



Council of Graduate Students
at The Ohio State University

Date: April 12, 2019

Location: US Bank Conference Theater (1st
Floor Ohio Union)

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** (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.*
 - 1.2. Roll Call (5 minutes)
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (5 minutes)
 - 2.1. Minutes from March 29, 2019
3. **OFFICER REPORTS** (8 minutes)
 - 3.1. Treasurer, Kristyn Gumper.1
 - 3.2. Secretary, Hannah Torma.9
 - 3.3. Vice President, Tracey Walterbusch.1
 - 3.4. Chief of Staff, Sara Mueller.352
 - 3.5. President, Alex Wesaw.1
4. **COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS** (12 minutes)
 - 4.1. Academic Affairs, Daniel Puthawala.1
 - 4.2. Arts & Culture, Kathryn Holt.351
 - 4.3. Delegate Relations, Samantha Mcwhorter.43
 - 4.4. Diversity & Inclusion, Erica Law.177
 - 4.5. Government Relations, Maddy Lomax-Vogt.2
 - 4.6. Graduate Student Affairs, Vibhuti Wadhwa.21
 - 4.7. Health & Wellness, Alec Clott.1
 - 4.8. International Student Concerns, Eshan Estiri.1
 - 4.9. Marketing & Communications, Chris Loiewski.1
 - 4.10. Senate Advisory, Blake Szkoda.1
 - 4.11. SERC, Chris Pierce.508
 - 4.12. Governance (Ad Hoc), Ryan Slechta.3
 - 4.13. Reimbursements (Ad Hoc), Sara Mueller.352
5. **SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS** (15 minutes)
 - 5.1. Delegate Concerns (15 minutes)
6. **NEW BUSINESS** (65 minutes)
 - 6.1. Call for Officer Nominations & Officer Election (Treasurer) (15 minutes)
 - 6.2. Senate Elections (10 Minutes)
 - 6.3. Resolution 1819-SP-003: A Resolution Supporting Renewal of Contract Between Student Legal Services, Inc. and The Ohio State University with Expansion of Benefits to Include Immigration and Naturalization Services (20 minutes)
 - 6.4. Resolution 1819-SP-004: A Resolution Affirming the Value of Graduate Work Space and Graduate Involvement in Decision-Making Processes (20 minutes)
7. **ADJOURN** (5:20 PM)
8. **FUTURE MEETING DATES**
 - 8.1. May 10, 2019 – 1st Summer Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union
 - 8.2. June 7, 2019 – 2nd Summer Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union
 - 8.3. July 19, 2019 – 3rd Summer Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union



Present: Omotayo Adeeko, Khaled Altabtbaei, Luke Andrejek, Selasi Attipoe, Om Prakash Bedant, Rachel Bican, Mark Boyce, Quichang Cao, Yu-chun Chang, Mercedes Chavez, Alec Clott, Emma Cobb, Hannah Dahlberg-Dodd, Robert Dahlberg-Sears, Steven Dalglish, Pruthi Deshpande, Jim Evans, Julie Faieta, Steph Fanelli, Brandon Free, Bethany Frick, Jahmour Givans, Kathryn Holt, Audrey Hungerpiller, Kevin Ingles, Elizabeth Klainot-Hess, Pouya Kousha, Nariman Laal Dehghani, Carly Larosa, Nikolaus Larsen, Madeleine Lomax-vogt, Eric Loria, Nicolas Lugo (lugo.45) Lugo, Samantha Mcwhorter, Julius Metcalf, Rohit Mukherjee, Emily Nordquist, Alejandro Otero Bravo, Tricia Oyster, Christopher Phelps, Linzey Rice, Cole Robertson, Jack Rooney, Conner Sarich, Lena Schreiber, Matthew Sermersheim, Melika Shahhosseini, Yibo Shao, Kyle Sullivan, Leo Tchorowski, Aparna Unnikrishnan, Vibhuti Wadhwa, Sarah Walton, Christopher Wiegman, Yu-Lun Wu, Marcus Ziemann

Alternates: Leah Demko, Ryan Slechta, Symon Stevens-Guille, Blake Szkoda, Soroush Zamanian

Absent: Selasi Attipoe, Eric Brinkman, Roxana Buda, Emily Callahan, Joseph Chambers, Vinay Chauhan, Alyssa Chrisman, Adam Chupp, Elizabeth De Luca, Elliot Dhuey, Zaynab Diallo, Adrienne Ditommaso, Isabel Emanuel, Ehsan Estiri, Kathrin Frenzel, Kayla Gantt, Laurene Glimois, Nlingi Habana, Tasha Henderson, Mary Hill, Neethi Johnson, Marjorie Kelley, Katherine Kieninger, Justin Kuric, Erica Law, Stephen Lo, Christopher Loiewski, Cesar Lopez-Gemelli, Soumik Mandal, Becky Mayse, Aaron Murnan, Alexandra Nowak, Kate Ormiston, Erin Panczyk, Christopher Pierce, Alexander Podczerwinski, Jamie Rausch, Christopher Riley, Michael Schwartz, Prashant Serai, Utkarsh Shah, Shruthi Shetty, Sundeep Siripurapu, Nithya Sivashankar, Amanda Smith, Kelsy Steele, John Stegall, Caitlyn Trevor, Alexandra Tuggle, James Uanhoro, Eunice Uhm, Matthew White, Joshua Williams

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 3:33pm

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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1. Minutes from -February 1, 2019

- 2.1.1. The minutes are approved.

3. OFFICER UPDATES (as submitted in Delegate Meeting Packets)

- 3.1. Torma.9 thanks judges who volunteered to judge the GGG at the last minute. Emails with decisions will go out early next week.
- 3.2. Walterbusch.1 mentions that delegates should review the new procedures for elections if they have not already.
- 3.3. Wesaw.1 mentions that the Dean of the Graduate School will attend the next meeting instead of this meeting as incorrectly stated in his report.

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

- 4.1. McWhorter.43, chair of Delegate Relations, reminds delegates of the happy hour happening after the meeting. Daniel Puthawala.1 is delegate of the month.

5. SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS

5.1. Delegate Concerns

- 5.1.1. No concerns are raised.

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. Officer Elections

- 6.1.1. There are no candidates for treasurer. Walterbusch.1 asks for nominations from the floor. Givans.2

- nominates Sara Mueller.³⁵², but she declines. This election will be postponed.
- 6.1.2. We have one candidate nominated on the ballot for secretary. The Q & A period for the Secretary will be three minutes. This time cannot be extended.
 - 6.1.3. Sarah Light.¹⁰⁹ is excited for this opportunity to be more involved in CGS.
 - 6.1.4. Metcalf.²²¹ asks what qualifications she had to be secretary. She mentions organization and experience editing websites.
 - 6.1.5. Garg.⁸⁰ asks if she had leadership experience. She is currently vice president of her student org in neuroscience, and is president of their neuro outreach group, but will be stepping down.
 - 6.1.6. Kousha.² asks if she has any time constraints. The VP job that she has now meets once a month and the president job is an admin role where she is not required to meet in person.
 - 6.1.7. We have two candidates for vice president: Libby Bauman.¹⁹³ and Donna Rutledge.¹¹⁹.
 - 6.1.8. Libby Bauman.¹⁹³ is excited about the VP position. She is a first-year M.A. student in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. She is currently working on a practicum at Nationwide Children's Hospital. She is looking for opportunities to become part of the broader graduate student community. She also wants to help graduate students have a voice. In undergrad, she worked in the writing center for three years. As a counseling student, she has strong interpersonal skills. As an undergraduate student she was president of a campus organization.
 - 6.1.9. Donna Rutledge.¹¹⁹ has been involved with CGS since 2016. She came in as a delegate for social work and was in that position for a while. She started to recognize some things in campus that she wanted to address. She got involved with the assistant dean of the graduate school to come up with ideas to help graduate students. She likes to make change. She takes leadership very seriously. A leader asks what needs to be done. As VP she would address the needs of graduate students. Graduate students do a lot but are not acknowledged the way they should be. Leadership is a responsibility. She would try to recognize the potential within graduate students and how we can make a difference.
 - 6.1.10. McWhorter.⁴³ asks how they will handle the transition of coming from a smaller school in undergrad to representing a larger student body.
 - 6.1.11. Libby feels that she can apply the skills she developed as leader in undergrad to a larger graduate student body.
 - 6.1.12. Donna currently serves on several committees representing CGS. She feels grad students need someone who can advocate on their behalf.
 - 6.1.13. Adeeko.⁵ asks if they are both aware that the position is funded and requires 20 hours a week. They are aware.
 - 6.1.14. Metcalf.²²¹ asks what would be the first thing that they would change.
 - 6.1.15. Libby wants to hear from people that do have experience. An issue on campus right now that she would change is the availability of funding at OSU.
 - 6.1.16. Donna says you need to address issues that are pressing at that time. Some issues are graduate students being unrepresented and underpaid.
 - 6.1.17. Kousha.² asks what the biggest challenge is they have faced as a leader and how they have solved it.
 - 6.1.18. In her role as alumni relations chair, Libby served while abroad for half of the time. She was able to successfully serve in this role with strong communication.
 - 6.1.19. Donna notes that when she was a delegate, and students would come to her with issue, she would bring this issues up to faculty members. When she is on a hearing panel, she may feel differently than other members of the panel. She then has to address why a charge should be changed.
 - 6.1.20. Laal Dehghani (laaldehghani.1@osu.edu) asks when they are planning to graduate. Donna is graduating this May and then pursuing a PhD. Libby is graduating May 2020.
 - 6.1.21. Metcalf.²²¹ asks what a solution they would put forward to address graduate concerns.
 - 6.1.22. Libby would start by listening to the students and then contacting who is needed from there to get more information.
 - 6.1.23. Funded positions come from the graduate school, so Donna would work with them to find information about how more positions could be created.
 - 6.1.24. Kousha.² asks how they would address all the concerns graduate students have when there are conflicts.
 - 6.1.25. Donna says you need to hear concerns first to address them. Libby would make herself open to hearing the concerns.
 - 6.1.26. We have two candidates for president: Connor Sarich.⁶ and Stephen Post.¹⁴⁴.
 - 6.1.27. Connor Sarich.⁶ is honored to be here. How can we get to where we want to be? We are looking for additional funding and funding for research. The best graduate experience would mean happier

graduate students. Let's look to the past in order to go forward to the future. We have research forums, travel grants, activities, and targeted committees. CGS recently negotiated a raise to the minimum stipend. Where can we go from here to increase funding? Some improvements might be to raise student awareness about what CGS offers, advocate and pursue a plan for affordable graduate housing, and continue to advocate for increased mental health resources. He would also work to expand health care coverage and continue to address delegate concerns. As a CGS delegate, he is familiar with the CGS system. He will be finished with his candidacy and be able to focus on the role of president without classes. As an engineer, he is a problem solver ready to tackle the challenges ahead. We as a group represent some of the brightest minds of our generation. If we work collectively, there is a lot we can accomplish.

- 6.1.28. Stephen Post.144 thanks everyone for the pleasure to address the delegates. He is a proud Buckeye and completed his undergraduate degree in Political Science and Economics. He is currently a research assistant in the OSU Drug Enforcement and Policy Center. Working fulltime as graduate student has given him first hand experience of the strain graduate students are under. He was a project manager for Battleground Strategies. His last experience was as an Outreach and Civility Fellow for the National Institute for Civil Discourse. He was very involved with the Undergraduate Student Government all four years of undergrad starting as a freshman. He once ran for president and learned a lot from the campaign. Over his time there, their campaign really influenced that body. He chaired the Council of Student Affairs. There, he collaborated with IPC and CGS. He served as a USG senator for three years. That experience prepared him for the governance structure. He also served on Faculty Cabinet as a Senate committee chair and was able to learn more about how faculty and administrators see the student experience. He was also an orientation leader. He is also part of Sphinx Honorary. Transparency and accountability are essential. Collaboration, empathy, honesty, and respect are also important. His policy platform includes social media and a consistent online presence, increasing the number of GAs and creating a long-term stipend plan, and an increase and strategic implementation of mental health services. At the graduate level, the same resources and infrastructure are not always provided. He will expand programs to more graduate students and increase collaboration with the other student groups to be more effective.
- 6.1.29. Clott.1 has been part of executive committee for a year. How would they navigate relations with administration?
- 6.1.30. Connor notes the importance of sending administrators pre-thought out lists before they come to address the delegate body. Being proactive is the best way to resolve these issues.
- 6.1.31. Stephen has experience working with Dr. Drake, and other administrators. He understands the context, but also understands that need to be transparent and accountable. One part is checking that they follow-up and are held accountable. Connections are important.
- 6.1.32. Holt.351 asks what their positions are on Unionizing.
- 6.1.33. Stephen thought about this a lot and reached out to a graduate union. Because of a state of Ohio law, grad students are not considered employees and therefore not able to unionize. Because OSU does not have a grad union, CGS plays this role of making sure graduate students have the funding and resources they deserve.
- 6.1.34. Connor states the strength in numbers is important.
- 6.1.35. Rooney.89 wants to know what steps each will take to solve diverse problems, such as the difference between the concerns of a student from science versus a student from art.
- 6.1.36. Conner states that staying in communication is the best way forward. Delegates from diverse areas need to feel comfortable speaking up and representing their departments.
- 6.1.37. Stephen feels that CGS should be the main go to group when any student has an issue. Many students go to their departments. Creating relationships with departments to make delegates a more transparent resource for students is really important.
- 6.1.38. Metcalf.221 mentions that leaders do not wait for permission to lead. He's interested to hear if there is any personal experience where they have taken the lead.
- 6.1.39. Steven mentions that in his role of campaign manager he was extremely busy during the last three days leading up to the election. Decisions had to be made in a split-second basis. As chair of CSA, he had to address an issue USG raised of divestment from fossil fuels. This was a new idea that he was able to discuss with administrators.
- 6.1.40. Connor disagrees with the question of taking leadership by force. You are only a leader if people trust you to lead and represent them. A natural leader arises. You have to be granted the leadership position.
- 6.1.41. Puthawala.1 moves that we move into executive session to discuss the candidates.
- 6.1.42. Ingles.27 seconded.
- 6.1.43. The motion passes.
- 6.1.44. Libby Bauman.193 is elected as Vice-President and Stephen Post.144 is elected as President.

6.2. Resolution 1819-SP-001: A Resolution Rejecting Changes to the Administration of Graduate Associateship

- 6.2.1. Lomax-Vogt.2, chair of the Government Relations committee, presents this resolution. CGS has been talking about changes to the FLSA. The committee conducted a survey to see if graduate students wanted to stay classified as student employees or change our status. Graduate students were in favor of staying the same. This resolution was written as a result. If HR chooses to change our status, we will have this statement on the record.
- 6.2.2. Free.41 asks if the resolution could be more specific. We might not be opposed to any changes, but just the specific ones being discussed. This is us trying to be proactive.
- 6.2.3. The motion passes.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 7.1. April 12, 2019 – 4th Spring Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union
- 7.2. May 10, 2019 – 1st Summer Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union
- 7.3. June 7, 2019 – 2nd Summer Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union
- 7.4. July 19, 2019 – 3rd Summer Semester Delegate Meeting @ 3:30 PM Ohio Union

8. Meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Kristyn Gumpper, Treasurer
DATE: 4/3/2019
RE: Treasurer's Report

CGS Budget

The current spending for this year (FY2018-2019) is attached below. Please let me know if you have any questions about the budget.

Ray Travel Award

Ray Applications are currently open and closes on May 1st for travel starting between July 1st through September 30th to present research at a conference.

March 18, 2019

Council of Graduate Students

Account Balances - Budget vs. Actual

July 2018 through June 2019

	Jul '18 - Jun 19	Budget
Income		
Coca Cola Carry Forward	20,570.11	17,000.00
Coca Cola Endowment	16,211.74	16,212.00
CSA Carry Forward	3,886.77	6,252.24
CSA Student Activity Fee	79,671.23	80,325.00
Cultural Competency Training	15,000.00	
Global Gtwy	10,000.00	10,000.00
Global Gtwy Carry Forward	2,712.80	
Grad Sch.--Hayes	10,000.00	10,000.00
OAA Ray Travel	35,000.00	35,000.00
OAA Ray Travel Carry Forward	16,739.21	24,362.00
OR Hayes Endwmnt	10,000.00	10,000.00
Total Income	219,791.86	209,151.24
Expense		
1000 President's Projects		
1100 Discretionary	0.00	1,000.00
1300 Inauguration	0.00	1,000.00
Total 1000 President's Projects	0.00	2,000.00
2000 Vice President		
2100 Hayes	4,012.47	29,000.00
Total 2000 Vice President	4,012.47	29,000.00
3000 Committees		
3100 Exec		
3110 Retreat	0.00	3,000.00
3120 Awards & Rec	0.00	500.00
3150 MarCom	1,446.76	11,000.00
3100 Exec - Other	25.80	5,500.00
Total 3100 Exec	1,472.56	20,000.00
3301 Grants Admin	0.00	500.00
3340 Arts & Culture	250.00	2,000.00
3400 Del OutReach Grnt	691.51	3,200.00
3500 Div & Inclusion	0.00	6,500.00
3510 International Concerns	0.00	1,000.00
3610 Ray Trv Grant Adm	0.00	500.00
3611 Ray Award Receptions	0.00	3,000.00
3700 Grad H & W	0.00	3,000.00
3710 SERC	0.00	1,000.00
3800 Org & Elect	87.96	500.00
3000 Committees - Other	0.00	6,500.00
Total 3000 Committees	2,502.03	47,700.00
3300 Grants Admin Funds		
3310 Career Dev	6,742.86	14,000.00
3320 Global Gtwy	6,300.75	10,000.00
3330 Ray Travel Award	10,881.94	50,000.00
Total 3300 Grants Admin Funds	23,925.55	74,000.00
4000 Office Equip		
4100 Copier	0.00	500.00
4200 Equip.	0.00	400.00
4400 Supplies	0.00	1,000.00
4500 Telephone	446.00	1,650.00
4600 Technology	5,208.00	8,500.00
Total 4000 Office Equip	5,654.00	12,050.00
5000 Administrative		
5100 Student Life Init.	0.00	1,000.00

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Council of Graduate Students
Account Balances - Budget vs. Actual
July 2018 through June 2019

	Jul '18 - Jun 19	Budget
5300 Mtng. Refreshments	7,791.10	13,188.44
5400 Org. Dev.	0.00	500.00
5410 Travel	0.00	8,000.00
6000 Prkng Passes	2,085.12	5,212.80
5000 Administrative - Other	0.00	0.00
Total 5000 Administrative	9,876.22	27,901.24
8000 PY Encum		
8100 Career Dev.	1,141.03	500.00
8300 Ray Travel Award	5,389.37	16,000.00
Total 8000 PY Encum	6,530.40	16,500.00
Total Expense	52,500.67	209,151.24
Net Income	167,291.19	0.00

TO: The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Hannah Torma, Secretary
DATE: 4/5/2019
RE: Secretary's Report

The Global Gateway Grant (GGG) judging is complete and final decisions have gone out. Funding Period 1 of the 2019-2020 year of the CDG will close May 1, 2019. I encourage you to consider judging or applying for the CDG. Please contact me at Torma.9@osu.edu if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,
Hannah

Vice President Report

Committee Information:

- Reminder—if you serve on an external committee, please be certain to fill out a committee report by the 31st of each month: <https://bit.ly/2TPteX2>

Slack:

- For full updates, be certain to access slack http://go.osu.edu/cgs_slack

Organization and Elections

- Committee has requested that each voting member of the executive board prepares documents to contextualize their duties for their successor.
- We are requesting an end of the year report- including duties expected of the position and accomplishments of the year.

Delegate Elections

- Nominate Delegates for your department- <https://cgs.osu.edu/get-involved/>
- Delegate Applications are OPEN until April 12th
- Elections will take place April 19th to April 26th

Senator Elections:

- Elections for Senator will occur April 12, 2019
- Please note, there will not be speeches of the senators during the next meeting. If you are interested in talking with any of the candidates, please either e-mail them or come at 3:00 PM before our next delegate meeting to get more information from each candidate.
- On the day of the election, Delegates will receive one ballot with all candidates and will be asked to vote for the candidates they wish to serve. We will elect 10 Senators. In the case of a tie, the CGS President will be the tie breaker.
- Organization and Elections would like to present a slate of candidates to you:
 - Richard Broshious.4
 - Ehsan Estiri.1
 - Bethany Frick.70
 - Coraline Farinas.1
 - David Hibler.10
 - Fahd Jehangir.2
 - Gala Korniyenko.1
 - Travis Klingler.71
 - Sayan Mandal.25
 - Sara Mueller
 - Isaac Reynolds.992
 - Ryan Slechta.3
 - Blake Szkoda.1
 - Chris Weigman.3
- Their application materials will be uploaded in the next week to this buckeye box location: <https://osu.box.com/s/wumqcmncdv1e6kgm8mx2m8b2othjyho>

Officer Election

- Congratulations to our 2019-20 Secretary, Vice President, and President. Their resumes and statements are still available on BuckeyeBox:
<https://osu.box.com/s/wumqcmncdv1e6kgm8mx2m8b2othjvho>
 - Secretary
 - Sara Light.109
 - Vice President
 - Libby Bauman.193
 - President
 - Stephen Post.114
- Elections for Treasurer will occur on April 12, 2019
 - Each candidate will be given 3 minutes to present.
- Nominations will be open until the election process start on April 12, 2019
 - Their application materials will be uploaded in the next week to this buckeye box location:
<https://osu.box.com/s/wumqcmncdv1e6kgm8mx2m8b2othjvho>
 - If there are additional candidates, a paper ballot will be sent around for all Treasurer candidates
- **Current Candidates:**
 - **DaVonti' Haynes.242**
 - **Nominations are open until elections being**

Action Items:

- ☐ **Submit External Committee Report:** <https://bit.ly/2TPteX2>
- ☐ **Review Officer Applications:**
<https://osu.box.com/s/wumqcmncdv1e6kgm8mx2m8b2othjvho>
- ☐ **Review Senator Applications:**
<https://osu.box.com/s/wumqcmncdv1e6kgm8mx2m8b2othjvho>
- ☐ **Attend Senator Candidate Meet and Greet at 3:00 PM on April 12th**
- ☐ **Nominate Delegates for your Department:** <https://cgs.osu.edu/get-involved/>
- ☐ **COMMITTEE CHAIRS OR EXECUTIVE TEAM--- PLEASE CREATE AN END OF YEAR REPORT- Due May 10th**

To: Council of Graduate Students, Delegate Body
From: W. Alex Wesaw, President
Date: April 5, 2019
Subject: Monthly President's Report

Farewell

Our April 12 Delegate Meeting will be my final time getting to run a meeting for CGS. I want to say thank you for the privilege of serving as CGS President for the last two years. I can honestly say that I have learned so much from my time serving in this role about running an organization and functioning within a much larger organization that is Ohio State.

Officer Transition

The official officer transition date is Monday, May 6, 2019. On that date, Stephen Post (.144) will assume the office of CGS President. Congratulations Stephen!

I hope that if you have concerns that you will feel free to visit me in the CGS Office (2088A Ohio Union) or send me an email (wesaw.1@osu.edu).

Alex

Name and Senate Seat: Nicolas Lugo, Professional Biological Sciences

Committee(s) you are on: University Research Committee & Excused Student Absences Ad Hoc Committee

March/April Meetings Attendance Record:

CGS Delegate

March 29th Meeting: Attended

University Senate

March 28th Meeting: Alternate Attended

University Research Committee

March 25th Meeting: Attended

Excused Absences Ad Hoc Committee

March 26th Meeting: Attended

Summary of important activities from your committees, and anything important that you feel should be added to the CGS agenda/that delegates should know about:

At the University Research Committee meeting we received updates on multi-disciplinary collaborative efforts at OSU. Representatives from the Infectious Disease Institute, Translational Data Analytics Institute, and Humanities and Global Arts presented at the meeting.

At the Excused Absences Ad Hoc Committee meeting we reviewed the current draft of the new excused absences guidelines. We focused on how the contents of the guidelines were ordered and on the specific verbiage used.

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RENEWAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES, INC. AND THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY WITH EXPANSION OF BENEFITS TO INCLUDE IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICES

Sponsor: Council of Graduate Students Executive Committee

AND LET IT BE FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the President of the Council of Graduate Students shall notify appropriate entities of the action of this Council.

Resolution 1819-SP-004
A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE VALUE OF GRADUATE WORK SPACE AND
GRADUATE INVOLVEMENT IN DECISION-MAKING PROCESSES

Authors: Steven Dalglish (.2) and Robert Dahlberg-Sears (.1)

WHEREAS there has recently been made known a decision to repurpose space currently in use by graduate students and graduate associates (hereafter referred to by 'GSs' and 'GAs', respectively) such that the GSs and GAs are being made to relocate their work space; and

WHEREAS this decision was made without adequate consultation or involvement of the GSs and GAs affected by this decision; and

WHEREAS efforts by GSs, GAs, and faculty to negotiate or otherwise partake in the decision-making procedure were not granted an appropriate audience or response; and

WHEREAS the decision and the process by which it was reached was not viewed favorably by the GSs and GAs it affects; and

WHEREAS two mission goals of the Graduate School are to "[p]rovide governance to ensure integrity, fairness and a base-level standard of consistency in the management of graduate students and programs" and to "create alumni that have had a positive graduate studies experience at The Ohio State University, would recommend [their] graduate program, and serve as advocates for the Graduate School"¹; and

WHEREAS fair governance that ensures integrity requires that one involve and appropriately communicate with those one is governing when engaging in decision-making procedures that impact members of the governed body; and

WHEREAS work space for discipline-specific graduate study and teaching support is important to fostering positive experiences such that alumni would recommend the graduate program; and

WHEREAS the inclusion of GSs and GAs in decision-making procedures led by the Graduate School concerning graduate student space is important to fostering in GSs and GAs a compulsion to advocate for the Graduate School; and

WHEREAS the demonstration of support by the Graduate School for adequate work space for GSs and GAs is important to fostering in graduate students a compulsion to advocate for the Graduate School; and

WHEREAS it is part of The Ohio State University's mission to "[educate] students through a comprehensive array of distinguished academic programs"²; and

WHEREAS work space for GAs to meet personally with students outside of the classroom but within a discipline-specific environment is essential to effectively educating students; and

WHEREAS "innovation" and "collaboration" are values held by the university³; and

WHEREAS work space for discipline-specific communal study is essential to collaboration and innovation;

¹ <https://gradsch.osu.edu/about>

² <https://oaa.osu.edu/mission-vision-values-and-core-goals>

³ Ibid.

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49 NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Council of Graduate Students strongly
50 disapproves of the actions taken by the parties responsible for the decision-making process; and
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52 LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the Council of Graduate Students affirms the need for graduate
53 student representation and involvement in decision-making procedures that affect GSs and GAs; and
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55 LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the Council of Graduate Students affirms the importance of
56 discipline-specific work space for GSs and GAs; and
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58 LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the Council of Graduate Students supports the right of GSs and
59 GAs to sufficient and comfortable work space for their duties.