



### **CGS Delegate Packet June 12, 2020**

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# LIVING THROUGH TIME AND CHANGE



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## **SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER IN A PERIOD OF CIVIL UNREST**

**Thursday, June 11th 5:30-7pm**

Recent events of bias and racialized violence in our country have elicited overwhelming feelings of fear, empathy, and outrage for many of us and our families and loved ones. Not only this, but we are seeing increased momentum towards radical changes as a result of our coming together to support one another in different ways. As opposed to past occurrences like these, when we have been able to seek out classmates or friends to check in and process our reactions, our current physically distanced environment poses new challenges for how we support each other.

If you could benefit from an opportunity to connect with fellow Black students, allies and supporters of the movement to share thoughts, feelings, and concerns about the impact of these events and how you are maintaining your well-being during this time, please consider joining us in a zoom processing space. This will simply be an opportunity for students to come together, reflect, support, and process through their state of well-being at this time.

We ask that everyone register by Thursday at 12pm and please know the Zoom session will be locked by 5:50pm.

**Link to Register: [go.osu.edu/livingthroughtimeandchange](https://go.osu.edu/livingthroughtimeandchange)**

This event is sponsored by Student Life's Counseling and Consultation Service and facilitated by: Peter Oduwole, LPC, Ken Volk, PsyD. and Vicki Fetterman, LISW



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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: Attendance Code = CGS2020** (5 min.)
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (5 min.)
  - 3.1. **Minutes from May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020**
  - 3.2. **Minutes from Special Meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020**
4. **OFFICER REPORTS** (15 min.)
  - 4.1. **President, Stephen Post.144**
  - 4.2. **Vice President, DaVonti’ Haynes.242**
  - 4.3. **Treasurer, Raven Lynch.389**
  - 4.4. **Secretary, Sarah Light.109**
  - 4.5. **Chief of Staff, Jack Brandl.8**
  - 4.6. **Parliamentarian, Rania Khamees.5**
5. **COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES** (15 min.)
  - 5.1. **Academic Affairs, Aviva Neff.336**
  - 5.2. **Arts & Culture, Kathryn Holt.351**
  - 5.3. **Delegate Relations, Conner Sarich.6**
  - 5.4. **Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, TBA**
  - 5.5. **Government Relations, Maddy Lomax-Vogt.2**
  - 5.6. **Graduate Student Affairs, Michelle Scott.1445**
  - 5.7. **Health, Wellness, & Safety, Abby Greiff.2**
  - 5.8. **International Student Concerns, Melika Shahhosseini.2**
  - 5.9. **Marketing & Communications, TBA**
  - 5.10. **Senate Advisory, Jenna Greve.41**
  - 5.11. **SERC, Wanderson NovaisPereria.1**
  - 5.12. **External Collaborations, e alexander.979**
  - 5.13. **Housing and Family Affairs, Leila Viera.31**
6. **SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS** (15 min.)
  - 6.1. **Delegate Issues and Concerns (15 min.)**
7. **NEW BUSINESS** (100 min)
  - 7.1. **Policing Injustices Resolution**
  - 7.2. **GA Date Change Resolution**
  - 7.3. **Ad Hoc Governance Committee Resolution**
  - 7.4. **2020-2021 Budget Act**
  - 7.5. **2020-21 Meeting Dates Act**

## 8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

(5 min)

8.1. July 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 – Full Body Delegate Meeting | <https://osu.zoom.us/j/96728965959>

## 9. Adjourn

(~6:10pm)

### CGS Virtual Meeting Ground Rules

1. Be open, flexible, considerate, and kind!
2. Speak your discomfort if something is bother you.
3. Challenge the idea, not the person.
4. You will be automatically muted when you join the meeting. Please keep your audio MUTED, unless asking a question.
5. You may ask a question by submitting it directly in the “Chat” box; or if you would like to ask via video/audio, use the “Raise Hand” feature in the “Participant” section and the chair will recognize you. Sarah will be monitoring to ensure they are brought up.
6. You may keep you video on or off as to which ever is most comfortable for you, but should connectivity issues arise we may ask you turn of the video.
7. Please be visually presentable, if using video, and limit background activity.
8. This meeting will be recorded for note taking purposes, and in hopes to share our meetings in the future.



**Present:** e alexander, Luke Andrejek, Ali Asghari Adib, Selasi Attipoe, Tyler Beauregard, Aaron Beczkiewicz, Jessica Blackburn, Mary Byrne, Qiuchang (Katy) Cao, Yu-chun Chang, Steph Charles, Austin Cool (ALT), Katherine Conner, Paul Consiglio, Robert Dahlberg-Sears, Ty Drayton, Benjamin Duran, Story Edison, Jorge Torres Espinosa, Micheline Fahrbach, Brandon Free, Elizabeth Galko, Jahmour Givans, Abigal Grieff, Lindsey Hernandez, Kathryn Holt, Carly LaRosa, Yifan Li, Ho-chieh Lin, Stephen Lo, Madeleine Lomax-Vogt, Raven Lynch, Lucas Magee, Tori Magers, Rohit Mukherjee, Aviva Neff, Kate Ormiston (ALT), Mark Pauley, Miguel Pedrozo, Maritza Pierre, Avi Pokala, Zeltzin Reyes, Marie Rineveld, Priscila Rodriguez Garcia, Ashweta Sahni, Conner Sarich, Erik Scaltriti, Michelle Scott, Melika Shahhosseini, Karla Shockleymccarthy, Ryan Slechta, Kye Stachowski, Lindsey Stirek, Leila Vieira, Sarah Walton, Daniel Williams, Yu Lun Wu, Piao Yang, Megan Zib

**Absent:** Pranav Ambardekar, Jacky Anderson, Om Prakash Bedant, Andrew Borst, Min-Seok Choi, Jorge Clavo Abbass, Alec Clott, Archit Datar, Kat Ellis, Jenna Greve, Lauren Howard, Audrey Hungerpiller, Sarah Hyman, Kevin Ingles, Jeffrey Kast, Pouya Kousha, Arsh Kumar, Jungmin Lee, Ruonan Lin, Eric Loria, Emily Lundstedt, Matthew Maynard, Alejandro Otero Bravo, Tricia Oyster, Ryann Patrus, Kelsey Pinckard, Ken Poland, Isaac Reynolds, Lena Schreiber, Sarah Scott, Utkarsh Shah, Shruthi Shetty, Preeti Singh, Sundeep Siripurapu, Nithya Sivashankar, Nicole Tchorowski, Philip Tice, Taylor Tomnu, James Uanhoro, Jennifer Valdez, Mitch Vicieux, Derek Walton, Soroush Zamanian

## 1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 3:32pm

### 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. Dr. Alicia Bertone (Dean of the Graduate School)

- 3.1.1. Grad student recruitment is down slightly for next year (about 5% for PhD, 20% for masters, and 16% overall). This likely reflects uncertainty for new students who can't anticipate what the next few semesters will look like. The Grad School is looking into alternative ways to boost or maintain enrollment. There was a 23% increase in grad student enrollment in non-degree courses, which allow students to start working toward their degree (up to 10 credit hours) without being on campus. Graduate programs can be flexible with their application deadlines and may reoffer acceptances to students who had previously been rejected.
- 3.1.2. Carolyn from Assistant Dean of Diversity for the Grad School – The office is working on alternative plans to still move forward with a coalition of research programs typically held on campus over the summer. Some of these have shifted to virtual and a new program called Wednesday Webinars has been introduced that will address some of the topics that students in these programs would normally be getting with in-person instruction. The Diversity Dials program is starting up and will target master's students who are considering OSU for graduate school.
- 3.1.3. This year saw the highest ever acceptance rate for fellowships. These commitments will be honored even through budget cuts.
- 3.1.4. Questions:
  - Will PhD students whose research was interrupted get an extra year of funding or extension of the time to degree clock?
    - A student now gets 5 years after candidacy to graduate and may petition on Grad Forms in the semester after this deadline expires if they need to stay

longer. The grad school does not have its own funding for students outside of already established scholarships and fellowships. They are encouraging the individual research groups and departments to find the funding wherever possible and encouraging PIs to allow their students to spend 100% of their time on their research. The Provost is very supportive of graduate students, but any new funding requests are unlikely to be successful.

- How is the continuous enrollment policy being mandated throughout this pandemic?
  - Students with a 9 month appt aren't required to enroll over the summer but can if they want to. If a program waives this policy, the program does not receive any tuition revenue from students. The deadline to apply to graduate end-of-semester has been extended to July for students who are graduating in summer but defending past the spring deadline.
- How will different numbers of undergrads be handled? Will there be more GTA positions or will each GTA simply have more students?
  - Programs and departments have been encouraged not to cut any GTA positions.
- Is there a plan to help international student enrollment as students may not be able to obtain a visa in a reasonable timeline in order to arrive on campus for the start of the fall semester? Can we defer their offers for a semester?
  - Students that can't take the TOFEL exam can meet their language requirement with Duolingo. Many international students already do take classes online so they would be able to do this and make progress toward a degree in Fall 2020 even if they can't be on campus in person. The current fellowship policy does not allow deferrals but there will be flexibility where needed based on what can be offered by the individual programs.
- Undergrads got the 25% summer discount. How will this be extended to graduate students next year? Is there a possibility for tuition and fees to be frozen next year?
  - All students got an additional 25% tuition reduction this summer because of COVID.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

##### **4.1. Minutes from April 3, 2020**

- 4.1.1. Minutes approved.

#### **5. OFFICER REPORTS (as submitted in Delegate Meeting Packet)**

##### **5.1. President (Post.144)**

- 5.1.1. Please fill out the CGS feedback survey so we can improve things for next year!
- 5.1.2. The Student Life Emergency Advocacy Fund and the CARES funding are both open to graduate students and applications are being considered with a quick turn-around time.
- 5.1.3. 25% tuition reduction for the summer is being applied to all students but we will still push for a tuition freeze for graduate students in the next academic year.
- 5.1.4. 10,000 undergrads have paid acceptance fees but only 7,000 have registered for orientation. These numbers may still fluctuate as students decide not to begin their college career. The Provost directed all Deans to avoid cutting budgets for graduate appointments but CGS also drafted a letter advocating for prioritization of graduate student funding as well. Departments will likely only have to do a 6% budget cut on average, but these cuts may be disproportionate based on existing department funding. There have been no formal announcements made about this policy, but we are advocating for a "trim the branches, not the roots" approach.
- 5.1.5. There are lots of sub-committees within the Student Life Transition Task Force working on different aspects of the transition back to campus. Likely, fall semester will be at least partially online. It will be

impossible to house all students safely on campus so they are considering which students can continue their work to a reasonable level online. The decision about fall semester will likely go out between June 1 and 15.

**5.1.6. Questions:**

- Sahni.16 asked what the deadline is for getting students, faculty, and staff back in labs?
  - Post.144 clarified that the timeline for the first wave of people to return to campus will likely be June or July. There is a committee that is working on drafting opening procedures. This reopening will also likely occur in phases.
- Jameson.61 asked what the hybrid in-person/online instruction will look like?
  - It's possible that classes may be held in person only once a week or certain courses will just not occur in person. Course with a clinical or laboratory appointment will be prioritized for physical space.
- Conner.280 asked about single unit grad student campus housing unrelated to Buckeye Village.
  - There are a lot of grad students on campus right now because they did not go home for the summer. OSU is helping to make sure that all students find housing when they need it.
- Neff.336 asked what the system will be for determining which courses will be prioritized for in-person instruction.
  - The academic task force will likely be making these decisions and will probably take a lot of guidance from the departments. If you are very concerned about a particular course, reach out to your department chair. Courses with clinical or performance components will be priorities.

**5.2. Vice President (Haynes.242)**

**5.2.1.** The university-wide spending freeze is still active. The budget for next year will likely look very different because much of it comes from student activity fees, which are based on enrollment. The new budget will still be presented at the next delegate meeting but may be subject to change when more information becomes available over the summer.

**5.2.2.** The delegate engagement fund will now be administered by the Internal Affairs Committee.

**5.2.3.** We have reorganized the internal structure of CGS slightly. We are still looking to fill 3 committee chairs, as well as find a deputy treasurer. Some committee names have been updated this year to more closely align with the mission of the committee and to be more consistent.

**5.2.4.** 85 new delegates were elected and will start their terms in August. Run-off elections are happening next week. Internal committee appointments will be decided in the next few weeks. Senate and University committees still have a lot of open seats so if you are interested, please let DaVonti' know.

**5.2.5.** The ad hoc governance review committee to look over our constitution and bylaws will begin working this month.

**5.2.6. Questions:**

- Slechta.3 mentions that only 4 of the 12 seats on the committee will be able to vote on whether or not changes and updates will be proposed.
  - Actually, 6 of the seats on the committee are voting members and 6 are not. Anything proposed by the committee will have to be approved by the delegate body and discussion boards will be used to gather feedback.
- Dahlberg-sears.1 asks what the timeline and process is for anyone who missed the spring delegate election?
  - This will be announced in newsletters but there is a fall semester election to fill seats that remain open.

**5.3. Treasurer (Lynch.389)**

**5.3.1.** Funding period 1 of Ray was cancelled. Funding period 2 is happening on the normal timeline but applications will only be accepted for virtual conference registration fees and the maximum award will be \$350. Previous winners can't apply again until they use their funds.



5.3.2. Questions:

- Galgo.3 asks if a student is planning to attend an in-person conference, would they be able to use funds for travel or be awarded more than the reduced max of \$350?
  - The Student Life travel restrictions will likely cover this whole activity window, so we made the blanket decision to not fund any travel. The new maximum award is not flexible until things return to normal.

**5.4. Secretary (Light.109)**

- 5.4.1. 2020 Global Gateway Grant winners will have a full year to use their travel funding beginning September 1, 2020.
- 5.4.2. The application window for the first funding period of the Career Development Grant has closed and judging is underway. Applicants will only be funded for non-travel expenses because of current and anticipated travel restrictions imposed by the university. Funding period 2 is still happening and will also be non-travel expenses as well.
- 5.4.3. Newly elected delegates have been added to the CGS website so if there are still empty seats for your program or department, please encourage your peers to petition for those spots.
- 5.4.4. Winners of 2020 CGS Awards:
- James M Siddens Award for Distinguished Faculty Advising
    - Dr. Simone Drake
  - Larry M Lewellen Award for Distinguished Service
    - Briana Brownlow
  - Delegate Award for Exceptional Service
    - Katy Cao
  - Committee Chair Award for Excellence
    - Ehsan Estiri (International Student Concerns)

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

**6.1. Housing and Family Affairs (Vieira.13)**

- 6.1.1. The Housing and Dining transition task force is considering the possibility that all students living in dorms will have a single room in the fall in order to comply with social distancing guidelines.

**7. SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS**

**7.1. Delegate Concerns**

- 7.1.1. None.

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**8.1. Act 1920 SU-008: An Act Establishing the 2020-21 Standing Committees for the Council of Graduate Students**

- 8.1.1. Post.144: Some committee names were updated. Grants Administration Committee has been dissolved and the Career Development Grant and Global gateway Grant committees are now stand-alone as they function entirely separately.

**8.1.2. Questions:**

- None.

**8.1.3. Discussion:**

- None.

- 8.1.4. Voting conducted via Carmen survey.

- 8.1.5. Act passes (37 Yeas, 1 Nay, 3 Abstentions).

**8.2. Act 1920 SU-009: An Act Establishing the 2020-21 Meeting Dates for the Council of Graduate Students**

- 8.2.1. Post.144: It's almost certain that all fall meetings will be held virtually as we are such a large body. When we are back on campus, we will try to reserve the new auditorium space in Drinko Hall. The meeting dates were chosen to be the first Friday of the month and offset from Senate meetings. Those that are not the first Friday were chosen to avoid holidays and breaks.



- 8.2.2. **Questions:**
- None.
- 8.2.3. **Discussion:**
- None.
- 8.2.4. Voting conducted via Carmen survey.
- 8.2.5. Act passes (38 Yeas, 1 Nay, 3 Abstentions).

## 9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 9.1. Next meeting is June 12th, 2020 @ 3:30pm: <https://osu.zoom.us/j/95384125740>
- 9.1 The OSU chapter of the AAUP has published a statement (link below) advocating for prioritization of graduate student funding and a “trim the branches, not the roots” strategy for budget cuts. Signatures are being accepted until May 15<sup>th</sup>. The Linguistics Department is hosting a zoom meeting to discuss the variety of needs of graduate students across different departments and disciplines (registration link below). Even if you can’t attend, you can still join the email list by registering.
- 9.1.1 AAAUP statement:  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScCLZ86hfmQkqiZNYGHpfQODI9jcvzawtxRolAm06FbWV/VosA/viewform>
- 9.1.2 Zoom meeting registration:  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScCLZ86hfmQkqiZNYGHpfQODI9jcvzawtxRolAm06FbWV/VosA/viewform>
- 9.1.3
- 9.2 If you are in need of financial assistance, please apply for funding through the CARES act! You can apply multiple times if you are denied or receive a smaller amount than requested.

## 10. Meeting adjourned at 5:11pm.



**Delegates present:** : e alexander, Luke Andrejek, Selasi Attipoe, Tyler Beauregard, Qiuchang (Katy) Cao, Alec Clott, Katherine Conner, Austin Cool, Robert Dahlberg-Sears, Archit Datar, Ty Drayton, Story Edison, Brandon Free, Jahmour Givans, Jenna Greve, Abigail Grieff, Lindsey Hernandez, Kathryn Holt, Pouya Kousha (ALT), Carly LaRosa, Raven Lynch, Lucas Magee, Matthew Maynard, Aviva Neff, Maritza Pierre, Kelsey Pinckard, Zeltzin Reyes, Isaac Reynolds, Marie Rineveld, Ashweta Sahni, Conner Sarich, Michelle Scott, Ryan Slechta, Lindsey Stirek, Leila Vieira, Sarah Walton, Daniel Williams, Yu Lun Wu (ALT), Megan Zib

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**2. ROLL CALL**

**2.1. Carmen log-in**

**3. Discussion of USG/IPC/CGS joint statement published June 1, 2020**

**3.1. Statement from CGS President, Stephen Post (post.144):**

- 3.1.1. "Discussing this topic will be hard and possibly uncomfortable for some of you, but I know as CGS it is our duty to fight for the safety of the Black graduate student community. I have seen the pain, exhaustion, and despair in the eyes of my Black peers that continue to endure to from just living while Black. I have deliberately listened and heard them voice these unchanged struggles for at least the past 6 years here at The Ohio State University. As a Freshman in 2014, I joined the student group Sustained Dialogue seeking to engage in dialogue on critical social identities with students of different backgrounds; that same year 12-year old Cleveland boy Tamir Rice and 18-year old Ferguson teen Michael Brown were shot and killed by police. In 2015, I began to plan the 1st Annual OSU Community Police Dialogue at the same time Samuel DuBose was shot and killed in my hometown of Cincinnati by UC Police. The next 4 years from 2016-2019, we held this dialogue and helped built 100's of relationships between students, community members, and surrounding police departments. In that same period, 100's of Black men and women were killed by Police ([mappingpoliceviolence.org](http://mappingpoliceviolence.org)) including right here in Columbus in the tragic cases of Henry Green, Tyre King, and more. Racism has plagued our land since 1619 before the birth of our nation, and a statement from the 3 student government presidents at Ohio State will not change the deeply entrenched problem we are dealing with. What I believe and hope the statement conveys is my solidarity and allyship in supporting my fellow student government leaders and the need for drastic policy changes that go further than just community dialogues. I am tired of people not listening. I am tired of people not being able to understand which is why I do still value these methods of improvement and look forward to talking about all the possible solutions CGS see that could solve this problem and incorporating them into this

draft resolution for next week's meeting."

- 3.2. Some members of Exec participated in the joint zoom call to talk through the statement. There was discussion of the language and the demands raised in the statement, but the decision was made that we should support this statement.
- 3.3. Edison.22: It was important that we published something in a timely manner because of the urgency of the situation.
- 3.4. Magee.113: With such an important topic, it would have been important to have a forum for discussion to get real input from the delegate body. No problem with Stephen making statements as CGS president or on the behalf of CGS. The social media handling of the statement however made it seem that this statement represented the opinions of CGS as a whole and implied that we had discussed it as an organization. Additionally, the delegate body should have been notified of the statement before it was published. Also, signatures were accepted from not only students, but others outside the university.
- 3.5. Slechta.3: Thanks Stephen for calling the special meeting. The exec committee had good intentions but may have sacrificed inclusivity for the sake of timeliness in this instance. There was not a way for the voices of CGS and our constituents to be heard and included in crafting the message of this statement. We could have had a special meeting or gathered votes to approve or not approve CGS signing on to the statement. He believes that Stephen should apologize to the delegate body for this breach.
- 3.6. Stirek.1: Stephen is a representative of the graduate student body as he was elected by the delegates, who were elected by students. She agrees that it would have been idea to call an emergency meeting but recognizes that we were working with other organizations with their own timelines. She believes that in the moment, he was doing what was right for himself and CGS. If we want to use Carmen voting to pass approval on statements in the future, we should investigate how to do that.
- 3.7. Dahlberg-sears.1: In general, students have voiced support for this measure. Stephen is our representative and it is within his purview to make statements on behalf of CGS. Students have also been asking after they have signed on to the letter as an individual, could we maybe gather votes about policy and plans from departments to give us more leverage? We need to find and defend a thoughtful stance moving forward.
- 3.8. Magee.113: While Stephen is our leader, he doesn't have the power to make formal demands to the university without the approval and input of the delegate body.
- 3.9. Holt.351: This is not the first time that the exec committee has put forth a statement and then followed it up with a resolution. There was a representation problem in this case because of the social media angle. We should move on from this issue and instead spend time talking about how we are going to make further progress.
- 3.10. Stirek.1: Agrees with Holt.351. If an apology is needed, fine, but Stephen has not explicitly violated anything in the by-laws. If we want to limit the president, we need to be clear about exactly what we want those limits to be. Maybe we don't use CGS letterheads for statements not approved by the delegate body?
- 3.11. Post.144: Everything that has been said is valid and he apologizes for not being able to work on the statement in a timeline that allowed for feedback from the delegate body. He agrees that he should have sent out an email alerting delegates about the statement. The intent was not to represent this as the opinion of CGS. Does not apologize for the contents of the letter because it has opened up a dialogue and there have already been candid conversations with university administrators, which is historically unusual. We always intended to follow up this statement with a resolution that would be discussed and passed in a meeting where the delegate body would get to share their thoughts and opinions.
- 3.12. Khamees.5 (Parliamentarian): Stephen is, by definition, a representative of CGS. According to our bylaws, it's not clear whether he needs to get authorization from other representatives for any action. President should fulfill duties at the direction of the council and the exec committee and in this situation, the exec committee did direct him to sign on to this statement. There is no requirement for an official vote in such a case.
- 3.13. Scott.1445: If the delegate body really feels that we have an issue with the precedent that was followed in this situation, we should address that and lay out more specific rules for the future.
- 3.14. Sarich.6: Encourages us to move to a discussion of the issues and content of the resolution.
- 3.15. Beauregard.13: In other similar situations that have previously occurred, there maybe was some issues or concerns and we should address this in the by-laws.
- 3.16. Williams.6571: We need the president to be able to make quick statements on our behalf. We need a forum for

delegates voices to be heard but this may not be able to be accommodated before a statement is required. The roles and abilities of the president are not explicitly state in our governance documents. He trusts Stephen still and hopes he will learn from this experience.

- 3.17. Free.41: The president should maybe avoid making specific demands to the university without delegate input.
- 3.18. Slechta.3: This is the first time he is aware of the president issuing a unilateral statement. He can issue a statement on behalf of the executive committee if it is voted on. He pushes back on previous comments and states his belief that this is an important issue that we need to discuss fully. The statement co-opted all the voices and power of all graduate students by not discussed with a wider audience first.
- 3.19. Whitaker.105 (ALT for Kousha.3): The authority granted to the council means that it can appoint representatives and participate in university councils. The president is responsible for implementing all the decisions of the council and the executive committee is tasked with carrying out the business of the council between meetings. The exec committee should bring any matter needing the consideration of the council to the council for discussion before acting on it. The body should definite the limits of what the exec committee can take without approval from the council.
- 3.20. Hodak.2 (CGS Advisor): The historical precedent is that the president has made statements at the direction of the exec committee without the input of the full council. He cannot make a statement that counters a previous position or policy of CGS. There have been cases where the delegate body has set the official position in a resolution that may or may not align with exactly what was previously publicized in the president's statement. This does not undermine the authority or position of CGS.
- 3.21. Gregg.186 (ALT for Wu.3363): He doesn't see any problem with Stephen's actions as nowhere in the statement does he claim to be speaking for the entirety of CGS.
- 3.22. Edison.22: Motions to move into discussion of the resolution.
- 3.23. Motion seconded by Williams.6571.

#### **4. Open discussion of Resolution 1920 SU-012: A Resolution Addressing the Injustices Against the Black Community and Columbus Protestors by the Columbus Police Department**

- 4.1. Resolution authors, Post.144 and Brandl.8: We have a lot of ideas for policy changes and specific demands that can be made of the university but want opinions about what should be included. This is still a very rough draft and needs feedback about what the appropriate scope and position of the resolution should be to make it the most effective.
- 4.2. Free.41: If we leave in the clause saying that we support the original statement, it may constrain us and might be better to instead lay out our policy asks.
- 4.3. Givans.2: In the 4th WHEREAS clause about demonstrations, it should be expanded beyond George Floyd
  - 4.3.1. Post.144 asks how we can effectively include all relevant names of individuals. Some are called out later in the document.
- 4.4. Edison.22: It may be helpful to layout the specifics of the statement if we are going to reference it or at least describe it more fully.
- 4.5. Dahlberg-sears.1: In the 3<sup>rd</sup> Be It Resolved clause, we should change "desires the Ohio State University to identify alternatives to protecting the safety of students" to say "to identify and implement alternatives".
- 4.6. Slechta.3: The clauses that propose making changes to Article 13 of the CGS Constitution will require us to vote on this twice. The sponsor is typically a committee rather than a single person. We may want to lay out more specific police reforms.
  - 4.6.1. Sponsorship will likely be changed to the executive committee.
  - 4.6.2. We have talked about putting in specific reforms, perhaps an independent civilian review board, address implicit bias. This is definitely an area that needs more input.
- 4.7. Whitaker.105 (ALT for Kousha.3): No sponsor is needed as long as the resolution is seconded. He recommends removing the clauses addressing constitutional changes and creating a second resolution to address them. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> Be It Resolved clause, we should change "desires the Ohio State University to identify and implement alternatives to protecting the safety of students" to say "to identify and implement alternative means of protecting". He also recommends removing the reference to the joint statement until we can sort out what we want our precedent to be.

- 4.8. Pierre.77: In the beginning of the resolution, we should include a more general statement about the outrage that has sparked protests and then pull in specific examples like George Floyd. Also, we need to research the effectiveness of the reforms we are proposing and address accountability.
- 4.9. Beauergard.13: We don't need to be the experts on all the reforms that we are asking for. Our job is just to express our values and wants to the university and the administrators need to carry out that obligation. We can be more general and say that we want things that have been shown to be effective.
- 4.10. Dahlberg-sears.1: We need to do our due diligence and make sure the things we are asking for will be meaningful and effective. In the 4<sup>th</sup> WHEREAS clause, change "murder" to say "police murder". In the other people named, we should also emphasize that these are police murders.
- 4.11. Brandl.8: Encourages people to think about changes and initiatives they would like to see and add ideas to our policy document. This will be a focus for CGS this year and we will be putting forth a lot of resolutions on this and related topics. The only issue with not stating specific reforms is that it can make it hard to hold the university accountable.
- 4.12. Pierre.77: May be more effective to frame the reform demands in terms of impunity and accountability.
- 4.13. Whitaker.105 (ALT for Kousha.3): CGS can direct internal committees to work on creating actions and doing the research. It's important that this resolution articulates our commitment to these issues and we can follow it up with more specific plans if necessary. There's room here to use more emphatic and bold language to set higher expectations. We could also create a specialized ad-hoc committee to work on this issue specifically.
  - 4.13.1. Haynes.242: This is actually something that is already in the works: There will be a Public Safety task force with students (from the student governments and unaffiliated), faculty, staff, and the Department of Public Safety. Student Life also has been soliciting feedback.
- 4.14. Slechta.3: There is not a lot of available data to pull from so maybe we can ask for funding to study these issues in the Columbus Police Department specifically.
- 4.15. Magee.113: In the 5<sup>th</sup> WHEREAS clause, he suggests an edit to include a reference to the fact that students were exercising their first amendment rights while peacefully protesting.

**5. Meeting adjourned at 5:26pm.**

**To:** Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
**From:** Raven Lynch, Treasurer  
**Date:** 6/8/2020  
**Re:** Treasurers' Report May 2020

Hello everyone!

I hope you're making the most of your summer and taking care of yourselves given all that is happening in the world! In this report we have Ray Travel updates and the 2020-2021 budget. Please let me know if you have any questions!

**Ray Travel Updates:** Funding period I (travel between July and September 2020) has been canceled, due to current and anticipated travel restrictions. **Funding period II applications will open on June 15<sup>th</sup> but with some modifications and restrictions.** As stated last month, funding will only be available for virtual conferences with a maximum award amount of \$350.00 per awardee. Students funded during funding period II will be exempt from the current rule that render awardee ineligible to apply for the Ray Travel Award the following year. We are hoping to resume normal Ray Travel functions with funding period III, those details will be released at a later date.

**FY2021 Budget**

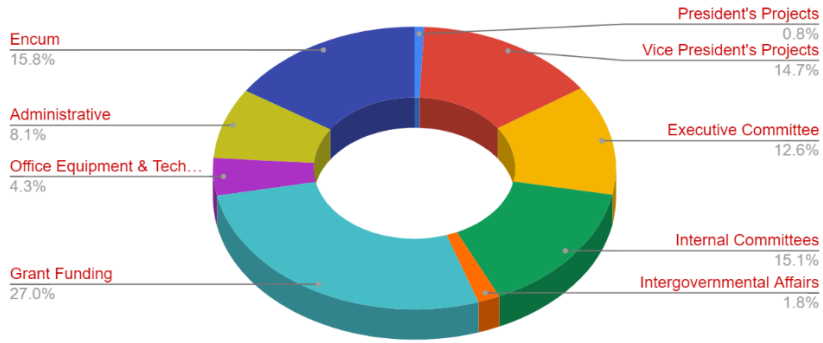
	FY20	FY 2021 EXPECTED
<b>INCOME</b>		
Coca Cola Carry Forward	\$15,000.00	\$37,951.28
Coca Cola Endowment	\$16,000.00	\$14,000.00
CSA Carry Forward	\$3,000.00	\$37,160.16
CSA Student Activity Fee	\$81,124.00	\$60,124.00
Cultural Competency Training	\$15,000.00	\$10,000.00
Global Gateway	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00
Global Gateway Carry Forward	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00
Graduate School - Hayes	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
OAA Ray Travel	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00
OAA Ray Travel Carry Forward	\$16,000.00	\$22,824.33
Buck-I-Experience Carry Forward	\$0.00	\$8,420.12
OR Hayes Endowment	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$213,124.00</b>	<b>\$255,479.89</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
<b>President's Projects</b>		
Discretionary	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00

Inauguration	\$500.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL PRESIDENT'S PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
<b>Vice President's Projects</b>		
Hayes	\$29,000.00	\$29,000.00
Vice President's Discretionary	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Grad Student Appreciation Week	\$0.00	\$7,500.00
<b>TOTAL VICE PRESIDENT'S PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$29,000.00</b>	<b>\$37,500.00</b>
<b>Executive Committee</b>		
Retreat	\$3,000.00	\$2,300.00
Awards & Recognition	\$750.00	\$7,800.00
Marketing	\$7,500.00	\$6,000.00
Executive Discretionary	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Graduate Students Conferences (BTN & Ohio)	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b>	<b>\$17,250.00</b>	<b>\$32,100.00</b>
<b>Internal Committees</b>		
Global Gateway Admin	\$0.00	\$200.00
Arts & Culture	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
Delegate Engagement Fund	\$3,200.00	\$2,500.00
Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion	\$18,000.00	\$16,000.00
International Concerns	\$2,000.00	\$1,800.00
Ray Travel Grant Admin	\$500.00	\$200.00
Ray Award Receptions	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
Health, Wellness, and Safety	\$2,000.00	\$1,800.00
SERC	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Org. & Election	\$500.00	\$200.00
Government Affairs	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00
Student Affairs	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Senate Advisory	\$0.00	\$800.00
Housing and Family Affairs	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
Committees - Other	\$4,500.00	\$3,000.00
Internal Affairs	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
<b>TOTAL INTERNAL COMMITTEES</b>	<b>\$38,200.00</b>	<b>\$38,500.00</b>
<b>Intergovernmental Affairs</b>		
Intergovernmental Affairs Projects	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Buck-I-Experience	\$4,000.00	\$3,000.00



<b>TOTAL CROSS GOVERNMENTAL PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,500.00</b>
<b>Grant Funding</b>		
Career Development	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00
Global Gateway	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00
Engaged Scholar	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Ray Travel Award	\$45,000.00	\$40,000.00
<b>TOTAL GRANT FUNDING</b>	<b>\$69,000.00</b>	<b>\$69,000.00</b>
<b>Office Equipment &amp; Technology</b>		
Copier	\$500.00	\$500.00
Equipment	\$400.00	\$400.00
Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Telephone	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Technology	\$9,000.00	\$8,000.00
<b>TOTAL OFFICE EQUIPMENT &amp; TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>\$11,900.00</b>	<b>\$10,900.00</b>
<b>Administrative</b>		
Meeting Refreshments	\$9,274.00	\$4,500.00
Organizational Development	\$4,000.00	\$2,000.00
Travel	\$8,000.00	\$6,000.00
Parking Passes	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Reserves	\$0.00	\$5,135.44
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	<b>\$24,274.00</b>	<b>\$20,635.44</b>
<b>Encum</b>		
Career Development (COVID-19)	\$500.00	\$9,100.00
Ray Travel Award (COVID-19)	\$16,000.00	\$22,824.33
Buck-I-Experience (Carry Forward)	\$0.00	\$8,420.12
<b>TOTAL Encum</b>	<b>\$16,500.00</b>	<b>\$40,344.45</b>
<b>OVERALL</b>		
<b>INCOME</b>	<b>\$213,124.00</b>	<b>\$255,479.89</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$212,624.00</b>	<b>\$255,479.89</b>

## Council of Graduate Students FY 21 Budget



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

Winners of the 2020 Global Gateway Grant were notified a few weeks ago. Based on feedback from several applicants, we will be adjusting the fillable application pdf in future years.

All 5 applicants for funding period 1 of the Career Development Grant were awarded grants. Funding period 2 (for activities between October 1 and December 31) will open for applications in mid-June. I have spent some time with the rubric, policy documents, and application guidelines for this grant and have updated these to reflect the changes proposed in the Grants Act approved by the delegate body a few months ago and added additional information to make them more useful for applicants. The new documents will be uploaded to the website after they are looking over by the exec team.

I have also included a report that summarizes the applicant data for both the GGG and CDG over the past year. The CDG received 138 applications total and we were able to fund 44 students. This amounts to an average funding rate of 31%, which is largely unchanged from previous years.

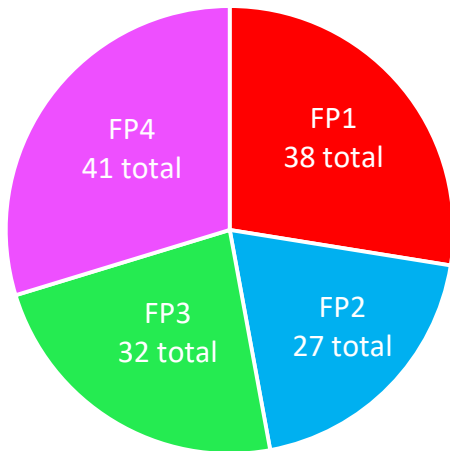
All of the incoming elected delegates have been added into the system so that their names are displayed on the website and any open spots can be advertised within departments. The website has also been updated to reflect the new officers and committee chairs We are also transitioning to a new Carmen page for the 2020-21 year.

All the best,

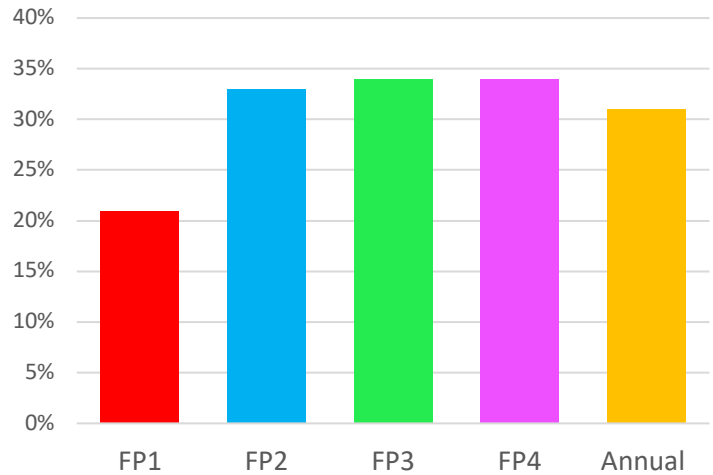
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## Career Development Grant: 2019-2020

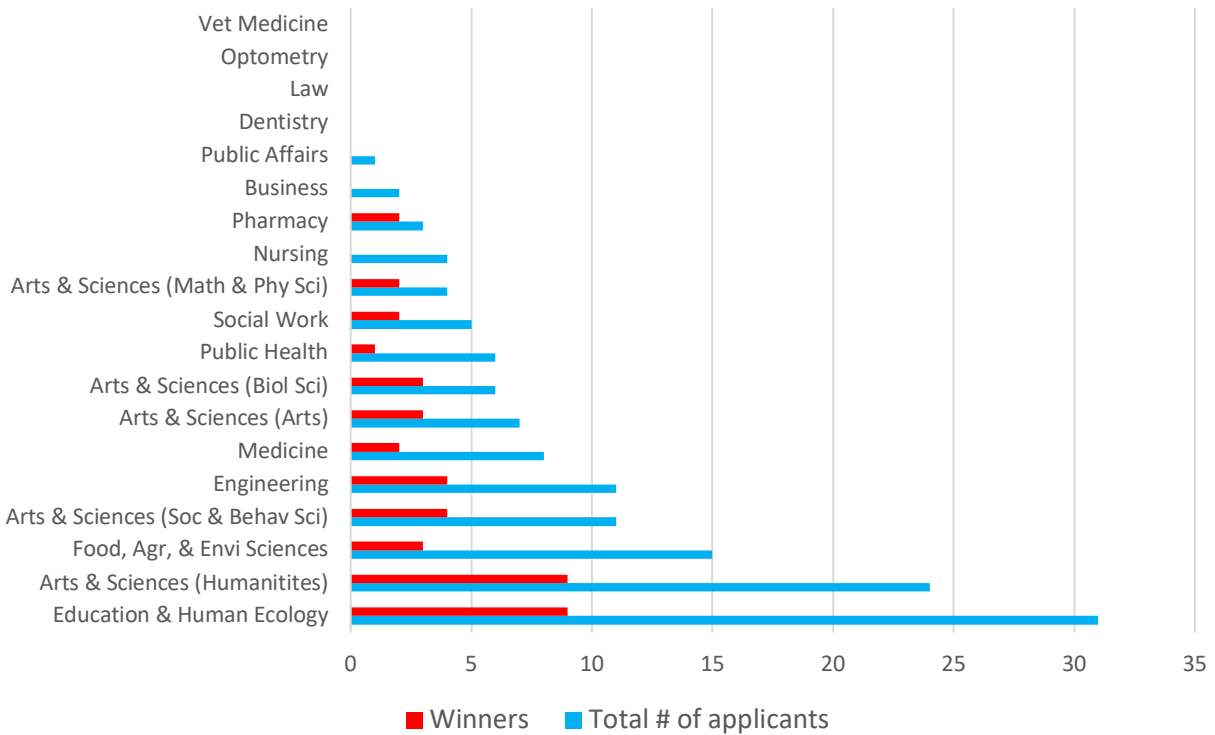
Distribution of applicants by FP



% applications funded by FP

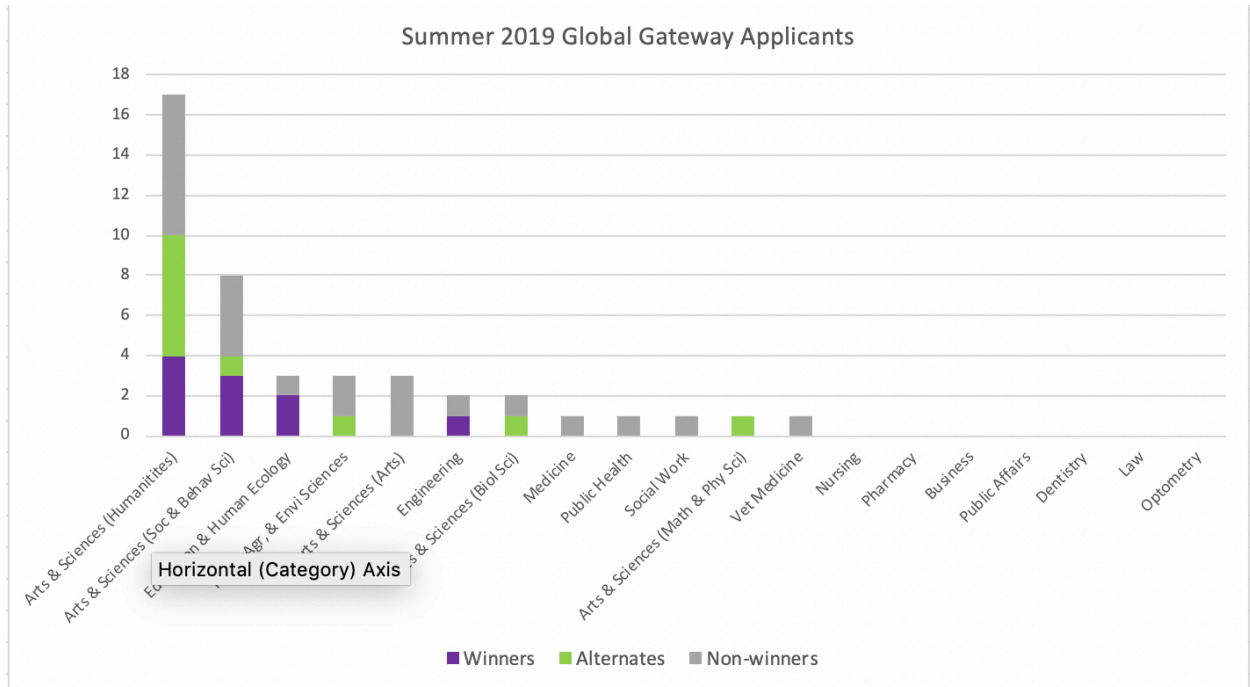


Applicant distribution by College

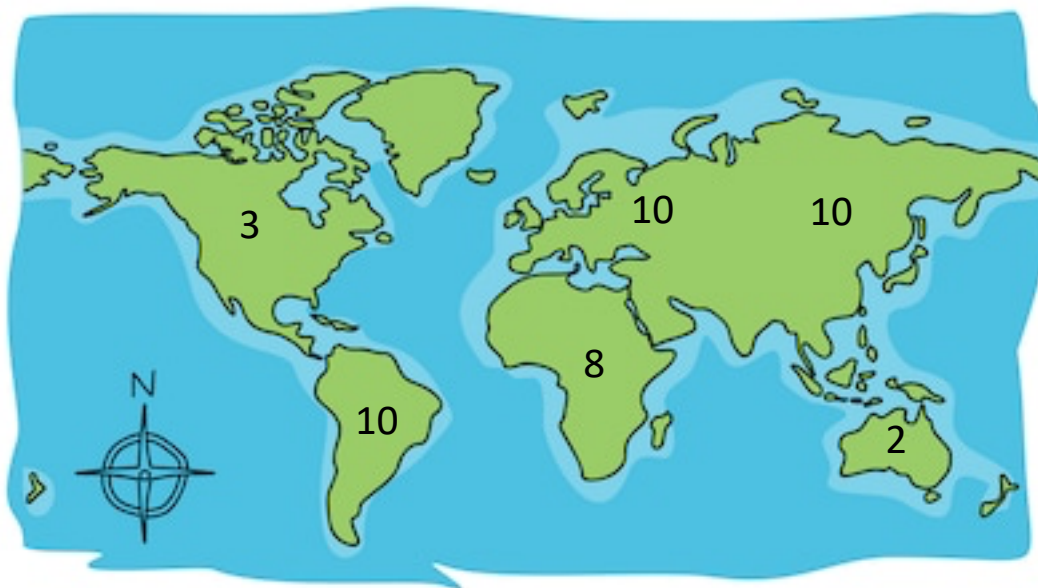


College	Total # of applicants	Winners
Education & Human Ecology	31	9
Arts & Sciences (Humanities)	24	9
Food, Agr, & Envi Sciences	15	3
Arts & Sciences (Soc & Behav Sci)	11	4
Engineering	11	4
Medicine	8	2
Arts & Sciences (Arts)	7	3
Arts & Sciences (Biol Sci)	6	3
Public Health	6	1
Social Work	5	2
Arts & Sciences (Math & Phy Sci)	4	2
Nursing	4	0
Pharmacy	3	2
Business	2	0
Public Affairs	1	0
Dentistry	0	0
Law	0	0
Optometry	0	0
Vet Medicine	0	0

## Global Gateway Grant



43 applicants traveling to 34 countries on 6 continents



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## June 2020 Vice President & Treasurer Report – Council of Graduate Students

**To:** Council of Graduate Students, Delegates

**From:** DaVonti' D. Haynes, Vice President (2020-21), Treasurer (2019-20)

**Date:** 06/01/2020

**Re:** Vice President Report June 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](http://ccs.osu.edu) // 614-292-5766] or reach out to a friend/family member. I wish you all the best as we navigate through this. I can't wait to see all of your faces on campus again. Go Bucks!

### **Spending Freeze**

As you may know, the university is still in a state of emergency. Therefore, all non-essential spending remains froze through the end of the fiscal year (June 30, 2020).

### **Spring 2020 Delegate Election Results**

Delegate elections are now closed. There are 85 newly elected delegates. Attached you can see the results of the election and any open seats. **There will be a fall election to fill those seats, more details will be released over the summer.**

### **Senate, University, and Internal Committee Appointments**

I am in the process of filling all senate, university, and internal committee appointments. We currently have opening on the following committees, if you are interested please email me.

- Alumni Awards for Distinguished Teaching
- Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee (must be an ASC students)
- Arts and Sciences Dean's Student Advisory Board (must be an ASC student)
- Arts and Sciences Graduate Studies Advisory Committee (must be an ASC student)
- Arts and Sciences COVID-19 Transition Committee – **NEW COMMITTEE**
- Commencement Speaker Advisory
- Committee on Academic Misconduct
- Graduate Associates Teaching Award
- Ohio Union Council
- Parking Advisory Committee
- Student Tech Forum (OCIO Student Advisory Board)
- University Career Services Committee
- University Laboratory Safety Committee

### **Ad Hoc Governance Review Committee**

This year we will convene a group to review and revise current CGS governance documents. More about the committee and the official charge is attached. We currently have 3 open delegate seats on this committee, if you are interested please email me. This group will start its work in late-May and will finish up in early-October.



Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.  
DaVonti' D. Haynes (haynes.242)

**To:** Council of Graduate Students  
**From:** Stephen Post.144, President  
**Date:** 6/8/20  
**RE:** President's Report

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### **We Will Get Through This Together**

Many of you have read my messages or heard me speak during our Special Meeting on Friday around the injustices that police brutality has brought upon the Black community including the Black graduate students we serve over the past few weeks. The initial statement put out by the 3 student government presidents is available here: <https://cgs.osu.edu/posts/documents/ipc-statement.pdf>. The recording and transcript of our Special Meeting is available here: [https://osu.zoom.us/rec/share/7pdYK7vV-2BOfoXDxVHNBpMbOb\\_1aaa8hyRPrPILn0dR8AHL4BbT-55HagpOzFzL?startTime=1591385447000](https://osu.zoom.us/rec/share/7pdYK7vV-2BOfoXDxVHNBpMbOb_1aaa8hyRPrPILn0dR8AHL4BbT-55HagpOzFzL?startTime=1591385447000).

I urge you to read and listen to the many perspectives offered in the letter and Special Meeting before our meeting. Our second summer delegate meeting will be held virtually via Zoom this **Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30pm**. The link to join the meeting can be found here: <https://osu.zoom.us/j/95384125740>. We will still be taking attendance via quiz on the CGS Carmen webpage; the attendance code will be **CGS2020**.

### **COVID-19 and Transition Back to Campus**

You should have all heard by now the [announcement](#) for a phased transition back to on-campus teaching, learning, and research; full announcement and links to FAQs can be found on the Post Pandemic Transition Task Force website here: <https://president.osu.edu/leadership-and-committees/post-pandemic-operations-task-force>. I will continue serving on the Post-Pandemic Transition Task Force through the fall to ensure graduate student issues are heard, make informed decisions to protect student safety and relay any pertinent information between the task force and to you all as delegates.

We will respond to your questions and concerns as best we can and relay them to OSU administrators. We have compiled a list of resources where graduate students can find support here: <https://cgs.osu.edu/covid-19-resources/>

### **16<sup>th</sup> President of The Ohio State University - Dr. Kristina M. Johnson**

We are excited to welcome Dr. Kristina M. Johnson and her wife Veronica Meinhard as Dr. Johnson assumes the role of the 16th President of The Ohio State University. Myself and DaVonti' had a chance to meet President Johnson this past Thursday and were extremely impressed with her past work, attitude towards shared governance with students, and her passion for graduate education. She will be great to work with and is already excited about the many ideas she and CGS have to improve the graduate student experience. Please see the full news release and to learn more about President Johnson here: <https://news.osu.edu/kristina-m-johnson-appointed-16th-president-of-the-ohio-state-university/>

## **Emergency Funds Relief**

As a reminder, Ohio State launched the [Together As Buckeyes emergency grants program](#) to assist students who are having difficulty with living expenses or facing other unexpected financial challenges related to COVID-19. It is available to undergraduate, graduate and professional students — subject to eligibility requirements — through the Student Financial Aid office. The size of these grants will vary based on each student's circumstances.

Additionally, the Graduate School's graduate student specific funds are available through the Office of Student Life Student Wellness Center here: <https://advocacy.osu.edu/student-emergency-fund/>.

## **Current COVID-19 Graduate Student Issues**

### *Timeline and Funding Extensions*

I met with Dean Bertone on the issue of identifying and supporting graduate students whose research and/or time-to-degree were directly impacted by COVID-19. While no central university dollars have been allocated for this, the Provost is aware of the issue and ensured me that once the financial uncertainties were more clear he would have a better idea of what may be available. Dean Bertone said students who were supposed to graduate within the next year will be given priority to any funds. She has begun the process of organizing departments to be ready to respond to students that demonstrate need, and has a small amount of funds the Grad School is hoping to reallocate to this issue.

### *Employment & Hiring*

We were assured that all Graduate Associates are still *EXEMPT* from the OSU hiring freeze. Please advise folks to speak with their advisors and PIs about continuing their GA. All GA appointments now have to be approved by the Dean of the College or VP of the unit. As enrollment numbers are solidified, we will have a better understanding of the effects on GAs. ]

## **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\\_8IGeG1fxJq55fk9](https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8IGeG1fxJq55fk9)

## **COVID-19 Resources - <https://cgs.osu.edu/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](https://go.osu.edu/coronavirus)

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

Student Life Student Supports: [go.osu.edu/buckeyesupport](https://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](https://KeepLearning.osu.edu)

For GTAs and Candidacy Exams: [KeepTeaching.osu.edu](https://KeepTeaching.osu.edu)

All Graduate Associates and Staff: [KeepWorking.osu.edu](https://KeepWorking.osu.edu)

## **CGS Resources**

As always, the [CGS.OSU.EDU](http://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](mailto: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.

Council of Graduate Students

Government Relations Committee

Chair: Madeleine Lomax-Vogt.2

May 2020

Preliminary committee goals for 2020-2021

1. **Hosting Community Hours (on campus or Zoom)**
  - a. Hold virtual or in-person community hours with state and local officials to increase dialogue between graduate students and policymakers (~3/semester)
2. **Policy Reports**
  - a. Prepare short (bullet point, less than a paragraph) non-partisan reports on legislation (federal, state, local) to include in CGS General Body packets (1-2 reports/month)
3. **Organizing Lobby Days at the Statehouse**
  - a. Organize in-person or virtual meetings with State Representatives and State Senators and graduate students to lobby about legislation relevant to graduate students at OSU (unionization, funding, housing, etc)
4. **2020 Election**
  - a. Graduate Student voter registration (June to November)
  - b. Graduate Student General Election GOTV effort (November)

**TO:** The Council of Graduate Students

**FROM:** Abby Grieff, Chair of Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee

**DATE:** 6/6/2020

**RE:** Committee Report

**GOALS:** The Health, Wellness, & Safety committee aims to ensure the physical and mental well-being of all graduate students. Specifically, through a combination of research, university partnerships, and outreach initiatives the committee is focused on creating and promoting an environment of health, safety, and education throughout the university and outside committee.

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Due to it being the summer term, and with myself being the new committee chair, the HWS committee has not yet met in person. Alec and I recently completed officer transitions last month, where we discussed position duties, as well as committee duties.

I will use this report to discuss upcoming goals of mine and will ensure to add whole-committee goals once we meet together and create our goals along with an action plan. Alec and I talked about how the Graduate Wellness Fair is typically held in the spring; it had to be canceled this year due to the COVID-19 outbreak. Alec and I talked about the benefits of having this fair in the spring semester, versus potentially moving it to the fall. This move would be difficult to make this year, again, with COVID-19 restrictions, but I would like to discuss committee member's thoughts on this for the future. I would like to discuss pros/cons of timing of this fair (spring versus fall) with the committee, and set ways to make this event even bigger, full of more resources, and advertised well in advance to allow time to graduate students to plan their schedules.

I would like to make sure I am providing health and wellness tips and resources to the entire delegate body throughout my term to ensure they feel well supported and resourceful. My goal would be to give delegates and officers resources for overall wellness to either utilize themselves or to share with their constituents. One of my major goals is to make resources more well-known and available to graduate students.

I would also like to create some sort of a survey to send out to officers, the delegate body, or interested constituents (can be passed down along from delegates), to ask about health and wellness, what they see a need for in the graduate school in this area, and what they'd like to see my support from in my term. Collecting this data will help me to set goals with the committee that reflect what the graduate student body would like to see in terms of health,

wellness, and safety. One thing I would like for this committee to work towards is being resourceful and helpful to the graduate body, providing resources and encouragement wherever we can. It's been an incredibly challenging past few months, and I would like for graduate students to feel supported not only educationally, but physically and mentally, especially in terms of overall health, as well.

If you are interested in the committee, have any suggestions for me, or just want someone to talk to, please see my contact information below. I would love to hear from you and hear how you're doing! I truly want to utilize this position to work with CGS and the graduate student body to work to place emphasis and priority on mental and physical health. I cannot wait to get started!

Abby Grieff  
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## **Housing and Family Affairs Committee Report**

**Chair:** Leila Vieira.31

**Date:** 06/03/2020

Dear all,

I hope you are well, healthy, and safe. I have three updates from the HFA committee:

1. OSU has decided to allow Buckeye Village residents to stay at BV for an extra year--until May 15, 2021. Unfortunately, their update also points to no support of graduate/family student housing after that. The move to University Village has been canceled.
2. I still don't know what is going to happen to campus graduate housing (outside of BV), but I do know that the availability of on-campus housing will likely be decreased.
3. According to Student Life, the Planning, Architecture and Real Estate department (PARE) has a team/project exploring spaces in south and west campus for potential graduate/medical/family housing. Student input in this project is still non-existent, but we are pushing for getting a student in this group.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding issues pertaining to family and graduate housing, please reach out to me.

1 **RESOLUTION 1920-012**

2 **A RESOLUTION COMDEMNING THE INJUSTICES AGAINST THE BLACK COMMUNITY AND**  
3 **COLUMBUS PROTESTORS BY THE COLUMBUS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

4 Authors: Stephen Post (.144), President; Jack Brandl (.8), Chief of Staff

5 Sponsor: Executive Committee  
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7 WHEREAS the Council of Graduate Students (CGS) is the representative body of all graduate students enrolled  
8 at The Ohio State University as established by Article II.I of the CGS Constitution; and  
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10 WHEREAS the Council or its appointed representative(s) have the power to sit as an advisory agent on behalf  
11 of graduate students on all matters brought before personnel, committees, or agencies of The Ohio State  
12 University involving the interest of graduate students as established in Article III Section 3 of the CGS  
13 Constitution; and  
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15 WHEREAS the Executive Committee transacts the business of the Council between its meetings and all actions  
16 taken by the Committee shall be reported to the Council at its next meeting as established in Article V Section 1  
17 Subsection A.i.; and  
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19 WHEREAS graduate students have been engaged in peaceful demonstrations in Columbus to express outrage at  
20 the police murder of George Floyd and highlight the need for drastic reform of police institutions; and  
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22 WHEREAS those exercising their first amendment right to demonstrate peacefully in Columbus, including  
23 Ohio State students, have been met with violent force and aggression in the form of tear-gas, pepper-spray<sup>1</sup>,  
24 rubber bullets, wooden bullets, and physical force by the Columbus Police Department; and  
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26 WHEREAS the violent behavior of Columbus Police Department officers toward peaceful demonstrators has  
27 been well documented<sup>2</sup>; and  
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29 WHEREAS undercover Columbus Police Department officers killed 23-year-old Black Columbus resident  
30 Henry Green<sup>3</sup> in 2016; and  
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32 WHEREAS then Deputy Chief and now Chief of the Columbus Police Department Thomas Quinlan wrote a  
33 report clearing the officers involved in Henry Green's death of any wrongdoing<sup>3</sup>; and  
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35 WHEREAS Columbus Police Department officers killed 13-year-old Black Columbus resident Tyre King in  
36 2016 by shooting him multiple times in the back as he ran from police<sup>4</sup>; and  
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38 WHEREAS the officer that killed Tyre King was cleared of wrongdoing and resumed work in another area  
39 within the city of Columbus<sup>5</sup>; and  
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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.thelantern.com/2020/06/lantern-journalists-targeted-by-police-pepper-sprayed/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://whodoyouserve.org/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.dispatch.com/news/20180216/henry-green-case-review-finds-officers-justified-in-2016-fatal-shooting>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2016/sep/19/tyre-king-shooting-columbus-police-examiner>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.dispatch.com/news/20180914/family-of-tyre-king-files-lawsuit-against-city-of-columbus-officer>

41 WHEREAS undercover Columbus Police Department officers killed 16-year-old Black Columbus resident  
42 Julius Tate, Jr. in 2018<sup>6</sup>; and  
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44 WHEREAS the officers involved in killing Julius Tate Jr. were cleared of any wrongdoing and instead  
45 wrongfully charged the 16-year-old girlfriend of Tate, Masonique Saunders, with involuntary manslaughter and  
46 a three-year prison sentence<sup>7</sup>; and  
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48 WHEREAS the Columbus Police Department is a contracted partner of the Ohio State University; and  
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50 WHEREAS the Columbus Police Department officers have used chemical agents and force against peaceful  
51 Ohio State University students including student journalists<sup>8</sup>; and  
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53 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Council of Graduate Students voices solidarity with peaceful  
54 demonstrations against police brutality in Columbus and around the nation; and  
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56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Council of Graduate Students formally recognizes that “Black Lives  
57 Matter” despite a national and institutional history of racism.  
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59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Council of Graduate Students desires the Ohio State University to identify  
60 and implement alternative means of protecting the safety of students outside of current partnerships with the  
61 Columbus Police Department with the input of both students and faculty.  
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63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Council of Graduate Students recognizes and supports the statement put out  
64 on June 1, 2020 by the presidents of the three student governments as a means of initiating critical conversation  
65 and engagement with the Ohio State University administration.  
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67 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Council of Graduate Students directs its President, Vice President, and  
68 Chief of Staff to distribute this resolution to all proper leadership and authorities of The Ohio State University  
69 and its partners.  
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71 Approved: Yes/No  
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73 Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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77 Stephen J. Post, President



<sup>6</sup> <https://abc6onyourside.com/news/local/a-year-later-julius-tates-family-still-looking-for-justice-in-deadly-police-shooting>

<sup>7</sup> <https://www.dispatch.com/news/20190802/masonique-saunders-given-3-year-sentence-in-death-of-boyfriend-shot-by-police>

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.thelantern.com/2020/06/lantern-journalists-targeted-by-police-pepper-sprayed/>

**RESOLUTION 1920-011**

A RESOLUTION REJECTING CHANGES TO THE APPOINTMENT DATES OF GRADUATE ASSOCIATESHIPS

Authors: DaVonti' Haynes(.242), Vice President; Jack Brandl(.8), Chief of Staff; Sarah Light(.109), Secretary

Sponsor: Executive Committee

WHEREAS the Council of Graduate Students (CGS) is the representative body of all graduate students enrolled at The Ohio State University (established by Article II.I of the CGS Constitution); and

WHEREAS graduate associates (graduate teaching associates [GTA], graduate research associates [GRA], and graduate administrative associates [GAA]) are indispensable contributors to the University's research and academic mission; and

WHEREAS graduate associate appointment dates are currently August 15-December 31 (autumn semester); January 1-May 15 (spring semester); and May 16-August 14 (summer semester); and

WHEREAS graduate associates are currently paid an equal stipend rate for autumn and spring semesters; and

WHEREAS under the new appointment dates, graduate associates, such as GTAs on autumn appointments will receive nearly \$2,000 more than graduate associates with a spring appointment while teaching the same number of weeks; and

WHEREAS graduate associates currently receive benefits in line with their appointment such as student health insurance; and

WHEREAS student health insurance benefits, per the Office of Student Life, commences on August 18, 2020 for the 2020-2021 academic year; and

WHEREAS graduate associates will be required to pay additional fees for coverage to begin on the first day of work; and

WHEREAS graduate associates will need to secure housing in Columbus during the month of July instead of August; and

WHEREAS graduate associates will not receive a paycheck for two months; and

WHEREAS the academic term, during most years, does not conclude until after April 30; and

WHEREAS under the new dates, graduate associates on teaching appointments will have contracts ending prior to the end of the academic year and grade posting deadlines; and

WHEREAS the Graduate School and the University has not released plans to address this gap in appointment dates and the end of the term.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of Graduate Students rejects any efforts to change the appointment dates of graduate associates from the 2019-2020 dates; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council asks that The Ohio State University hold open discussion forums to gather feedback from students and faculty about the new appointment dates before moving forward in implementing a transition to the new appointment schedule; and

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the Council of Graduate Students directs its President, Vice President, and Chief of Staff to distribute this resolution to The Ohio State University President Michael V. Drake, Executive Vice President and Provost Bruce McPheron, Senior Vice Provost Kay Wolf, Vice Provost for Graduate Studies and Dean of the Graduate School Alicia Bertone, Vice President for Student Life Melissa Shivers, and Vice President for Human Resources Susan Basso.

54 Approved: Yes/No

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56 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Stephen J. Post, President



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at The Ohio State University

1 **ACT 1920-010**

2 AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE AD HOC GOVERNANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

3 Author: DaVonti' Haynes (.242), Vice President and Chair of Organizations and Elections Committee

4 Sponsor: Executive Committee

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6 **Section 1.** The purpose of this act is to establish the Ad Hoc Governance Review Committee of the Council of Graduate  
7 Students (CGS), in accordance with Article VI, Section 4 of the CGS Constitution and Article V, Section 3.

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9 **Section 2.** Throughout the 2019-2020 academic year, numerous delegates and executive officers expressed concerns and  
10 confusion with the current procedures, policies, practices, and language used within CGS governance documents. Based  
11 on this feedback, the consensus was to appoint an ad hoc committee to review and revise these documents.

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13 **Section 3.** The Ad Hoc Governance Review Committee will be established to review current CGS governance  
14 procedures, policies, and practices. Their charge will include:

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16 **Subsection A.** Review and consider any potential revisions of the current CGS governance documents (bylaws,  
17 constitution, standing rules, and any other relevant documents).

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19 **Subsection B.** Recommend best practices, procedures, policies, and language with regard to CGS operations to  
20 inspire transparency and increase CGS' ability to effectively and efficiently advocate for graduate students.

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22 **Subsection C.** Report back to the Executive Committee with a recommendation to either continue without  
23 changes or to modify the current governance documents. Shall the ad-hoc committee recommend changes to any  
24 document, they will grant the Executive Committee two weeks to review those changes and consider any  
25 proposed amendments suggested by the Executive Committee.

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27 **Subsection D.** After considering amendments proposed by the Executive Committee, the committee will report  
28 back to the Delegate body with a final recommendation and/or changes to the governance documents.  
29 Shall the ad-hoc committee recommend changes to any document, they will grant the Delegate body two weeks to  
30 review those changes and consider any proposed amends suggested by the Delegate body. The portion of the  
31 review process will be conducted via an open discussion forum on the CGS Carmen page, overseen by the ad-hoc  
32 committee.

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34 **Subsection E.** Issue a final report and act to accept the proposed changes at or before the October 2020 delegate  
35 meeting.

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37 **Section 4.** If the ad hoc committee recommendations are substantive and determine that revisions to any governance  
38 document are feasible and should be implemented, the committee will recommend the Council to officially accepted the  
39 committee's recommendation. Any proposed amendments to these documents must have the support of ten delegates or  
40 be initiated by the Executive Committee.

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43 **Section 5.** This act will take effect immediately upon approval at a regular meeting of the Council of Graduate Students.

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45 Approved: Yes/No

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47 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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51 Stephen J. Post, President

1 **ACT 1920-011**

2 AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET FOR THE 2020-2021 ACADEMIC  
3 YEAR FOR THE COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

4 Authors: Raven Lynch(.389), Treasurer; DaVonti' Haynes(.242), Vice President

5 Sponsor: Executive Committee

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7 **Section 1.** Whereas the Council of Graduate Students, per by-laws, requires an operating budget going  
8 into the university's new fiscal year, the proposed budget is submitted.

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10 **Section 2.** Whereas it is understood that this is a preliminary operating budget and will be amended  
11 when all fiscal reports are processed later in the academic year.

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13 **Section 3.** Upon approval by the delegate body, this act will become effective immediately.

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15 **Budget 2020-2021**

16 <b>Income</b>		
17 Coca Cola Carry Forward		37,951.28
18 Coca Cola Endowment		14,000.00
19 CSA Carry Forward		37,160.16
20 CSA Student Activity Fee		60,124.00
21 Cultural Competency Training		10,000.00
22 Global Gateway		5,000.00
23 Global Gateway Carry Forward		5,000.00
24 Grad School – Hayes		10,000.00
25 OAA Ray Travel		35,000.00
26 OAA Ray Travel Carry Forward		22,824.33
27 OR Hayes Endowment		10,000.00
28 Buck-I-Experience Carry Forward		8,420.12
29 <b>Total Income</b>		<b>225,479.89</b>
30 <b>Expense</b>		
31 <b>1000 President's Projects</b>		
32 Discretionary		2,000.00
33 <b>Total President's Projects</b>		<b>2,000.00</b>
34 <b>2000 Vice President</b>		
35 Hayes		29,000.00
36 Discretionary		1,000.00
37 Grad Student App. Week		7,500.00
38 <b>Total 2000 Vice President</b>		<b>37,500.00</b>
39 <b>3000 Committees</b>		
40 Executive Committee		
41 Retreat		2,300.00
42 Awards & Recognition		7,800.00
43 Marketing		6,000.00
44 Discretionary		6,000.00
45 Grad Student Conferences		10,000.00
46 <b>Total Executive Committee</b>		<b>32,100.00</b>



51	Global Gateway Admin	200.00
52	Arts & Culture	2,000.00
53	Delegate Engagement Fund	2,500.00
54	Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity	16,000.00
55	International Student Affairs	1,800.00
56	Ray Travel Grant Admin	200.00
57	Health, Wellness, & Safety	1,800.00
58	SERC	1,500.00
59	Organizations and Elections	200.00
60	Government Affairs	1,500.00
61	Student Affairs	2,500.00
62	Senate Advisory	800.00
63	Housing and Family Affairs	2,500.00
64	Committees – Other	3,000.00
65	Internal Affairs	2,000.00
66	<b>Total 3301-3800 Committees</b>	<b>38,500.00</b>
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68	<b>TDB Intergovernmental Affairs</b>	
69	Intergovernmental Affairs Projects	1,500.00
70	Buckeye-I-Experience	3,000.00
71	<b>Total TBD Cross Governmental Projects</b>	<b>4,500.00</b>
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73	<b>3300 Grants Admin Funds</b>	
74	Career Development	14,000.00
75	Global Gateway	10,000.00
76	Engaged Scholar	5,000.00
77	Ray Travel Award	40,000.00
78	<b>Total 3300 Grants Admin Funds</b>	<b>69,000.00</b>
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80	<b>4000 Office Equipment &amp; Technology</b>	
81	Copier	500.00
82	Equipment	400.00
83	Supplies	1,000.00
84	Telephone	1,000.00
85	Technology	8,000.00
86	<b>Total 4000 Office Equip</b>	<b>10,900.00</b>
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88	<b>5000 Administrative</b>	
89	Meeting Refreshments	4,500.00
90	Organizational Development	2,000.00
91	Travel	6,000.00
92	Parking Passes	3,000.00
93	Reserves	5,134.44
94	<b>Total 5000 Administrative</b>	<b>20,635.44</b>
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96	<b>8000 PY Encumbrances</b>	
97	8100 Career Development	9,100.00
98	8200 Global Gateway	0.00
99	8300 Ray Travel Award	22,824.33
100	TBD Buck-I-Experience	8,420.12



101	<b>Total 8000 PY Encumbrances</b>	<b>40,344.45</b>
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103	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>255,479.89</b>
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105	<b>NOTE REGARDING THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET</b>	
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107	Approved: Yes/No	
108	Date: _____	
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111	Stephen J. Post, President	



**Council of Graduate Students  
at The Ohio State University**

**ACT 1920-009**  
AN ACT ESTABLISHING CGS MEETING DATES 2020-21  
Author: Stephen J. Post (.144), President  
Sponsor: Executive Committee

**Section 1.** The purpose of this act is to establish the CGS meeting schedule for the 2020-2021 academic year created in accordance with “Article VII – Meetings” of the CGS Constitution.

**Section 2.** The CGS delegate meeting schedule for the 2020-2021 academic year shall be set as the following:

**Autumn 2020**

Friday, September 11th - 3:30pm-5:30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Autumn Delegate meeting
Friday, October 2nd - 3:30pm-5:30pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Autumn Delegate meeting
Friday, November 6th - 3:30pm-5:30pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Autumn Delegate meeting
Friday, December 4th - 3:30pm-5:30pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Autumn Delegate meeting

**Spring 2021**

Friday, January 15th - 3:30pm-5:30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Spring Delegate meeting
Friday, February 5th - 3:30pm-5:30pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Spring Delegate meeting
Friday, March 5th - 3:30pm-5:30pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Spring Delegate meeting—Officer Elections
Friday, April 2nd - 3:30pm-5:30pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Spring Delegate meeting—Senator Elections

**Summer 2021**

Friday, May 14th - 3:30pm-5:30pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Summer Delegate meeting
Friday, June 4th - 3:30pm-5:30pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> Summer Delegate meeting
Friday, July 9th - 3:30pm-5:30pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Summer Delegate meeting

**Section 3.** The executive committee meeting schedule for 2020-2021 academic year shall be set as the following:

Friday, August 28th – 4:00pm-5:30pm	EST 1955
Friday, September 18th – 4:00pm-5:30pm	
Friday, October 23rd – 4:00pm-5:30pm	
Friday, November 20th – 4:00pm-5:30pm	
Friday, December 18th – 4:00pm-5:30pm	
Friday, January 22nd - 4:00pm-5:30pm	
Friday, February 19th - 4:00pm-5:30pm	
Friday, March 19th - 4:00pm-5:30pm	
Friday, April 30th - 4:00pm-5:30pm	
Friday, May 21st - 4:00pm-5:30pm	

**Section 4.** All CGS Delegate meetings will begin at 3:30pm, with an expected length of two hours, though all members should be prepared to stay later if business requires it.

**Section 5.** This act will take effect immediately upon approval at a regular meeting of the Council of Graduate Students.

Approved: Yes/No

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Stephen J. Post, President