

7.4. Diversity & Inclusion (Davis.5688)

- 7.4.1. There is a Buckeye Chat event happening on March 25th. Moderators are needed for this event so if you are interested, please get in touch with Davis.5688 or Post.144.

8. SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS

8.1. Delegate Concerns

- 8.1.1. Lo.208- CGS should try to communicate to the university administration that graduate students might need targeted messaging that addresses their unique needs and schedules when it comes to recommendations and decisions about when/if students should stay off-campus because of COVID-19 health concerns.
 - Shockleymccarthy.2 points out that if you are non-essential, you cannot be required to be on campus. All students are considered non-essential.
 - Anderson.3449 said that her dept sent out an email notifying the students of what the procedures will be in the event that it's necessary to close offices.
 - Deros.28 pointed out that different people are comfortable with different levels of risk so are there options for graduate students who would like to start making accommodations

now rather than when things get much worse?

- Scaltriti.1 points out that there is a potential problem for international students who may not be able to return to their home countries over the summer but are also not allowed to work outside of the university.
- 8.1.2. Williams.6571 motions to move on from delegate concerns because of the legislation that needs to be voted on while we have quorum.
- 8.1.3. Seconded by Ingles.27.
- 8.1.4. Motion passes.

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.1. Act 1920 SP-007: An Act Establishing New Policies & Procedures for Grants Administered by the Council of Graduate Students

- 9.1.1. Light.109: There has been confusion and discrepancies in the policies in place for the Ray Travel Award and the Career Development Grant. This act will clarify and update the language in the documentation for each grant. Additionally, it will codify procedures to streamline the judging process and ensure that both grants are following the same judging and application rules. Finally, it will update the reimbursement policy to allow us to utilize our grants funding more efficiently.
- 9.1.2. **Questions:** None
- 9.1.3. **Discussion:** None
- 9.1.4. Ingles.27 moves to vote on the act.
- 9.1.5. Seconded by Lynch.389.
- 9.1.6. Act passes

9.2. Resolution 1920 SP-010: A Resolution Approving Travel to SAGE Day of the Hill 2020

- 9.2.1. Lomax-vogt.2: This act is to fund travel for 7 people go to Washington D.C. to attend Student Advocating for Graduate Education (SAGE) Day. Up to \$8,000 will be spent out of our travel budget. We are advocating for immigration issues affecting grad students, mental health funding, and GA sponsorships and scholarships, among other things.
- 9.2.2. **Questions:**
- Williams.6571 asked why we chose to attend SAGE rather than NAGPS.
 - In the past, NAGPS has been really disorganized so it was decided that SAGE would be a better use of time.
- 9.2.3. **Discussion:**
- Williams.6571 mentioned that the experience of participating in these events in the past was really valuable.
- 9.2.4. Givans.2 motioned to vote.
- 9.2.5. Ingles.27 seconded.
- 9.2.6. Resolution passes.

9.3. Act 1920 SP-006: An Act Establishing the 2020-2021 Delegate Apportionment for the Council of Graduate Students

- 9.3.1. Bauman.193: The current apportionment structure has been updated to be more consistent across programs and departments that are very different. The goal was to be as inclusive as possible and maintain equity when distributing seats.
- 9.3.2. **Questions:** None
- 9.3.3. **Discussion:** None
- 9.3.4. Ingles.27 motioned to vote.
- 9.3.5. Act passes.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 8.1 Next meeting is April 3rd, 2020 @ 3:30pm, 348 Drinko Hall
- 8.2 We will be doing a complete review of the bylaws, most likely over the summer. If you are interested in being part of this process, contact Haynes.242.
- 8.3 Reynolds.992: SERC is co-hosting a sustainability case competition. Both undergrads and graduate students are eligible to participate. More details to come- advertise to your constituents!

11. Meeting adjourned at 5:54pm.

April 2020 Treasurer Report – Council of Graduate Students

To: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
From: DaVonti' D. Haynes, Treasurer
Date: 04/01/2020
Re: Treasurer's Report April 2020

Hello CGS Delegates,

As we navigate these very uncertain times, I hope you all are doing well and taking care of yourselves, mentally, physically, and emotionally. I know this is a very stressful time as you try to balance your academic, professional, personal, and social lives. If you're ever in need of any support, be sure to check out OSU's Counseling and Consultation Services (CCS) [ccs.osu.edu // 614-292-5766] or reach out to a friend/family member. Additionally, please be sure to stay up-to-date with the most recent news as it relates to COVID-19 at Ohio State by visiting wexnermedicalcenter.osu.edu/features/coronavirus. I wish you all the best as we navigate through this. I can't wait to see all of your faces on campus again, hopefully at one of our summer meetings. Go Bucks!

Spending Freeze and Budget Update

As you may know, the university is currently in a state of emergency. Therefore, all non-essential spending has been froze through the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2020). I am in the process of working with the Business Office to gain a more thorough budget outlook, as some things have not hit the budget that were already dispatched for payment. I have not received an updated 90/91 report since our last meeting, so I am not attaching a new budget report in this report. Additionally during our March meeting you all approved travel to a conference in D.C., that travel is now canceled.

We, along with other student governance leaders, are currently working with the Council on Student Affairs to ensure Student Activity Fee recipients (this includes CGS) are not penalized for excess carryforward this year due to the campus shutdown and spending freeze.

Traditionally, recipients cannot carryforward more than 10% of their budget we are requesting that this be waived this year and all recipients maintain their current budget in addition to any funds guaranteed in FY21.

Delegate Engagement Fund

We are no longer accepting Engagement fund request until August 2020, due to the spending freeze. Once the request window reopens, we will notify all delegates. Additionally, we are working to move this request process completely online to be more efficient and environmentally friendly.

Ray Travel Award

Applicants funded during Funding period IV have all been notified. They will have 12-months after their original deadline to use their grant. **Funding period I (of FY21) has been canceled, due to current and anticipated travel restrictions.**

April 2020 Treasurer Report – Council of Graduate Students

Treasurer Transition

Due to the challenges imposed by COVID-19, transitions are moving slower than anticipated. I will be working with Raven to ensure a smooth transition. Luckily, I will still be around next year to help in anyway. In the meantime, please start copying [Raven Lynch.389](#) on all correspondences related to treasurer duties.

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

DaVonti' D. Haynes (haynes.242)

TO: The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Sarah Light, Secretary
DATE: March 30, 2020
RE: Secretary's Report

The Global Gateway Grant is still moving forward, and winners will be selected in the next few weeks. Due to the current and anticipated travel restrictions that are in place, winners will be able to use their funding for any travel between August 1, 2020 and July 31, 2021.

The Recognition & Awards Ceremony planned for April 13th has of course been cancelled. We will still try to recognize our grant and award winners virtually on that day. We may try to reschedule this ceremony for the fall but will likely just skip the event this year because of timing constraints.

All the best,

Sarah

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Libby Bauman, Vice President
DATE: 3/29/20
RE: Vice President's Report

Vice President Report

Election updates

- Senator Election
 - Remember to attend the Zoom question and answer session with Senator candidates at 2:30 on April 3! The Zoom link will be the same as the one for the Delegate meeting.
 - Please review candidate application materials here:
<https://osu.box.com/s/fvq78ucus9srpsaffa3vcie4u55kfjhu>
- Delegate Election
 - Dates were pushed back to reflect changes in the semester schedule
 - **Applications accepted: March 30-April 10**
 - **Elections: April 24-May 1 (electronically)**
 - Application link: <https://cgs.osu.edu/get-involved/delegate-application>
 - The best way to recruit Delegates is by word of mouth! Especially if you don't plan on returning, try to recruit interest. Here is a blurb to share with your constituents:

Declarations of candidacy will be accepted for the Council of Graduate Students Delegate Election from now until April 10! Elections begin at noon on April 24 and close at 5:00 pm May 1. The Council of Graduate Students is the official graduate student government of The Ohio State University. Consider applying to represent students in your department! Apply using this link: <https://cgs.osu.edu/get-involved/delegate-application>

Thank you for a great year!

As this is my last report, I want to thank you all for your hard work! You came to long meetings each month as often as you could, hosted events for your constituents, worked on your committees, stayed informed on current issues, and spoke up for graduate students. While I tried my best to make sure that CGS ran smoothly from behind the scenes, it was your voices that made a difference in the world of graduate students. It was clear to me that we had a dedicated and passionate Delegate body this year. Although this academic year didn't end the way we expected, I'm happy to look back on all that CGS accomplished. For those of you who plan to stay another year or two, there is still more to do! It's been an honor to work with you all this year, and I wish you the best in your future endeavors, whatever they may be.

Libby

To: Council of Graduate Students
From: Stephen Post.144, President
Date: 3/30/20
RE: 2019-2020 Year End Report

THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!

Welp, this is not how any of us planned to be ending the semester, and yet the time is here. Congratulations to those graduating and all delegates moving on, your service is what allows CGS to keep running. I hope we are able to celebrate your accomplishments soon, and we will still plan to announce our CGS awards at the council meeting.

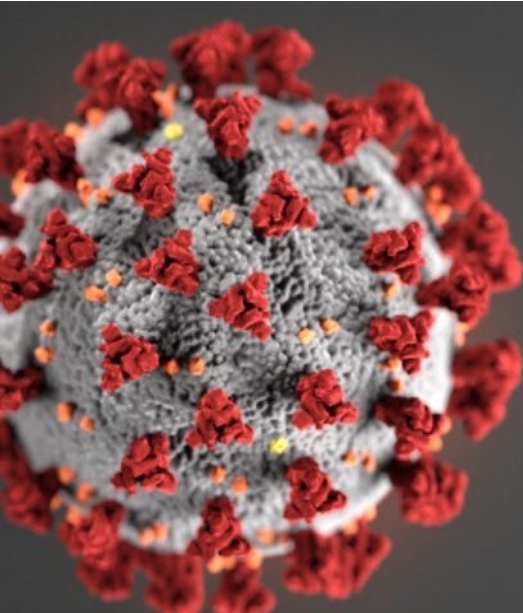
Our last delegate meeting will be held virtually via Zoom this **Friday, April 3rd @ 3:30pm**. The link to join the meeting can be found here: <https://osu.zoom.us/j/907301845>. We will still be taking attendance via quiz on the CGS Carmen webpage; the attendance code will be **CGS2020**.

Gathering Information on COVID-19 Impacts on Graduate Students (*Please Share*)

This is a stressful and uncertain time to be a graduate student amidst the global health crisis caused by Covid-19. Many of us are working from home and don't know when we will be able to return to our normal routines. Some of us are concerned about what effect this situation will have on our research, teaching responsibilities, and graduation timelines. CGS is in conversations with Student Life and the Graduate School, trying to make sure that graduate students are being taken care of in these unusual circumstances.

If you have questions or concerns related to the Covid-19 outbreak please let us know by filling out this [survey](#). If you have concerns about how this pandemic is going to directly affect your needs, please share these via this [emergency needs assessment](#). A collaborative task force between the student governments will gather these questions and concerns and bring issues to the attention of the university administration.




We will respond to your questions and concerns as best we can and relay them to OSU administrators. We have compiled the list of concerns into an [FAQ](#) page we hope to have answered as soon as possible.



COVID-19 Student Emergency Needs Assessment

The Council of Graduate Students, Inter-Professional Council, and Undergraduate Student Government is working to assess the needs of The Ohio State University student body during the ongoing COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) pandemic. Please complete this form to help us better understand the needs of Ohio State students during this time.

This form is created by students for students; therefore, we cannot guarantee any action or assistance on behalf of the university. This is simply a data/information collection effort to better represent the student needs.

   go.osu.edu/COVID19StudentNeeds

Current COVID-19 Graduate Student Issues

All CGS events have been cancelled in accordance with the recent federal, state, and university [policy changes](#).

Grading

You may be aware of the recent [grading policy](#) changes CGS Senators and the University Senate approved last week. The change allows for classes to be graded Pass/No Pass without penalty and extends the date of which SP20 incompletes will be due. We are working diligently with the Graduate School to ensure that this policy is extended to graduate students across all colleges and sent a [letter to the Deans](#) outlining our position. This will be further decided in Graduate Council on Wednesday. In addition to grading changes, we are also working to solve issues that may arise with dissertation/thesis defense, licensure hours, or other requirements that may impede one's graduation.

Employment & Hiring

With the recent [announcement](#) of a hiring pause through June 30th, the conversations around creating the positions of a Graduate Ombudsperson or a Director of Graduate/Professional Student Life are suspended. We are continually evaluating how this will affect Graduate Associates, especially for summer positions and international students. Key faculty positions (including those of graduate teaching assistants) starting in summer and fall 2020 and key research positions (including graduate students, post-doctoral researchers and research technicians) starting in fall 2020 are excluded.

Graduate Student Emergency Fund

In response to COVID-19, we have asked the Graduate School if they can hasten the establishment of the recently approved Graduate Student Emergency Fund. Matt Page is working on the request and we hope to provide avenues for direct relief soon.

Residency Update

We are pleased that the Ohio Department of Higher Education has granted relief to students who are physically absent from the State due to COVID-19. CGS, IPC, and USG recently supported a [joint statement](#) in advocating for this and further residency requirement relief.

COVID-19 Resources

Full list w/ Policy Changes: <https://wexnermedical.osu.edu/features/coronavirus/staff-and-students>

Mental Health Support: <https://ccs.osu.edu/ccs-covid-19-updates/for-students/>

Wexner Medical Center: go.osu.edu/coronavirus

Office of the President updates: <https://news.osu.edu>

Student Life Student Supports: go.osu.edu/buckeyesupport

Office of Research: <https://research.osu.edu/news-events/coronavirus-and-your-research-program/>

Human Resources: <https://hr.osu.edu/coronavirus/>

For e-learning success: KeepLearning.osu.edu

For GTAs and Candidacy Exams: KeepTeaching.osu.edu

All Graduate Associates and Staff: KeepWorking.osu.edu

CGS 2019-2020 Feedback Survey

Whether you will be returning to CGS or moving on, we would greatly appreciate your feedback as to how you thought your CGS experience went and if there are any things we can improve for future delegates. Please fill out the short survey here:

https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8IGeGIfxJq55fk9

A full CGS Summary Report for 2019-2020 will sent out by the end of the semester incorporating this feedback, committee reports, and highlights of all the work CGS has done this year.

CGS Resources

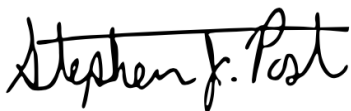
As always, the CGS.OSU.EDU website should be up-to-date so you have easy access to any necessary resources and know where to point fellow grad students when they ask for more information! Additionally, the CGS Carmen page is updated to provide delegates access to any info, documents, or other resources you may need.

Please follow CGS on social media via our pages on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Linkden](#). This will allow you to stay up-to-date with programming, event/meeting reminders, and other great resources that we encourage you to share on these platforms. Our handles are @CGSOSU.

I want to make sure you are all taking care of yourselves mentally, physically, and socially during these unprecedented times. Check out the resources at the [Student Wellness Center](#) to make sure you are keeping balanced in this busy time!

Always feel free to reach out to me with any concerns via email at post.144@osu.edu!

Stay well and Go Bucks!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen J. Post". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line striking through the middle of the name.

TO: The Council of Graduate Students
FROM: Kevin Ingles, Chair, Academic Affairs
DATE: 4/3/2020

The Academic Affairs Committee has accomplished its short term goals. All of the topics we wanted to address are currently being addressed by graduate school administration and we will continue to follow-up with them to ensure their completion.

Included in here is the update for the new *Privacy Governance Council*, their objective is to assess and make recommendation regarding issue concerning the privacy of students, faculty and staff at the university. They had their first meeting this semester, and the council has decided to focus on three major goals:

1. Student Analytics
2. Faculty and Staff Privacy
3. Privacy Program and Framework

To: Council of Graduate Students
From: Kathryn Holt.351
Date: 3/30/20
RE: 2019-2020 Year End Report

What committee did you chair?

Arts and Culture

Please summarize the programming your committee planned this year. (Title, Date, Est. # of Attendees, ect.)

"Lotteries:

10/19 - Columbus Symphony Orchestra, The Nightmare Before Christmas - 14 tickets

11/22 - OSU Dept. of Theatre, A Midsummer Night's Dream - 10 tickets

2/15 and 2/16 - Ballet Met, Alice - 30 tickets

2/22 - Counterfeit Madison, Say a Little Prayer: An Aretha Franklin Celebration - 8 tickets

Planned but cancelled due to COVID 19:

3/28 - OSU School of Music, Into the Woods

April - OSU Dept. of Theatre, Once Upon the Oval

4/17 - Art and Science in the Age of Self-Care: A Cross-Disciplinary Symposium"

Please summarize what issues your committee addressed this year.

"We primarily worked on gathering information and data regarding graduate students in the Arts' experiences with CGS programs like Hayes Forum and the Grants, towards creating a set of recommendations for improving access to these programs for these students. We are still working on the final recommendations, which we plan to have completed by the time the semester ends next month."

To: Council of Graduate Students
From: Conner Sarich.6
Date: 3/30/20
RE: 2019-2020 Year End Report

What committee did you chair?

Delegate Relations

Please summarize the programming your committee planned this year. (Title, Date, Est. # of Attendees, ect.)

“Graduate Student party. DaVonti probably did more for this than our committee. Winter Party after meeting. We probably need alcohol if we want to improve this next year. Happy hour, only exec committee came. No one ever really wants to do anything.”

Please summarize what issues your committee addressed this year.

“How can we strengthen delegate interpersonal relationships.”

To: Council of Graduate Students
From: Andrea Davis.5688
Date: 3/30/20
RE: 2019-2020 Year End Report

What committee did you chair?

Diversity and Inclusion

Please summarize the programming your committee planned this year. (Title, Date, Est. # of Attendees, ect.)

"Buckeye Diversity Dialogue Series - info can be found on the spreadsheet at tinyurl.com/sc6ljau since we had a lot of them

#TogetherWeAre Campaign -- worked with WOSU and Student Life Marketing to create a video campaign and distribute 100+ t-shirts to OSU students to bring awareness to the joint-government D&I campaign.

Diversity and Implicit Bias Awareness Program - this was more of a K. Hodak project but there were 3 Open Doors sessions, as well as 4 implicit bias workshops that were provided in SP2020."

Please summarize what issues your committee addressed this year.

"We addressed issues of diversity and inclusion at Ohio State. It has become pretty clear to us over the past year that marginalized students on this campus feel unwelcome and that they don't belong so it was our hope that through the #TogetherWeAreCampaign video (as well as the other various initiatives in CGS, IPC, and USG). "

To: Council of Graduate Students
From: e alexander.979
Date: 3/30/20
RE: 2019-2020 Year End Report

What committee did you chair?

External Collaborations

Please summarize the programming your committee planned this year. (Title, Date, Est. # of Attendees, ect.)

"We did not have an opportunity to have programming, but would completed the draft of our benchmarking brief for graduate student unionization. ECC can also support other committees wherever needed.

Next year's goals include collaborating with other committees to pilot a mentorship program and needs assessment, and launching a ""know your rights and resources"" campaign. "

Please summarize what issues your committee addressed this year.

Of the 4 CGS members assigned to ECC, 1 resigned and 1 has been absent from duties. Of the 4 external members recruited, all stopped being responsive to communications.

To: Council of Graduate Students
From: Maddy Lomax-Vogt.2
Date: 3/30/20
RE: 2019-2020 Year End Report

What committee did you chair?

Government Affairs

Please summarize the programming your committee planned this year. (Title, Date, Est. # of Attendees, ect.)

“Held elected official office hours on campus to increase dialogue between OSU graduate students and officeholders in February 2020 with Columbus City Council Member Shayla Favor and in March 2020 with Columbus City Council Member Rob Dorans. Similar events with other elected officials were planned. The first event had at least 5 students in attendance, and the second event had 7 students in attendance.”

Please summarize what issues your committee addressed this year.

“We assisted with Buckeye Village discussions and helped with unionization research.”

To: Council of Graduate Students
From: Blake Szkoda.1
Date: 3/30/20
RE: 2019-2020 Year End Report

What committee did you chair?

Graduate Caucus

Please summarize the programming your committee planned this year. (Title, Date, Est. # of Attendees, ect.)

“Senate advisory/graduate caucus did not have any programming, we merely attended senate meetings together.”

Please summarize what issues your committee addressed this year.

"Senators addressed many issues in their respective committees. Please refer to the individual senator reports submitted for previous delegate packets to see specific ones. Please also refer to meeting materials for the entire University Senate to see what the grad student senators voted on: <https://senate.osu.edu/senate-meetings-archive> "

TO: The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Mark Pauley - Delegate, Chair – Graduate Student Affairs
DATE: 04/03/2020
RE: End of the year report

Delegates,

I hope this message finds you healthy and well. Whether you find yourself still in Columbus or elsewhere, please know that the Ohio State community is still here to support you. I have had the honor of chairing the Graduate Student Affairs committee this academic year and I would like to briefly highlight just some of the things we as a committee tackled:

- Authored **Resolution 1920 AU-003**, a resolution calling for the creation of the position of graduate student ombudsperson at the Ohio State University. This position is expected to be filled by no later than the Spring 2021 semester.
- Co-authored **Resolution 1920 AU-005**, a resolution for the establishment of a Director of Graduate/Professional Student Life within the Office of Student Life at the Ohio State University.
- Held a consistent dialogue with the Office of Administration and Planning to thoroughly vet the Lyft Safe Ride program from the student perspective. We have requested that the Office, in coordination with the BuckeyeLink office, identify the percentage of the graduate student population living within the program's bounds so that we can identify how many graduate students are being well-served by the program on a consistent basis. This request remains outstanding.
- Met with the Office of Institutional Equity to discuss the mandatory, BuckeyeLink-provided "U Got This" training. We administered a student survey about the program and have shared those results with the Office to push forward the dialogue on potential changes moving forward.
- In coordination with the COVID-19 Task Force, as well as Undergraduate Student Government and Inter-Professional Council, we created and administered a graduate student needs assessment so that we can responsibly collect information on student needs during the ongoing pandemic

On one final note, I will be graduating at the conclusion of this spring semester, meaning my time with CGS is nearly up. I am confident that Stephen will choose someone to not only continue the work that we began this academic year, but to expand upon it. It has been inspiring to see how dedicated you all are to your roles and the work that CGS does. I eagerly look forward to following along on your continued accomplishments from afar in the years ahead.

I thank you for your attention and look forward to addressing any comments, questions, or concerns you all may have. Please direct anything to Pauley.66@osu.edu, or to any member of my committee and we will be happy to work with you. Be well.

To: Council of Graduate Students
From: Alec Clott.1
Date: 3/30/20
RE: 2019-2020 Year End Report

What committee did you chair?

Health, Wellness, and Safety

Please summarize the programming your committee planned this year. (Title, Date, Est. # of Attendees, ect.)

"The Health, Wellness, and Safety committee's major event of the year (planned) was the Graduate Wellness Expo. This year we were planning to hold the event on April 15th in the RPAC. The event, as with last years', would be a catered tabling expo hosting OSU organizations that support graduate students in various capacities. For instance, CCS, MCC, SLS, SHS, etc. had all confirmed their attendance. We were also going to be offering vaccine services, and the opportunity to make dental services appointments. Last, we were also planning to raffle prizes (as with previous years). We were hoping to bring in a few hundred graduate students.

Unfortunately, with the changing OSU policy regarding COVID-19 - this event was (understandably) cancelled as it was non-essential."

Please summarize what issues your committee addressed this year.

"Our committee responded to various concerns as they were brought up to CGS/individual committee members. Examples are highlighted below.

While it has taken a back-seat to other matters, our committee was working with Mark Pauley & Academic Affairs to collect information regarding grad students' experiences with the new Lyft program. We had a survey ready to release; however, we did not pursue this for misc. reasons (waiting for OSU response, ultimately because de-prioritized due to covid concerns, etc.).

Our committee supported one of our members Tyler Beauregard in submitting and successfully passing a resolution calling upon the university to better identify and provide AEDs throughout campus.

Recently our committee, with the support of DaVonti' Haynes, donated \$2,000 to the Buckeye Pantry which we had previously allocated for the Grad Wellness Expo.

Our committee also remains engaged and focused on providing help/assistance during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. I am confident that several of our members would be interested in putting together materials and information that we derive from the Grad Student Needs Assessment form (myself included), that we can ultimately distribute/give to the university."

To: Council of Graduate Students
From: James Uanhoro.1
Date: 3/30/20
RE: 2019-2020 Year End Report

What committee did you chair?

Housing and Family Affairs

Please summarize the programming your committee planned this year. (Title, Date, Est. # of Attendees, ect.)

“No programming”

Please summarize what issues your committee addressed this year.

- Buckeye Village
- Graduate student housing
- Childcare costs

To: Council of Graduate Students
From: Ehsan Estiri.1
Date: 3/30/20
RE: 2019-2020 Year End Report

What committee did you chair?

International Student Affairs

Please summarize the programming your committee planned this year. (Title, Date, Est. # of Attendees, ect.)

"The followings are programs ISC committee decided to work on during the 2019-20 year:

1. Docunight: Documentary film series with nine documentary films.
2. International Student Orientations: How to improve international student orientations.
3. OSU Writing center: ISC's committee members are concerned about the quality of services provided by OSU's Writing Center to international graduate students. We decided to speak with the director of the center, inform them about our concerns, and discuss the ways the center can improve its services.
4. Office of International Affairs: The committee believes there are multiple areas in which OIA can improve services they provide to international students. These include walk-in services, tax consultancy, and CPT. Again, the committee will be in touch with OIA to discuss these issues."

Please summarize what issues your committee addressed this year.

- "1. Docunight was organized, and several film showings were held. We had to cancel the film showings due to COIVD 19 pandemic.
2. International Student Orientations: No tangible results on this issue.
3. OSU Writing center: We had a meeting with the writing center and are going to have another meeting in the coming days.
4. Office of International Affairs: A few members of the committee are working on this issue.
5. The committee received international student conners related to the Covid19 pandemic, sorted them out, and communicated them to the university administration. These concerns included the following issues:

A. Residency Status:

Many international students graduating this semester are worried about going out of legal status as a result of the COVID19-related delays in the processing of immigration documents. ISC committee requested that first, the university allow graduate students who are facing issues with legal residence and may go out of status to stay enrolled in the Summer 2020 term without paying tuition. Second, we requested that the graduate school extend the deadlines for completing final examinations for Spring graduation (the current deadline is April 17).

B. Emergency Funds Specific to International Students:

As international students do not receive any sorts of federal financial aids that the domestic students have the privilege of, we requested an emergency fund for international students who will be stuck in Columbus.

C. Deferral of the Registration for Coming International Students:

We requested that all the programs let international students admitted for Fall 2020 to enroll in Spring 2021 if needed, without any consequences such as losing their GA/GTA/GRA appointments.

D. Extension of programs (general concern):

We requested an extension of a year in the timeline for Ph.D. students who were due to submit their Ph.D. dissertation in Autumn 2020 or Spring 2021. "

TO: The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Carly LaRosa, SERC Chair
DATE: 3/29/2020
RE: SERC Report

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the following events and items have been cancelled/postponed until further notice:

- Partnership with Ideas42 to promote the adoption of smart thermostats by off-campus students
- Sponsorship of the case competition
- Purchase of bike racks

I would like to thank the members of the committee, especially those who were so active and dedicated, for a great year. While most of our programming and items were cancelled due to COVID-19, I'm still grateful for our year together (and the legislation we passed).

If anyone is interested in chairing the committee next year, please don't hesitate to reach out! I won't be returning to CGS, but would be happy to chat.

To: Council of Graduate Students
From: Carly LaRosa.15
Date: 3/30/20
RE: 2019-2020 Year End Report

What committee did you chair?

Sustainability & Environmental Responsibility

Please summarize the programming your committee planned this year. (Title, Date, Est. # of Attendees, ect.)

"Case Competition – cancelled due to COVID-19"

Please summarize what issues your committee addressed this year.

"- Partnership to promote uptake of smart thermostats by students – initiative cancelled due to COVID-19
- Purchase of bike racks to promote sustainable transportation – cancelled due to COVID-19
- Passed a resolution to address the hiring of Clint Woods
- Ongoing dialogue about the University's planned combined heat and power plant"