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The Ohio State University

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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."*
 - 1.2. Land Acknowledgment
2. Roll Call: Attendance Code = CGS2020 (5 min.)
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (5 min.)
 - 3.1. Minutes from Dec. 4th, 2020
4. OFFICER REPORTS (10 min.)
 - 4.1. President, Stephen Post.144
 - 4.2. Vice President, Nick Messenger.37
 - 4.3. Treasurer, Raven Lynch.389
 - 4.4. Secretary, Sarah Light.109
 - 4.5. Parliamentarian, Brandon Free.41
5. COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES (10 min.)
 - 5.1. Academic Affairs, Aviva Neff.336
 - 5.2. Arts & Culture, Kathryn Holt.351
 - 5.3. Internal Affairs, Conner Sarich.6
 - 5.4. Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, Caroline Fitzpatrick.271
 - 5.5. Government Affairs, Maddy Lomax-Vogt.2
 - 5.6. Graduate Student Affairs, Michelle Scott.1445
 - 5.7. Health, Wellness, & Safety, Abby Greiff.2
 - 5.8. International Student Affairs, Melika Shahhosseini.2
 - 5.9. Strategic Communications, Carrie Thomas.4051
 - 5.10. Graduate Caucus, Jenna Greve.41
 - 5.11. SERC, Wanderson Novais Pereria.1
 - 5.12. External Affairs, Katie Conner.280
 - 5.13. Housing and Family Affairs, Leila Viera.31
6. NEW BUSINESS (20 min)
 - 6.1. Ad Hoc Governance Act
 - 6.2. Affirming Resolution on Capital Violence
7. SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS (15 min.)
 - 7.1. Delegate Issues and Concerns
8. ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 min)
 - 8.1. February Delegate Meeting – Feb. 5th @ 3:30pm
9. Adjourn (5:00pm)

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.



Delegates Present: Luke Andrejek, Ali AsghariAdib, Ada Barach, Blake Barnett, Om Prakash Bedant, Polina Berezina, Jessica Blackburn, Anthony Bowersock, John Bundschuh, Yu-Chun Chang, Steph Charles, Jacob Compaleo, Carrington Conerly, Katherine Conner, Paul Consiglio, Robert Cremins, Robert Dahlberg-Sears, Riley DeBacker, Austin DeGroff, Todd DeRose, Kendra Dickinson, Ty Drayton, Meaghann Dynes, Story Edison, Caroline Fitzpatrick, Brandon Free, Bethany Frick, Jahmour Givans, Annedra Gladney, Robin Gordon, Paul Gregor, Jenna Greve, Sarah Haines, Keira Hambrick, Jordan Hartman (ALT: Fenstermaker.11), Lindsey Hernandez, Morgan Heyde, Christian Hines, Sarah Hyman, Shontia Johnson, Ashwin Kane, Ellia La, Yifan Li, Ho-chieh Lin, Javonte Lipsey, Madeleine Lomax-Vogt, Xinyue Lu, Alan Lujan, M. Dominique Magistrado, Zari Mahmoudi, Doricka Menefee, Benjamin Mertus, Alexander Milder, Madison Mize, Laura Neese, Aviva Neff, Wanderson Novais Pereira, Brian O'Rourke, Felipe Pacci Evaristo, Kelsey Pinckard, Bryan Remaily, Lauren Riley, Marie Rineveld, Morgan Ross, Mary Sagatellova, Ashweta Sahni, Erik Scaltriti, Michelle Scott, Karla ShockleyMccarthy (ALT: Chadwick.69), Daniel Smith, Juman Somnath, Kye Stachowski, Goran Stevanovski, Matthew Stuckey, Garrett Tatum, Greyson Teague, Ekaterina Tikhonyuk, Jamie Utphall, Andrew Varnau, Ana Maria Velasquez Giraldo, Ericka Velez-Bonet, Derek Walton, Brett Wedding, Yitong Xin, Megan Zib

Delegates Absent: Selasi Attipoe, Rob Barry, Fouad Choueiry, Kacey Clark, Adam Culiver, Archit Datar, Benjamin Duran, Megan Espana, Steph Fanelli, Colby Gregg, Nathaniel Heiden, Gregory Jameson, Noor Khalayleh, Pouya Kousha, Charles Mace, Matthew Maynard, Krutant Mehta, Jaychandran Padayasi, Maritza Pierre, Swetha Rajasekaran, Armando Roman, Akanksha Sahni, Melika Shahhosseini, Andrew Wilson

Senators Present: Shawar Ali, Aaron Beczkiewicz, Tyler Beauregard, Jenna Greve, Gala Korniyenko, Laine Rumreich, Conner Sarich, Dustin Servello

Senators Absent: Akshay Asaithambi, Utkarsh Shah

Executive Committee Members Present: Katherine Conner, Caroline Fitzpatrick, Colby Gregg, Jenna Greve, Abigail Grief, DaVonti Haynes, Rania Khamees, Sarah Light, Madeleine Lomax-Vogt, Raven Lynch, Nick Messenger, Aviva Neff, Wanderson Novais Pereira, Stephen Post, Conner Sarich, Michelle Scott, Carrie Anne, Thomas, Leila Vieria

Executive Committee Members Absent: Kathryn Holt, Melika Shahhosseini

1. GUEST SPEAKERS

1.1. Carly Sobol (Grad/Prof Student Member of the Board of Trustees)

1.2. Molly Peirano (Interim Title XI Coordinator, Office of Institutional Equity)

1.2.1. Questions:

- Korniyenko.1: What should students do if they have disabilities protected by HIPPA but need accommodations?
 - HIPPA applies to medical professionals. If the student chooses to share that information, you can access that as an instructor and provide accommodations. The Student Disability Office is the only people who need to know the details of the student's disability and can work with the student to figure out what accommodations are needed. All instructors should follow the recommendations prepared by this office.
- Ali.637: Can you talk more about the genetic information that is protected?
- Edison.22: Are there options to report more systemic issues with particular faculty?
 - One option is to work with the department to have educational discussions to ameliorate some of the internal issues that are leading to problems. It's also sometimes helpful to craft some unit-specific guidelines.
- Drayton.18: How does your office interact with ODI?

- Every college has a diversity officer and there is a large group of these officers which the Office of Institutional Equity participates in.
- Will you learn the outcome of a complaint?
 - The complainant and the respondent will both receive documentation simultaneously.
- How can subtle issues from supervisors be addressed if they are on the borderline of what can and should be reported.
 - General advice is to speak up in situations where this occurs, even if it is not directed at you.
- There were new policies put in place over the summer. We encourage you to reach out if you have any questions.
- Have you experienced differences in how students of color reach out to and utilize this office?
 - There is always room to grow and the office welcomes any and all feedback about how inclusion and diversity can be improved.

2. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 3:44pm

2.1. Statement of Purpose

- 2.1.1. To effectively advocate and program to ensure that The Ohio State University graduate student experience is the best it can be.

2.2. Land Acknowledgement

- 2.2.1. CGS acknowledges central Ohio as the traditional homeland of the Shawnee, Miami, Wyandotte and other Indigenous nations who have strong ties to these lands. Today, individuals from a broad range of Indigenous backgrounds call Columbus and central Ohio home.

3. ROLL CALL

3.1. Carmen log-in

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. Minutes from November 6, 2020

- 4.1.1. Minutes approved.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. Vice President Elections

- 5.1.1. Resumes and cover letters for all candidates are at the end of the meeting packet.
- 5.1.2. Candidates briefly address the delegate body and answer questions.
- Alexander Arnold
 - Alessandra Margello
 - Nick Messenger
- 5.1.3. Nick Messenger is elected as Vice President.

5.2. Resolution 2021-013: A Resolution To Make Delegates' Votes Public

- 5.2.1. Presentation time yielded by authors.
- 5.2.2. **Questions:**
- What was the voting process like before we moved online?
 - What will we do when we move back in person?
 - Do other university groups and committees vote publicly as well?
- 5.2.3. **Discussion:**
- Sarich.6: It might be important for constituents to be able to see how their delegates are

- voting and representing them within CGS.
 - Conner.280: This system will provide a valuable metric for others to see the voting records of delegates, especially those who are applying for executive positions. It also allows us to better advocate for certain groups of constituents if we can say that all delegates from a certain unit voted for or against a piece of legislation.
- 5.2.4. Resolution is voted on via Carmen survey.
- 5.2.5. Resolution passes (60 Yeas, 7 Nays, 1 Abstention).

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

6.1. President (Post.144)

- 6.1.1. Applications now being accepted for the open chair positions.
- 6.1.2. Additional funding has been made available for mental health.
- 6.1.3. There will now be 2 two-day instructional breaks during spring semester instead of the originally advertised single day breaks
- 6.1.4. The interview process for the grad ombudsperson are starting next week and someone should be chosen by mid-December 4, 2020
- 6.1.5. Bruce and Susan leaving. CGS will have representation on the Provost search committee and we will hopefully be involved in the
- 6.1.6. Carrie Anne Thomas appointed as Strategic Communications Chair.
- 6.1.7. Questions:
 - Dahlberg-sears.1: Are Bruce and Susan stepping down and moving on somewhere else?
 - Bruce is returning to his initial professor appointment but will continue to serve through June. Susan has resigned and there is already an interim chair in place.

6.2. Vice President (Haynes.242)

- 6.2.1. Hayes Forum will take place April 9th in a virtual format. Applications are now being accepted until January 15th and faculty judges are also being recruited.
- 6.2.2. DaVonti^{*} is stepping down and the new VP will be elected at the December delegate meeting and begin January 1.
- 6.2.3. Our new website will begin construction this month and will hopefully be live early next year.
 - Questions:
 - Korniyenko.1: What is the average award amount for Hayes winners?
 - It's listed in previous booklets for Hayes.

6.3. Treasurer (Lynch.389)

- 6.3.1. 3 Graduate Student Engagement Fund awards have been given to applicants.
- 6.3.2. 4 applicants were awarded in the last funding period.
- 6.3.3. Questions:
 - Dalhberg-sears.1: For students who are conducting research-related travel, can Ray
 - Scott.1445: Could Ray fund registration for conferences that are both in person and virtual?
 - Yes, as long as the reimbursement is not for travel.

6.4. Secretary (Light.109)

- 6.4.1. The application window has now closed for funding period 3 of CDG (activities between January 1 and March 31, 2021). 16 applications are now being sent out to judges for review.

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

7.1.1. External Affairs

7.1.2. SERC

- The carbon footprint reduced during Covid but disposable items increased.

- Case competition open until February
- 7.1.3. Arts & Culture**
- Virtual symposium on January 29th on Arts & Science in the Age of Culture of Care. Applications due December 14th.

8. SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS

8.1. Delegate Issues & Concerns

- 8.1.1.** Dahlberg-sears.1: is there a policy in place about external fellowships and funding clocks?
- 8.1.2.** Derosé.28: Has there been an update on the continuous enrollment question?
- The post-candidacy leave policy was supposed to kind of ameliorate this but unfortunately, there hasn't been a better solution yet and that may depend a lot on budget conversations that are still up in the air. The benefit of the continuous enrollment was to help out unfunded students and post-candidacy students by reducing the amount of credits hours students were charged for while also encouraging them to keep working on their dissertation.
- 8.1.3.** Dickinson.130: The University is not accepting applications for Presidential Fellowships in the spring semester, but this was not announced until after the application deadline for fall had passed.
- As far as we know, the fellowship is simply pushed back, not cancelled completely. We made it clear to Dean Bertone that this was not a good way to handle this situation and announcements should have been made earlier. However, there seems to be some confusion
- 8.1.4.** Katya: New delegates need an orientation/on-boarding process.
- This year was definitely a very long process because many delegates were appointed after both of the election cycles. We are working on distributing some of these materials more effectively.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 9.1.** Next meeting is January 15, 2021 @ 3:30pm.

10. Meeting adjourned at 5:42pm.

TO: The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Sarah Light, Secretary
DATE: January 8, 2020
RE: Secretary's Report

The application window for funding period 4 of the Career Development Grant will close February 1st. 12 applicants were awarded in funding period 3. All applicants will only be awarded funds for non-travel expenses because of the continuing travel restrictions put in place by the University. We have recently adjusted the process for distributing information about the award and reimbursement process so if you get any feedback from those in your department who have won the CDG, please don't hesitate to share with me.

We will be working with OOIA and the Graduate School to make a decision about whether to run the Global Gateway Grant this summer because of the continuing travel restrictions and uncertainty about COVID-related policies moving forward.

As a reminder, if you are going to miss a delegate meeting and will be sending an alternate in your place, please make sure this person knows that they will need to check in with me during the meeting to record their attendance and any votes on legislation. Additionally, you should direct them to the CGS website where they can find the meeting packet for review. Finally, we have implemented a new Qualtrics survey for delegates to report when they will be absent and who they are sending in their place. The link for this survey will be included in the reminder email sent out the week of each meeting.

All the best,

Sarah

TO: The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Nick Messenger, Vice President
DATE: January 10, 2021
RE: Vice President's Report

1. We are hosting a CGS Orientation for new and returning delegates on January 14th. This orientation will focus on helpful tips for resolution writing and constituency advocacy, as well as CGS internal structure and University Committee structure.
2. Apportionment of CGS delegate seats will begin this winter. Several CGS delegates have already volunteered to serve on the committee. Anyone else interested should email messenger.37@osu.edu.
3. The Hayes Forum abstract submission deadline will likely be extended. We have just over 40 submissions for presentations at this point, and will be pushing out additional communication encouraging graduate students to submit and present.
4. The University Safety Taskforce has held its first follow-up meetings of the semester, aimed at implementing the recommendations from last fall. Off-campus camera surveillance systems will be installed at the intersections of Frambes and High as well as 15th and Pearl Avenue early on this month in collaboration with the city.
5. We have initiated conversations with the Graduate School about revising and enhancing the fall orientation process for incoming graduate students. In our hope, this would include a universal, consolidated orientation which would provide an opportunity to share counseling, academic support, family support, wellness, and financial resources more broadly as well as provide a better sense of belonging to graduate students at Ohio State.
6. Stephen and I have continued to advocate for in-person teaching assistants to be elevated in the State of Ohio COVID-19 vaccine rollout plan. At this stage, we are awaiting responses from the state as well as new changes that a change in Presidential administrations at the federal level will bring in the supply chain.
7. We will be hosting a Grants workshop early in January in order to help share information for spring to graduate students regarding the various opportunities available to them through CGS for funding.
8. The application for the Civilian Review Board for the Columbus Police Department are now live, as well as a survey on policing in the city. Both links can be found below:
[Civilian Review Board Application](#)
Survey: www.columbus.gov/reimaginesafety/.
9. The University Senate Ad Hoc Committee on Organization is continuing its work on evaluating the current USenate structure. Major effects of the group will include advocating for the addition of equity issues to be housed prominently under the current Diversity Committee, as well as general alignment with university offices and efficiency of committee responses. If you have served on a University Committee in the last 3 years, look for a survey to land in your inbox about your experience and please take the time to share your feedback.

To: Council of Graduate Students
From: Stephen Post.144, President
Date: 1/15/20
RE: President's Report

Welcome Back to a New Year & New Semester!

Hi All, I hope you all were able to get some rest and relaxation over the break! I know this year has already had many crazy twists and turns, but we as graduate students are a resilient group. Please make sure to take care of your self, and check out the available mental health resources at the bottom of this report. This will be our first delegate meeting of the Spring 2021 semester. It will be held virtually via Zoom this **Friday, Jan. 15th @ 3:30pm**. We will still be taking attendance via CGS Carmen quiz; not attendance code necessary. The link to join the meeting can be found here:

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CGS Statement on the Violence at the Capitol

If you have not already seen the Executive Committee statement on the violence at the capitol, you can read it here: <https://cgs.osu.edu/blog/statement-on-violence-at-the-capitol/>. We will leave time to make comments when voting on affirming the statement.

Graduate Ombudsman

The selection committee has made a decision on who our new Graduate Ombudsman will be. The Office of Academic Affairs is working to logistically set up the office including a website, email, and how to utilize the Graduate Ombudsman services. CGS will send out information as soon as it is available. We are excited about the support and help the Graduate Ombudsman will provide!

Spring Semester Testing Protocol

You should have heard by now but there are a few changes for SP'21 testing protocol. All Buckeyes must continue to wear face masks, maintain physical distancing and follow the other steps listed on safeandhealthy.osu.edu. Beyond these steps, if you are returning to in-person activities, you should: **1) Self-sequester** for 10 days before you return to your on-campus residence and/or to in-person engagements on campus. We recognize that this may not be possible for students with clinical, lab or other responsibilities. If that is your situation, you may disregard this requirement. **2) Schedule COVID test weekly** at Jesse Owens North, starting when you return to Columbus to either live or visit campus for any reason. Like all other off-campus students, you should obtain two negative COVID-19 tests before resuming in-person activities on our campuses. For students who have continuing clinical or lab responsibilities, please start your weekly testing as soon as possible. Jesse Owens North will be available for appointments starting Jan. 11. (Off-campus students are unable to schedule testing appointments on Jan. 17, 18 and 24.) To schedule a test at Jesse Owens North, individuals will need to schedule their appointment via [Ohio State MyChart](#). If you think you may be eligible for an exemption to the weekly testing requirement, please review details about the exemption process on the [student testing program webpage](#).

COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

We have been in conversations with university leaders, but the fact is that at this time it is unclear whether the phase 1b access to vaccination applies to higher education at all. We know Government Affairs is lobbying to get higher ed included as part of phase 1b, but unless it does, faculty and GTAs won't have access unless they are patient facing or work in K12 schools. We will continue to push for clarifying information on vaccine prioritization and vaccine requirements.

Fellowship and AGGRS Updates (from Graduate School)

As relayed in the recent forums and college leadership discussions, the Graduate School will be transitioning to a single annual competition for the Presidential Fellowships and Alumni Grants for Graduate Research and Scholarships (AGGRS) over the 2021 cycle. Thereafter, the call for nominations will be on an annual Autumn cycle. A broader selection of start dates will still provide flexibility for each student/advisor and program over the entire year. As the transition year, Spring 2021 will be a smaller Presidential Fellowship competition (~50%) followed by a larger Presidential Fellowship competition call in Au 2021. Thank you for the feedback from selected faculty and students. We heard these concerns and have adjusted our process to accommodate an option of start dates to help this transition year go as smoothly as possible.

For the 2021 Presidential Fellowship competitions, programs can nominate up to 6 candidates distributed, as desired, between the Sp 2021 and Au 2021 competitions. Programs cannot go over 6 nominations for 2021 and must still follow all other requirements of the guidelines document. The awardee will be required to select a start date should the nominee win an award. These start dates for Sp 21 awardees will remain either Su 21 or Au 21. For Au 21 awardees, start dates will be inclusive of the start dates for Spring 2021 competition (Su 21 or Au 21), or the full array of new selection of start dates for Au 2021 competition and Au competitions after 2021. These "start" semester options for our Au 21 competition will be Su 2021, Au 2021, Sp 2022, Su 2022 OR Au 2022. Subsequently, start dates would be inclusive of 3 semesters after the award. The process will provide every awardee a letter of offer for a full year (3 consecutive semesters) of funding. For Au 21 awardees requesting the Su or Au 2021 start date, stipend differentials will be pro-rated and included in the Sp 2022 monthly stipend payments. There is no guarantee a student would win an award.

For AGGRS, we will plan to award out a larger (potentially double) number of awards in Au 2021. Graduate Students and Advisors planning to apply in Spring 2021 can delay the application to Au 2021 and, if awarded, will be permitted to submit Su and Au 2021 invoices for reimbursement once the grant is set up. Last year we extended the dates for expenditures on the AGGRS awards to 2 years, permitting flexibility in start and completion of the research or scholarly projects.

We thank you all for your patience and cooperation on this process adjustment. If you have questions, please reach out to the [Fellowship Services](#) office.

Current COVID-19 Graduate Student Issues

Accommodations

As we get closer to SP21, we are still making sure GA's receive appropriate accommodations for COVID-19. If you or other students are getting internal push back after speaking with your supervisor, then I ask that you submit a formal COVID-19 Accommodation Request Form to your HR Director/University HR here: <https://hr.osu.edu/coronavirus/accommodations/>. Please let me know about the issue via email (post.144@osu.edu) so I can follow up.

COVID-19 Resources - <https://cgs.osu.edu/covid-19-resources/>

Safe and Healthy Campus: SafeandHealthy.osu.edu

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

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

Student Life Student Supports: 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

For GTAs and Candidacy Exams: KeepTeaching.osu.edu

All Graduate Associates and Staff: KeepWorking.osu.edu

Post-Candidacy Leave Option: <https://gradsch.osu.edu/sites/default/files/resources/pdfs/Post-Candidacy%20Autumn%202020%20Leave%20of%20Absence%20Form%2024AUG2020.pdf>

Graduate Schools Timeline Extensions: <https://gradsch.osu.edu/news/graduate-school-announcement-delay-graduation-and-matching-tuition-and-fee-authorization>

Grad Student Emergency Funds: <https://sfa.osu.edu/contact-us/consumer-disclosure/COVID-19-aid> & <https://advocacy.osu.edu/student-emergency-fund/>

Graduate Mental Health Tailored Resource Survey: go.osu.edu/checkyourstressgradstudent

Graduate School COVID- 19 Matching Fee and Tuition Authorization (MFTA): <https://gradsch.osu.edu/news/second-round-extension-graduate-school-matching-tuition-and-fee-authorization-program>.

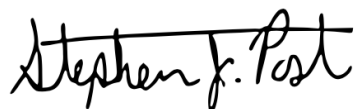
CGS Resources

As always, the 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. Email light.109@osu.edu if you need access.

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.

Always feel free to reach out to me with any concerns via email at post.144@osu.edu!

Stay well and Go Bucks!



TO: The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Kathryn Holt, Arts and Culture Chair
DATE: 1/14/21
RE: Committee Report

The Arts and Culture committee's January symposium, "Art and Science in the Age of Self-Care: A Cross-Disciplinary Symposium" will be held via Zoom on Friday, January 29. The finalized schedule will be sent out via Carmen. Please keep an eye out to share with your departments!

Our Spring Events listing is now available at go.osu.edu/spring_artslisting. Please share with your constituents and contact Kathryn Holt.351 with any events to add.

TO: Council of Graduate Students
FROM: Caroline Fitzpatrick, Chair
DATE: 1/8/21
RE: Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity Committee Report

This semester, the EID Committee's focus is to support sustainable policy and process improvement, and practically useful programming.

Definite projects for EID this semester include operationalizing the Implicit Bias Awareness Program that was last running in 2018, and continuing the Mental Health Specialist Series began by member Ellia La last semester.

We will have our first committee meeting later this month, at which time other projects will be identified. If you or your constituents have any ideas, concerns, or direction for the EID Committee, please loop me in! A major part of improving equity and inclusion is collaboration, so I am always looking for feedback.

Happy Spring Semester!

TO: Council of Graduate Students
FROM: Katie (Katherine) Conner.280
Date: 1/8/20
RE: Committee Report

The External Affairs committee did not conduct any meetings over winter break. We will be meeting late January to get rolling for Spring '21.

CGS Government Affairs committee
January 2021

I hope all of you had a nice break! Here's a short list of info I need from you some possible tasks for us to work on in the upcoming semester.

1. **When can you meet this semester for a monthly group meeting? Please fill out this sheet with times you're available.**
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1IAP2ldNbtqPICVNkBHkXxyNVWUeV3jb6Vi2zeHRKzX8/edit?usp=sharing>
2. Short list of relevant legislation sent out to CGS members each month
 - a. Summaries of legislation, contacts, important dates
3. Presentation from Rachel Coyle (Director of [How Things Work at the Ohio Statehouse](#), a group that informs Ohio residents about legislation at the statehouse encourages grassroots lobbying at the state level; Campaign Director for Ohio Senate Democrats)
 - a. *Rachel has agreed to give a presentation to us in January/February*
4. Lobbying opportunities at City Council, Statehouse
 - a. Higher education funding
 - b. Environmental issues
 - c. Zoning, affordable housing
5. CGS resolutions
 - a. Anything relevant to gov affairs, elections, the voting process, etc.

Best of luck with the upcoming semester and talk to you soon!
Maddy

TO: The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Michelle Scott; Delegate, Chair – Graduate Student Affairs
DATE: 1/15/2021
RE: Committee Report

The Graduate Student Affairs committee met on December 1st and discussed questions about the Lyft partnership and goals for mental health resources. We are preparing for spring semester and planning our new meeting schedule. Additionally, I met with Aaron Moore to discuss the Lyft partnership, and learned the following:

- Ride credit was increased from \$5 to \$6.50 in February 2020
- Only 4% of the student population is enrolled in the Lyft/OSU program
- In February of 2020 ride usage went above the 10,000 cap but due to covid, plummeted in the following months
- The university does not collect information on the cost of each ride to students; if we want to gather this, we may want to include it in future surveys

If you or your constituents have any concerns or questions about using Lyft please send them my way (scott.1445).

TO: The Council of Graduate Students
FROM: Abby Grieff, Chair of Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee
DATE: 1/10/2021
RE: Committee Report

GOALS: The Health, Wellness, and 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.

The Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee is gearing up for this semester. We have planned our programming schedule and are working on the format that we will be holding our spring expo. We are planning to host a physical health and nutrition program this month, including fun tips and tricks for healthy snacks and movement during a period of heavy screen time.

We are looking forward to continuing to help graduate students with interesting and meaningful programming and advocacy.

Housing and Family Affairs Committee – Council of Graduate Students

Leila Vieira.³¹

January 7, 2021

Happy New Year, CGS Delegates!

The main update I have is that the Graduate School's Graduate Student Parent Award is changing its name to Graduate Associate Performance Award. This change is due to an issue brought up by one of the members of this committee that students might not be comfortable to put an award with "Parenting" in the title in their CVs or resumes, as it might result on them facing discrimination (in the job market, for example).

In terms of housing, on December 14, 2020 the committee met with OSU Student Life/Housing and Buckeye Village residents, and discussed the following topics:

- A survey will be sent out to residents in early Spring to see how many residents are graduating in August (versus in May, in order to extend contracts to the end of the 20-21 academic year)
- Residents asked about the possibility of opening up study rooms/spaces and the gym in the community center. Student Life will look into it, but it doesn't seem likely it will happen because of COVID-19 precautions
- Residents who live in buildings that are nearly empty will be given the option to move to a more populated area of BV (this would decrease costs for maintenance, such as heating for example)
- There are still no concrete plans to build new family housing

This semester the HFA committee plans on working on the wording in the graduate school handbook when it comes their parental leave policy. If you have any insights or recommendations about this, please reach out to me at Vieira.³¹.

Dear Delegates, Greetings from SERC.

During the month of December, the SERC committee did not meet.

We will start meeting again on January 11th. The committee will discuss the allocation of SERC budget and potential activities and advocacy for the Spring semester.

If there are any questions, concerns, or comments, please get in touch with the committee chair, Wanderson Novais, at novaispereira.1@osu.edu.

Best Regards,

SERC

Senator Reports

1/7/21

Senator: Tyler Beauregard

Committee: Rules

The rules committee has been primarily focused on a major revision of the disciplinary rules for faculty. Our next regular meeting, however, will be examining revisions to the emergency grading policy for the spring semester.

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### **January 9, 2021**

**Name and Senate Seat:** Gala Korniyenko, City and Regional Planning, College of Engineering

**Committee(s) on:** CGS Housing and Family Affairs committee (HFA),

Senate Committee Member of COPE: <https://senate.osu.edu/committees/physical-environment#Committee-Members>

Task Force on Buckeye Village,

Task Force on Resources for Parenting Students

### **December Meetings Attendance Record:**

#### **Senate Meeting**

No meetings

#### **COPE**

December 1<sup>st</sup>: Attended

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

**Meeting was conducted** via Carmen Zoom due to COVID-19 and social distancing requirements

#### **CGS Housing and Family Affairs committee (HFA)**

Committee is working on a handbook in relation to parental leave.

#### **COPE**

Amy Burgess's, Assistant VP for Administration and Planning, presentation and Q&A session on Graduate Student Housing.

Discussion and vote on USG and CGS power plant resolution.

January meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>.

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January 2021

Senator: Aaron Beczkiewicz

Committee Membership:

Council on Enrollment and Student Progress

University Senate:

Attended meeting on

Council on Enrollment and Student Progress:

Attended meeting on 12/1/20

- CESP was invited to attend a listening session with the Academic Program Advisory Council (ACAP) regarding Ohio State's approach to grading for Spring 2021 – ACAP was supportive of continuing pandemic accommodations while acknowledging that a University-wide policy moving forward needs to account for accreditation needs of specific Colleges.
- CESP continued discussion on modifying the academic calendar for AY29-30 so there is an additional reading day prior to exam weeks. No concrete action was taken. If calendar for AY29-30, it is expected that CESP would take up resolutions to adopt this modification in earlier academic calendars which have already been finalized.
- CESP voted on a resolution to temporarily suspend Senate rules surrounding grading for Spring 2021. This resolution is similar to previous resolutions forwarded to the University Senate by CESP since the start of the pandemic with these key differences:
 - This resolution recommends a uniform University-wide policy.
 - Students will not be required to opt-in to a pass/no-pass option as any grade below a certain threshold will automatically convert to a pass equivalent and will not count towards GPA.
 - This emergency grading system will include Graduate students.
 - Grade thresholds have been set so that Colleges which previously opted of the pass/no-pass option out due to stricter requirements from accreditation bodies external to Ohio State will not have to under this resolution.

Emergency Grading System Proposed by CESP Resolution		
<u>Undergraduate Students</u>	<u>Graduate Students</u>	<u>Proposed System</u>
A through C-	A through B-	Keep letter grade
D+, D	C+ through D	EP – Emergency Pass
E	E	NP – No Pass

Attended meeting on 1/5/20

- CESP resolution voted on at previous meeting (see above) is currently with Senate Rules Committee for review and presentation to the University Senate.
- CESP amended and approved the AY 2029-2030 calendar. An additional reading day before exam week was introduced to the AU29 semester. The required number of instruction days (70) was maintained by shifting the start date of the AU29 term to 1 day earlier (start on Monday instead of Tuesday). Additionally, CESP approved the addition of conversion day(s) to AU29 [e.g., attend Friday classes on a given Wednesday] to allow for consistency in number of instruction days regardless of what day(s) a course is offered. CESP opted to not introduce an additional reading day for SP30 due to unpalatable tradeoffs (reduction in spring break or inability to award physical diplomas at graduation).

- Dean Bertone gave an update on Graduate School Diversity. Data presented to CESP on Graduate School diversity and degree retention/completion can be found at <https://gradsch.osu.edu/research/coalition-next-generation-life-science>. Graduate School is planning to focus on retention efforts moving forward and will be looking for students to participate in an advisory/workgroup capacity.

Council of Graduate Students:

Attended meeting on 12/4/20

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ACT 2021-001

AN ACT REORDERING AND RESTRUCTURING THE ARTICLES OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF
GRADUATE STUDENTS

Authors: Sarah Light.109, Secretary; Co-Chair of Governance Review Ad-Hoc Review Committee; Brandon Free.41, Delegate, Co-Chair of Governance Ad-Hoc Review Committee
Sponsor: Governance Ad-Hoc Review Committee

Section 1. The purpose of this act shall be to amend the Constitution of the Council of Graduate Students (CGS) and establish a new Code of Ethics and Values for the Council of Graduate Students.

Section 2. Whereas, the current order of Articles within the CGS Constitution is as follows:

Article I – Name
Article II – Mission
Article III - Authority and powers
Article IV - Membership and Eligibility
Article V- Elections and Officers
Article VI – Committees
Article VII – Meetings
Article VIII - Quorum and Voting
Article IX - Parliamentary Authority
Article X – Bylaws
Article XI- Standing Rules
Article XII – Amendments
Article XIII - Code of Ethics and Values

Section 3. Furthermore, Article X of the CGS Constitution currently reads as follows:

“Section X.1: Any proposed amendment to the Bylaws must be sent to all delegates one week prior to a regular meeting of the Council of Graduate Students. At the regular meeting of the Council, the proposed amendment to the Bylaws may be approved by a simple majority vote.”

Section X.2: These Bylaws shall be appended to this Constitution and be made available upon request. (Approved 4/18/14, 1314SP012)”

Section 4. Furthermore, Article XI of the CGS Constitution currently reads as follows:

“Section XI.1: The Council may establish additional standing rules by a simple majority vote. Such rules shall be appended to the Bylaws and be available upon request.”

Section 5. Furthermore, Article XIII of the CGS Constitution currently reads as follows:

Preamble

The Council of Graduate Students of Ohio State University (CGS), hereinafter referred to as CGS and the Organization, is the official body representing graduate students' diverse issues, concerns, and needs at Ohio State University. We involve students in a productive partnership in governance of the University, promote the internal welfare and unity of the student community, further the goals of our University, and respond to the challenges of our society. To these ends, CGS has adopted this Code of Ethics and Values (hereinafter referred to as our Code) to (1) live out the mission espoused in our Constitution; (2) and establish basic standards of ethical behavior for academic and professional life. A CGS representative is defined as any member of CGS acting in any capacity for the organization, including: Officers, Committee Chairs, Committee Members, Senators, Delegates, and appointed members. Every CGS representative is a signatory to the Code, which symbolizes a united pledge to abide by the Code's spirit and principles. The ten values enumerated in this Code represent ten equally significant guiding ideals of the Organization, and delegates hold themselves and each other accountable for adherence.

Behavioral Standards and Values

1. As a CGS Representative, I value Honesty. In practice, this value looks like:

1. *I express my genuine opinion on issues even if my view is unpopular.*
2. *I only make promises that I genuinely believe I can keep.*
3. *I disclose my affiliations with any organization or with any friends or groups that have substantial business with CGS.*
4. *I abstain or recuse myself from the decision-making process in all situations when I believe that I cannot exercise impartial judgment.*

2. As a CGS Representative, I value Fairness. In practice, this value looks like:

5. *I seek out diverse ideas/opinions and reserve judgment until I have all of the relevant information.*
6. *I treat all viewpoints with respect, even if I do not personally agree with them.*
7. *I only take credit for work that I have done and acknowledge everyone who assists me in accomplishing tasks.*
8. *I observe the established procedures detailed in the Constitution and Bylaws and demonstrate transparency in my decision-making process.*

3. As a CGS Representative, I value Flexibility. In practice, this value looks like:

9. *I am willing to re-evaluate a prior decision in light of unforeseen circumstances in order to uphold the fundamental mission of CGS.*
10. *I adapt my communication style to the situation, and to accommodate the concerns of persons involved.*

4. As a CGS Representative, I value Responsibility. In practice, this value looks like:

11. *I seek to maintain personal integrity and the integrity of the organization.*
12. *I can clearly articulate how my decision will advance the Organization's core values.*
13. *I use CGS materials and resources solely for CGS-related activities.*
14. *I take ownership for the decisions I make or fail to make, the actions I take or fail to take, and the consequences that result.*
15. *I protect confidential information that has been entrusted to me.*

5. As a CGS Representative, I value Communication. In practice, this value looks like:

16. *I clearly convey messages and relay necessary information to fellow delegates as soon as possible.*
17. *I ask clarifying questions if I disagree or do not understand.*
18. *I actively seek feedback from a diverse range of students and promote the mission and goals of the Organization.*
19. *I only act on behalf of CGS or OSU when I am authorized specifically to do so.*

6. As a CGS Representative, I value Responsiveness. In practice, this value looks like:

20. *I am available to all students and fellow delegates and keep them informed on CGS projects and events.*
21. *I am ready to respond in a direct and respectful manner to issues that implicate the well-being, justice, and unity of our community.*

7. *As a CGS Representative, I value Cooperation. In practice, this value looks like:*

22. *I seek to work with others and divide responsibilities on tasks.*

23. *I encourage new ideas and share all relevant information with others.*

24. *I strive to reach a consensus that best serves the OSU community.*

8. *As a CGS Representative, I value Commitment. In practice, this value looks like:*

25. *I continue to pursue worthy goals, regardless of their difficulty.*

26. *I have a clear set of objectives, a general time frame for accomplishment, and am willing to see difficult projects through to their completion.*

27. *I make every effort to recommend potential services when I am unable to fulfill a request.*

9. *As a CGS Representative, I value Professionalism. In practice, this value looks like:*

28. *I prepare for meetings by reading the necessary materials and arriving on time.*

29. *I make guests at meetings feel welcome and devote my full attention to their presentations.*

30. *I speak respectfully, without profanity or sarcasm.*

31. *I approach directly those persons with whom I have a conflict or disagreement.*

10. *As a CGS Representative, I value Service. In practice, this value looks like:*

32. *I make a concerted effort to assist my peers in any capacity.*

33. *I focus on the needs of the greater student body, with consideration for my own position as a student within that body.*

34. *I understand my role as a CGS Representative as service to the values articulated in our Constitution.*

Section 6. Whereas, a Preamble describing the purpose and goals of CGS as an organization serves as an important introduction for the Constitution.

Section 7. Whereas, Articles VII, VIII, and IX contain important information and definitions that are referenced throughout the document and should be presented earlier in the text for clarity.

Section 8. Whereas, Articles X and XI are both extremely brief and contain related information and should be condensed for efficiency. The title of this article should be updated to reflect this condensation of information.

Section 9. Whereas, it was deemed that Article XIII containing the Code of Ethics and Values was not well integrated into the text of the Constitution and should become a stand-alone document not contained within the Constitution.

Section 10. Therefore, be it resolved, the new order of Articles within the CGS Constitution will be as follows:

Preamble

Article 1 – Name

Article 2 – Mission

Article 3 – Authority and Powers

Article 4 – Membership and Eligibility

Article 5 – Quorum and Voting

Article 6 – Meetings

Article 7 – Parliamentary Authority

Article 8 – Elections and Officers
Article 9 – Committees
Article 10 – Other Governing Documents
Article 11 – Amendments

Section 11. Be it further resolved that the Preamble will read as follows:

Preamble: *The Council of Graduate Students of Ohio State University (CGS) is the official body representing graduate students' diverse issues, concerns, and needs at The Ohio State University. We involve students in a productive partnership in governance of the University, promote the internal welfare and unity of the student community, further the goals of our University, and respond to the challenges of our society. The statement of purpose for CGS is "to effectively advocate and program to ensure that The Ohio State University graduate student experience is the best it can be".*

Section 12. Be it further resolved, Article 10 of the CGS Constitution will be amended as follows:

Article 10 – Other Governing Documents

Section 10. 1. *The Council shall establish and maintain Bylaws, a Code of Ethics and Values, and Standing Rules. These governing documents shall be appended to this Constitution and be made available upon request.*

Section 10.2. *Any proposed amendment to the Bylaws must be sent to all delegates one week prior to a regular meeting of the Council. At the regular meeting of the Council, the proposed amendment to the Bylaws may be approved by a simple majority vote.*

Section 10.3. *Any proposed amendment to the Code of Ethics and Values must be sent to all delegates one week prior to a regular meeting of the Council. At the regular meeting of the Council, the proposed amendment to the Code of Ethics and Values may be approved by a simple majority vote.*

Section 10.4 *The Council may establish or amend additional standing rules by a simple majority vote.*

Section 13. Be it further resolved, Article XIII containing the Code of Ethics and Values will be removed from the CGS Constitution and be adopted as the CGS Code of Ethics and Values, a stand-alone governing document.

Section 14. Be it finally resolved that the changes contained within this act shall be effective immediately after an affirmative vote of two-thirds of delegates at a regular meeting of CGS in accordance with Article XII of the CGS Constitution.

Approved: Yes/No

Date: _____

Stephen J. Post, President

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