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Delegates Present: Luke Andrejek, Ada Barach, Om Prakash Bedant, Polina Berezina, Jessica Blackburn, John Bundschuh, Yu-Chun Chang, Steph Charles, Kacey Clark, Jacob Compaleo, Carrington Conerly, Katherine Conner, Paul Consiglio, Robert Cremins, Robert Dahlberg-Sears, Riley DeBacker, Austin DeGroff, Todd DeRose, Kendra Dickinson, Ty Drayton, Story Edison, Caroline Fitzpatrick, Jahmour Givans, Annedra Gladney, Robin Gordon, Colby Gregg, Paul Gregor, Jenna Greve, Sarah Haines, Keira Hambrick, Morgan Heyde, Sarah Hyman, Gregory Jameson, Shontiana Johnson, Ashwin Kane, Noor Khalayleh, Ellia La, Yifan Li, Ho-Chieh Lin, Javonte Lipsey, Madeleine Lomax-Vogt, Xinyue Lu, Alan Lujan, Charles Mace, Zari Mahmoudi, Krutant Mehta, Doricka Menefee, Benjamin Mertus, M. Dominique Nagasawa, Laura Neese, Aviva Neff, Shane O'Neil, Brian O'rourke, Jaychandran Padayasi, Maritza Pierre, Kelsey Pinckard, Bryan Remaily, Lauren Riley, Morgan Ross, Mary Sagatelova, Erik Scaltriti, Michelle Scott, Kye Stachowski, Goran Stevanovski, Matthew Stuckey, Greyson Teague, Ekaterina Tikhonyuk, Jamie Uthall, Ana Maria Velasquez Giraldo, Ericka Velez-Bonet, Derek Walton, Yitong Xin

Delegates Absent: Ali AsghariAdib, Selasi Attipoe, Rob Barry, Anthony Bowersock, Fouad Choueiry, Adam Culiver, Archit Datar, Benjamin Duran, Meaghann Dynes, Megan Espana, Steph Fanelli, Bethany Frick, Jordan Hartman, Lindsey Hernandez, Nathaniel Heiden, Christian Hines, Pouya Kousha, Alexander Milder, Madison Mize, Wanderson Novais Pereira, Felipe Pacci Evaristo, Rosie Rabati, Swetha Rajasekaran, Marie Rineveld, Armando Roman, Akanksha Sahni, Ashweta Sahni, Melika Shahhosseini, Karla ShockleyMccarthy, Daniel Smith, Kumar Somnath, Garrett Tatum, Brett Wedding, Andrew Wilson, Megan Zib

Senators Present: Aaron Beczkiewicz, Jenna Greve, Gala Korniyenko, Laine Rumreich, Dustin Servello

Senators Absent: Shahwar Ali, Akshay Asaithambi, Tyler Beauregard, Conner Sarich, Utkarsh Shah

Executive Committee Members Present: Katherine Conner, Caroline Fitzpatrick, Brandon Free, Jenna Greve, Abigail Grieff, Kathryn Holt, Sarah Light, Madeleine Lomax-Vogt, Raven Lynch, Nick Messenger, Aviva Neff, Stephen Post, Conner Sarich, Michelle Scott, Carrie Anne Thomas, Leila Vieria

Executive Committee Members Absent: Wanderson Novais Pereira, Melika Shahhosseini

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 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.

1.2. Land Acknowledgement

- 1.2.1. CGS acknowledges central Ohio as the traditional homeland of the Shawnee, Miami, Wyandotte and other Indigenous nations who have strong ties to these lands. Today, individuals from a broad range of Indigenous backgrounds call Columbus and central Ohio home.
- 1.2.2. There have been some conversations about why we started doing a land acknowledgement and how we can ensure that it's not just performative. We are still working on conversations with the Multicultural Center and other groups on campus. If you are interested in being part of these conversations, please let Stephen know.
- 1.2.3. Some more resources and information: <https://youtu.be/9eIYCfRPIPU>; Native American Indian Center of Central Ohio (<https://www.naicco.com/>)

2. ROLL CALL

2.1. Carmen log-in

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. Minutes from March 5, 2021

- 3.1.1. Minutes approved.

4. SENATOR ELECTIONS

4.1. Candidates listed in alphabetical order:

Austin Cool	Steven Mentz
Brandon Cruz	Laine Rumreich
Madison Dymont	Dustin Servello
Rachel Hutchinson	Jenna Thomas
Hannah Jones	Jordan Williams
Nicholas Klein	Yan Yuan
Sierra Mayle	

4.2. The following people are elected to ten open senator position:

- Austin Cool (undesignated seat)
- Madison Dymont (Education & Human Ecology seat)
- Rachel Hutchinson (Arts & Humanities seat)
- Hannah Jones (Social & Behavioral Sciences; Business seat)
- Nicholas Klein (undesignated seat)
- Sierra Mayle (undesignated seat)
- Laine Rumreich (Math, Engineering, & Physical Sciences seat)
- Dustin Servello (Biological Sciences; Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Studies)
- Jenna Thomas (undesignated seat)
- Yan Yuan (undesignated seat)

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. Resolution 2021-018: A Resolution Advocating for the Requirement of COVID-19 Vaccination for In-Person Activities for Fall 2021

- 5.1.1. Conner.280: In this resolution, we are asking the university to consider requiring the vaccine for any in-person on-campus activities beginning in Fall 2021, with the exception of those who may have religious or medical exemptions. This resolution was drafted based on the policies that have been adopted or being considered by a handful of other universities. As a reminder, this resolution is simply asking the university to adopt this mandate but does not address the logistics of how this would be accomplished or its feasibility- that would be under the purview of various offices to figure out in the future.

5.1.2. Informal Discussion:

- Dahlberg-sears.1: Is there a particular timeline we are asking for here?
 - The feeling from conversations is that there are mixed feelings across different offices but there is some support for implementation in the fall.
 - The resolution does mention the Fall 2021 semester specifically in Line 55.
- Tikjonyuk.1: Line 62 asks for the vaccine to be made available for students arriving on campus next fall but maybe the language should ask for this to start over the summer so that students can arrive fully vaccinated.
 - It could be that students would have a certain amount of time to get their vaccine after arriving on campus.
 - Suggestion to change the line to say, "before next fall semester".
- Sagatelova.1: Should we also ask that potential boosters be required?
 - Since we don't know if these will be required, it makes more sense for that to be revisited with a separate resolution in the future if needed.
- Dahlberg-sears.1: Suggestion to change the language in Lines 62-63 to say "all students" rather than listing individual student groups to make sure nobody falls through the cracks.
- Tikhonyuk.1: The resolution doesn't mention regional campuses. Should this be

expanded?

- Language in Line 63 is changed to read, "before arriving at any Ohio State campus"

5.1.3. Discussion:

- None.

5.1.4. Act is voted on via Carmen survey.

5.1.5. Act passes (54 Yeas, 1 Nays, 2 Abstentions).

5.2. Poll for Summer Quorum

5.2.1. Completed via Carmen quiz.

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

6.1. President (Post.144)

- 6.1.1. Stephen is working on a comprehensive end-of-administration report which will be distributed to the delegate body as well as the larger graduate student body later this spring. This will include information from the end of year reports generated by all the committees.
- 6.1.2. There is another meeting coming up this week about reclassifying GAAs so there will be a final decision on this issue announced soon.
- 6.1.3. There is also an upcoming meeting with Government Affairs about the third round of federal funding and how that will be allocated. If you haven't done it already, fill out your FAFSA because that will hopefully put you in the poll to automatically receive funding.
- 6.1.4. Delegate elections are coming soon!

6.2. Vice President (Messenger.37)

- 6.2.1. We are still pushing for dedicated vaccine allotments for students.
- 6.2.2. CGS provided final recommendations to the University Senate Structure Ad-Hoc Committee. One issue that was brought up and will hopefully get more attention moving into next year is graduate student representation on senate committees.
- 6.2.3. Projects that are still in process: finalization and rollout of Graduate Student orientation, Provost Search, overseeing data from the policing survey and participating in future listening sessions
- 6.2.4. Projects coming soon: expanding the embedded counselor program to more colleges, time to degree funding timelines, graduate family housing and new facilities, the search for a new HR VP, parking needs assessment, and assessing student activities and health practices on campus moving forward.
- 6.2.5. Javonte Lipsey.25 will be Chief of Staff;
- 6.2.6. Some of the goals for next year are to clarify and focus on specific missions of CGS: ensure that grad students are supported and protected during campus reactivation, create a visible CGS community with a culture of empowerment, collaboration, diversity, and inclusion, and improve the experience for future grad students.
- 6.2.7. The Internal Affairs Committee is becoming the Membership Wellness Committee that will focus on creating a positive culture within CGS, celebrating our members accomplishments, and ensuring mental and emotional well-being amongst members. Additionally, External Affairs is going away and will be replaced by a Research & Data Operations committee that will centralize any survey projects and help support the benchmarking, advocacy, and policy work of other committees.
- 6.2.8. Over the summer, the new exec team is working on fleshing out more trainings and support resources for CGS members to improve internal and external communications and help delegates find their authority. This will draw on results from the CGS climate survey to be administered by DEI.
- 6.2.9. Committee Chair applications are now live! Please submit yourself or your peers to get more involved!

6.3. Secretary (Light.109)

- 6.3.1. Winners of the annual CGS Awards will be announced by the end of the month!
- 6.3.2. There is some data about the winners of the CDG included in the meeting packet. Numbers were a little odd this year because of the pandemic but we were able to support a lot of students.

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

7.1.1. Health, Wellness & Safety (Grieff.2)

- Wellness Week is starting Monday! There are a lot of great programs planned and these have been sent to everyone via Carmen so please distribute to your constituents.

8. SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS

8.1. Delegate Issues & Concerns

- 8.1.1. Dahlberg-sears.1: In the senator report, one of the stated goals for the Council on Enrollment & Student Progress is increasing graduate student enrollment specifically. Will there be any increases in funding associated with this? Some departments have experienced massive funding cuts and loss of faculty so an increase in the number of students will not be sustainable with solid internal departmental infrastructure to support these students.
- Beczkiewicz.1: The university is aiming to increase enrollment across the board at both the undergrad and grad level. This is an issue that CGS should keep an eye on in the future.
- 8.1.2. The university recently instituted a requirement for twice weekly COVID testing. IPC sent something out to their members and crafted a statement. Has CGS done anything in response to this or do we have anything planned?
- Our understanding is that this change was made to monitor any possible spikes in case numbers following the instructional breaks. We have not planned any action on this issue because we were informed that this requirement is going to be rolled back in the next week or so. There is certainly space for a resolution to be written if this is not followed through on.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 9.1. Next meeting is May 15, 2021 @ 3:30 pm. This meeting is the first that will be handled by the new administration.
- 9.2. If you are a current delegate and are graduating and will not be attending meetings over the summer, your open seat may be filled by a delegate-elect from your unit of representation. If you are in this situation and know of someone who has been elected, please reach out to Abby to coordinate that interim term.

10. Meeting adjourned at 4:32 pm.