

Senators Present: Dustin Servello

Senators Absent: Jenna Thomas, Austin Cool, Sierra Mayle, Maddi Dyment, Kane Kinion, Yan Yuan, Hannah Jones, Laine Rumreich, Nicholas Klein

Executive Committee Members Present: Alissa Geisse, Carrie Anne Thomas, Menghang Wu, Robin Gordon, Katie Conner, Brian O'Rourke

Executive Committee Members Absent: Nick Messenger, Abby Greiff, Michelle Scott, Brandon Free, Sochina Ranjit, Caroline Karwisch, Sally Ross, T'Euvyn Page, Caroline Fitzpatrick, Blyse Truesdell, Nick Klein, Kameron Rhinehart, Faith Lewis

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 3:30 pm
   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. Google Form

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
      3.1.1. Minutes approved.

4. NEW BUSINESS - SENATOR ELECTIONS
   4.1. Senator elections work a little differently, but we would like to move senator elections up on the agenda so we will have more time to tally them.
   4.2. Objections to moving senator elections up on the agenda?
      4.2.1. None.
4.3. Explanation of Bylaws, and elections chaired by Abby Grieff.
4.4. We are going to give each candidate 2 minutes to speak.
   4.4.1. Peter Carerra – 2nd year PhD student studying Operations Management
   - I would like to become a CGS Senate representative for 2 main reasons:
     1) Continue to improve the student experience at OSU
     - Refer to my cover letter on things I have done at OSU, especially on the council of student affairs.
     2) On a personal note, my long-term goal is to become a professor at an R1 University, and serving here will help me understand the governance of a large university like OSU.
   4.4.2. Iresha Jayasinghe – 2nd year PhD Student in Environmental Social Sciences, minor in Public Policy and Management
   - Served on the Council of Student Affairs
   - Member of SEEDS
   - Interested in learning more about university governance and policies, as well as being involved in the decision-making processes.
   4.4.3. Laine Ruimreich
   - Was not present to speak
   - Laine was a former CGS Senator, refer to packet for their materials!
   4.4.4. Sarah Sturgill – 3rd year Biophysics graduate student
   - President of the Biophysics student organization, has experience in student government roles and advocacy.
   - Would like to take what I’ve learned in this advocacy role and push forward to advocate for all graduate students.
   4.4.5. Sagarika Taneja – 3rd year graduate student in Chemistry and Biochemistry
   - Have held a few leadership positions in my department and beyond, but this would be my first appointment in CGS.
   - My interest lies in a few committees like Graduate Misconduct and International Student Affairs, but I am open to work on any pressing issues graduate students face.
   4.4.6. Garrett Tatum – 3rd year PhD candidate in Civil Engineering
   - Refer to cover letter for certain action items I’m interested in seeing.
   - Have served as a CGS delegate for a couple years
   - Served on the Graduate Student Compensation and Benefits Committee at the Senate level already, and proposes to continue that work. I could also see myself on the Council on the Physical Environment since that is where my skills lie. As a land-grant university, we should only accept excellent sustainability efforts.
   4.4.7. Carrie Anne Thomas – 3rd year PhD student studying childrens literature
   - Has served on the CGS Exec team since 2020 as the Strategic Communications Director
   - Also serve a Senate Committee focusing on distance education libraries and information technology. I have enjoyed this experience, and would apply what I’ve learned there to any committee!
   - Main goal is to be the bridge between CGS and the Senate. I would like to make the Senate more visible to CGS and vice-versa.
4.5. Voting outcomes
   4.5.1. Peter Carrera from Social & Behavioral sciences and business received 38
   4.5.2. Iresha Jayasinghe from Biological Sciences and Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Studies received 37
   4.5.3. Laine Rumreich from Math, Engineering, & Physical Sciences received 26
4.5.4. Sarah Sturgill from Math, Engineering, & Physical Sciences received 30
4.5.5. Sagarika Taneja from Math, Engineering, & Physical Sciences received 27
4.5.6. Garret Tatum from Math, Engineering, & Physical Sciences received 36
4.5.7. Carrie Anne Thomas from Education & Human Ecology received 41

4.6. **Now the chair shall declare the winners of the election.**

4.6.1. The candidate with the most votes from Math, Engineering, & Physical Sciences was Garret Tatum and they will be elected senator.

4.6.2. There were no candidates from Arts and Humanities area, so that seat will be filled by the candidate remaining with the greatest number of votes in accordance with section 4.5.F of our bylaws.

4.6.3. The candidate with the most votes from Biological Sciences and Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Studies was Iresha Jayasinghe and they will be elected senator.

4.6.4. The candidate with the most votes from Education & Human Ecology was Carrie Anne Thomas and they will be elected senator.

4.6.5. The candidate with the most votes from Social & Behavioral Sciences and Business was Peter Carrera. and they will be elected senator.

4.6.6. The candidate remaining with the greatest number of votes was Sarah Sturgill and they will be elected senator.

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5. **OFFICER REPORTS**

5.1. **Presidents Report**

President Report

- Final interviews for Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School ongoing. Expecting a new Dean to be announced by early summer!
- Graduate Compensation and Benefits Committee
  - Heard from HR on updates to Workday including bulk upload, revision to graduate hiring processes to minimize errors, and better communication channels with registrar to prevent incorrect late fee assessments.
  - April Agenda:
    - Stipends and compensation for field placement discussion
    - Leave policy discussion
    - Summer funding concerns re: availability vs. need
- New Officers take over for May meeting! It has been a great honor and experience serving with you all throughout this difficult year! To those of you graduating, congratulations and thank you! To those who will be returning, I wish you the best next year and hope you'll always feel free to reach out!

5.1.1. Nick highlighted and thanked Abby, Alissa, and Michelle for their recent accomplishments and their service.

5.1.2. Introduced Jorge Clavoabbass – our new president elect!

- Please reach out to Jorge, to reflect on your time with CGS!

5.2. **Vice President Report**
Vice President Report

• Senator Elections Today!!!!
• If you want to be a delegate for 2022-2023, YOU MUST REAPPLY!!

• Delegate elections timeline
  • Application opens Sunday March 27th
  • Completed application due Wednesday April 13th
  • Voting begins Friday April 22nd
  • Voting Ends Friday April 29th
  • Selections will be made in a short period of time! You will be notified a week or two after.

5.3. Treasurer Report

Treasurer Report

• Ray Travel Award funding period 1 is currently open for conferences happening July 1st- September 30th
  • Deadline May 1st
• Current estimate of spending so far: $124,065
  • Does not include Hayes Forum
  • Has not been checked with spending reports
  • Council of Graduate Students FY 22 Expenses

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5.4. Secretary Report
Secretary Report

Next round of Career Development Grant Funding applications are open as of today!
https://cgs.osu.edu/funding-awards/development_funding
- Due May 1st

Funded Events (e conferences) / eligible expenses (society memberships) must occur between:
July 1st – September 30th

6. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS
   6.1. Arts and Culture - Gordon.215

Arts and Culture

Happy Spring!

Committee met March 23rd

Promotion: "Under Construction"
Graduate Colloquium, 10am-4pm
Saturday, April 2nd (For details, contact Streeter.35@osu.edu)

Next meeting: 11:30am, April 6th

6.2. Government Affairs – Orouke.130
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Gov Affairs Committee
- Issue Tracking #2! Read it! Share it! Contact your elected officials!
  - https://go.osu.edu/cgsgovaffairsissues2
- Thx for passing our HB 327 resolution
- Working on infolfact sheet
- Preparing some election outreach infrastructure

Actual Gov Affairs
- HB 327 stalled again
  - Because of our resolution??? (no.)
- Still no legislative maps. 5/3 primary in disarray
- Anti-Riot Bill (HB 109)

6.3. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – T’euvyn Page

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Continued Collaboration
Office of Institutional Equity
- Policies and Standards
- On-Off Campus Resources

6.4. Strategic Communications – Thomas.4051
7. OLD BUSINESS
   7.1. None.

8. DELEGATE ISSUES AND CONCERNS
   8.1. Tatum: Any updates from the Fellowship taxes stuff?
       8.1.1. There are email chains moving around to organize getting letters sent out to Fellows about taxes
       8.1.2. Geisse.1: tangentially related, graduate students applying for outside Fellowships are supposed to fill out a Matching Tuition and Fee form 2 weeks before your application for whatever Fellowship/award you are applying for is due. Which is super pre-emptive and no one knows that they are supposed to do this when going after an outside award in order to get your tuition and fees still paid by the Graduate School. This has caused issues for people in my department, where basically we go in after being awarded and potentially fudge some of the GradForms paperwork to make it happen – which is obviously not great.
       8.1.3. The matching-fee and tuition process is a policy that will probably change with a new dean.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS
   9.1. May meeting (13th) will involve a world café! With a dinner afterwards. For the duration of the event we do ask that we are masked. :)
   9.2. Applications for Vice President have re-opened. The election will take place at the next meeting.
   9.3. Delegate elections applications are open.
   9.4. Grad appreciation week is coming up!

Meeting adourned at ~4:45pm.