



Council of Graduate Students  
The Ohio State University

Date: December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

Location: ZOOM

<https://go.osu.edu/delegatemeeting>

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**Delegates Present:** Marie Bissel (Alt: Katie Conner), Nicole Wang(Alt: Paige Doklovic), Onur Ozkaynak(Alt: Bahar Balaban), Laurentia Sumarni, Paige Doklovic, Emma McNamara, Zari Mahmoudi, Shouvonik Sengupta, Shib Pattadar, Bahar Balaban, Tessa Blevins, Christina Zachariadou, Madeleine McClung, Ives Lux Hartman, Aleksandra Shubina, Michelle Leao, Abigail Simon, Alan Lujan, Ta-Tanisha Barrett, Morgan Ross, Isobel Bowles, Peter Carrera, Joe Schulze, Caroline Karwisch, Ellia La, Charles Mace, Amrita Sen, Kane Kinion, Emily Hruska, Alexandra Cabanelas Bermudez, Eric Hantz, Shelby Carlson, Liz Day, Will Clay, Benjamin McKinley, Eli Bohnert, Elena Cruz-Lopez, Emily Subr, Lauryn Schlinglof, Elizabeth Kazemi, Taylor Williams, Karla Shockley McCarthy, Ronald Puckett, Dylan Flint, Yelena Erez, Suzanne Lewis, Om Prakash Bedant, Oly Beer, Prabhjot Singh, Jinwei Ye, Robin Gordon, Anabella Petronsi, DeAvin Mitchell, Josh Streeeter, Katarina Sikiric, Luke Andrejek, Kendra Dickinson, Madison Dymont, Madhoolika Bisht, Dhara Patel, Dominique Mosbly, Nicolas Bolle, Nassima Saidi, Faiz Nisar Khan, Felipe Pacci Evaristo, Aaron Argall, Tyler Leonhart, Heather Schier, Patrick Rowan, Thierno Aliou Diallo, Ryan Leahy, Ben Seicol, Story Edison, Jordan Hartman, Ana Maria Velasquez Giraldo

**Delegates Absent:** Omar Dieng, Steven Rhue, Anna Poptic, Sher Ali Khan, Keyo Yan, Marie Bissell, Nicolas Blue, Heather Daly, Garret Tatum, Zeitzin Reyes, Hongxi Zhao, Aaron Argail, Geoff Ferquist, Austin Gerlt, Ayesha Seth, Krutant Mehta, Maddi Dymont, Jorge Clavobass, Pashmeen Kaur, Asia Evans, Uddesh Chakraborty, Ali Asghariadib, Rosie Rabati, Brett Wedding, Lataya Dejesus, Annedra Gladney, Geoff Fernquist, Pouya Kousha

**Senators Present:** Laine Rumreich, Dustin Servello

**Senators Absent:** Jenna Thomas, Austin Cool, Maddi Dymont, Hannah Jones, Yan Yuan, Sierra Mayle

**Executive Committee Members Present:** Abby Grieff, Michelle Scott, Alissa Geisse, Javonte Lipsey, Brandon Free, Carrie Anne Thomas, Menghang Wu, Robin Gordon, Katie Conner, Brian O'Rourke, T'Euvyn Page, Faith Lewis, Caroline Fitzpatrick, Sochina Ranjit, Sally Ross, Blaise Truesdell, Nick Klein, Nick Messenger, Caroline Karwisch, Kameron Rhinehart, Sly Worthy Jr.

**Executive Committee Members Absent:**

## **1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 3:33 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. GUEST SPEAKERS**

### **3.1. Molly Peirano, Office of Institutional Equity**

- What does the office do?
  - Engage in proactive work
  - Consultation of certain concerns
  - Conduct Site Visits

- Coordinate a response
  - Provide information
  - Connect you with resources
- Online reporting @ equity.osu.edu
- Resolutions:
  - Informal
  - Investigative
    - Hearing for Title 9 matters
    - Hearing for any matters with a student alleged
  - Educational Resolutions
- App Resources
  - Gender Inclusive Bathrooms
  - Lactation Rooms
  - Prayer Spaces (hopefully soon)
  - Etc.
- Training and education
  - U Got This! (undergrads) and U Got This 2! (grads/proffessional students)
  - Report = Support – staff/employees

### 3.2. Questions

- Ben name.#: If you get numerous anonymous reports on an individual, would that increase the likely-hood that the person will be looked into?
    - It depends. We prioritize the type of behaviors that are reported, and it also so much easier for us to follow-up reports that have information like contact info of ppl in the department.
  - Mace.103: Do you have opportunities for scenario trainings?
    - Yes! Email Molly Peirano.9.
  - Mitchell.1852: Will grads have to take the U Got This 2! This following semester? Or will it start next year?
    - The trainings are already assigned so if you do them you are good to go.
  - Shubina.1: The trainings make it clear how to approach students that are not acting well, but I do not know what to do if a student approaches me as a TA in a romantic way?
    - If you EVER feel uncomfortable, trust your gut and reach out.
- 3.3. We have had guests at our past few meetings – Email Nick some feedback on how you feel about the guests, or if you know anyone you think would be beneficial to come talk.

## 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### 4.1. Minutes from November, 2021.

#### 4.1.1. Minutes approved.

## 5. OFFICER REPORTS

### AUTUMN SEMESTER

- September 3 Delegate Body Meeting @ 3:30pm (Orientation)
- October 1 Delegate Body Meeting @ 3:30pm
- November 5 Delegate Body Meeting @ 3:30pm
- December 3 Delegate Body Meeting @ 3:30pm

### SPRING SEMESTER

- January 14 Delegate Body Meeting @ 3:30pm
- February 4 Delegate Body Meeting @ 3:30pm (Officer Nominations)
- March 4 Delegate Body Meeting @ 3:30pm (Officer Elections)
- April 1 Delegate Body Meeting @ 3:30pm (Senator Elections)
- May 13 Delegate Body Meeting @ 3:30pm (Led by new officers)

★ If you currently have a disability registered with the Office of Disability Services at Ohio State and require accommodations for CGS meetings and events, please email CGS President Nick Messenger at [messenger.37@osu.edu](mailto:messenger.37@osu.edu) and let him know so that we can ensure accessibility!

## Officers



- Nick Messenger – President
- Abby Grieff – Vice President
- Michelle Scott – Treasurer
- Alissa Geisse – Secretary
- Javonte Lipsey - Chief of Staff
- Brandon Free – Parliamentarian
- Carrie Anne Thomas – Strategic Communications



## President Report:

- Be mindful of leadership positions next year
  - Chairs and Exec – ask current exec leaders about their typical time commitment!
- Nick is compiling our concerns about the block watch and bringing this up.
- We are on a full search for finding a new Dean for the Graduate School. We expect this process to carry on into January and February.
- Compensation front on the hiring process via workday, we all agree that the process needs to be simplified.
- They were going to remove buckeyelink and put all our student information onto workday for students.
  - It was announced that this will not be happening anytime soon.

## VICE PRESIDENT REPORT

- Hayes Graduate Research Forum – March 4th, mark your calendars!
  - Sign up to volunteer or proctor
  - <https://forms.gle/6KvXiNmi322rYAq77>
- Mental Health Commission work groups
- External Committee Interest Form
  - <https://forms.gle/Ucvj7dYMEzRydRQp8>

## SECRETARY REPORT



- No updates - currently scoring CDG FP3
- Grading to do?
- Manuscript/Grant/Thesis/Dissertation to write?
- Last minute coursework to complete?
  - I have a small group of grads that meet at odd times/places of the week for writing accountability. Body doubling is awesome! :)
  - Let's be accountability-buddies : 330-932-6333 (text or WhatsApp)

← **QR code for attendance today!!**

Go link: <https://go.osu.edu/delegateattendance>

## 6. COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES

### ARTS AND CULTURE *Give into those finals!*

Thank you, Brian, Sly, CGS Exec Team, and all who participated in Advocacy 101!

De'Avin Mitchell is spearheading an OSU Arts & Culture Passport pilot, SP22

Elena Cruz-Lopez & Anabella Petroni are exploring a winter mixer collab with Music

Josh Streeter hosts our next committee meeting, December 6th in the Theatre, Film & Media Arts Department (Thanks for the pizza, Michelle Scott!)

Stay safe and healthy during finals and over winter break! See you in **2022!**



## GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

- CGS Advocacy Workshop was a success, thank you to all who attended!
- Gov Affairs Committee will be working on the next event to provide resources on how to advocate in political sphere (testifying at the Statehouse, contacting legislators, etc.)
- Quick Issue Updates-
  - **New Anti-Vax Bill**
  - **HB 322/327**
  - **Redistricting**



## GRADUATE STUDENT AFFAIRS

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- Working to plan events and activities for 2022 Graduate Student Appreciation Week and Spring Semester
- If you have any ideas you'd like us to consider, please email Kameron at [rinehart.228@osu.edu](mailto:rinehart.228@osu.edu)
- Will be contacting several committee chairs for collaborations over winter break for the spring semester
- Committee will be meeting virtually on Monday, December 13th at 5:30

## HEALTH WELLNESS & SAFETY

### Updates

- ❖ Safety and Wellness Resource Presentation will be edited and uploaded to the CGS website

### Planning

- ❖ Painting Thru It: Healing Racial Trauma
- ❖ Graduate Tax Preparation Event

Email Faith @ lewis.2365



## MEMBERSHIP WELLNESS

- Come grab FREE PIZZA on Wednesday afternoon!
  - (vegan/gf will be tastier than last time, I promise)
- Buddy program: make a friend!
  - Email ehren.6 or fitzpatrick.271 to indicate your interest
- Have a program you want to see? Let me know!

Caroline Fitzpatrick.271@buckeyemail.osu.edu



## Delegate Celebration!



Morgan Ross decorated this beautiful cookie at the delegate event a few nights ago. Look at that talent!!

Michelle Scott is a great treasurer! She consistently goes above and beyond to make sure events can happen--from admin to picking up supplies to clean up, she is always willing to help.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AFFAIRS

- **OIA relationship:** Building a survey to send out to international students about their interaction with OIA. Next step will be to interview international students to collect data and then address the issues with OIA.
- **Helping international students with filing tax:** Reaching out to the business school or OIA to make the process easier for international students.
- **Medical assistance and emergency funding:** Trying to create a volunteer program to assist international students in case of medical emergencies.

## SUSTAINABILITY & ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

Working to plan events for Spring 2022:

- Zero waste event
  - Convert CGS event to Zero waste
  - Partner with another larger event
- Env & Sustainability Hackathon (EcoHack)
  - Keynote speaker
  - Design problems related to environmental sustainability, health justice, public transportation, etc (April 2nd or 9th )



## STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS THOMAS.4051

- **Newsletters:**
  - We sent out a November and a Mid-November newsletter.
  - The December newsletter should be out soon, if not out already.
  - Submit newsletter requests: [go.osu.edu/cgscommunicationsrequest](https://go.osu.edu/cgscommunicationsrequest)
- **Social Media:**
  - Follow us on Twitter: @CGSOSU



## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### 7.1. None

## 8. SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS

### 8.1. Delegate Issues and Concerns

- Omicron Covid variant – There is no formal update or policy. But as we learn about this, Nick will be sending out emails as information comes out.
- Covid Aid dispersement – no longer requires any documentation
- Heather Daly.# The Psychology Department received an email this week regarding our regular summer funding being discontinued. Previously summer funding was guaranteed after the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd years providing you reached your milestones. Now the 2nd and 3rd year summer funding is being discontinued, which is going to negatively affect a lot of students, especially those without other financial support. I was wondering if other departments are encountering similar issues, and how they're handling that? I am concerned that this decision will be especially harmful to students most in need.
  - All people in this situation; send Nick an email with the history of your departments funding. Nick will bring this to the graduate school.
- Leonhart.13: Had many constituents ask about what is the formal process for filing a grievance or complaint against a professor.
  - <https://oaa.osu.edu/complaint-and-grievance-systems>
  - <https://compliance.osu.edu/concern-reporting.html>
- Conner.280: In terms of Omicron, there's concerns of people in vulnerable situations hoping that they can still get accommodations / protections that they won't be forced to say, teach in person.
- Ben McKinley.#: Concern and update, there's now a contact person (University District Social Worker) to help people that are unhoused or facing a mental health crises.
  - The contact info for the University District Social Worker is: Morgan Weininger her cell is 614-937-0221 her email is [morgan.weininger@Southeastinc.com](mailto:morgan.weininger@Southeastinc.com). Her work address is at St. Stephen's 30 W Woodruff Ave, Columbus, Ohio 43210.
- Edison.#: If we see these strains becoming more prevalent, will we be going back to virtual meetings?
  - We are deffinatly going to discuss this both here and at the next executive meeting.
- PacciEvaristo.#: Freedom of speech on campus -> We've seen religious anti-abortion posters on campus. Are there any regulations or ways we can complain about this?
  - Kerry Hodak.2: Because we are a State University so the University cannot take these things down, however, all posters must be approved by a type of building manager.
- Shubina.#: Who can advocate for the safety of GTAs?
  - Nick will investigate that.

## 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 9.1. Next meeting is January 14<sup>th</sup>, most likely zoom

**Meeting adjourned at 5:53 pm.**