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**The Ohio State University**

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### **CGS Delegate Packet July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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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 = CGS2021 (5 min.)**
- 3. APPROVAL OF June 4, 2021 MINUTES (5 min.)**
- 4. OFFICER REPORTS (20 min.)**

<b>4.1. President, Nick Messenger.37</b> <b>4.2. Vice President, Abby Grieff.2</b> <b>4.3. Treasurer, Michelle Scott.1445</b>	<b>4.4. Secretary, Alissa Geisse.1</b> <b>4.5. Chief of Staff, Javonte Lipsey.25</b> <b>4.6. Parliamentarian, Brandon Free.41</b>
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- 5. COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES (15 min.)**

<b>5.1. Academic Affairs, Meng Wu</b> <b>5.2. Arts &amp; Culture, Robin Gordon</b> <b>5.3. Diversity, Equity, &amp; Inclusion, Sly Worthy and T'Euvyn Page</b> <b>5.4. Government Affairs, Brian O'Rourke</b> <b>5.5. Graduate Student Affairs, Kameron Rinehart</b> <b>5.6. Health, Wellness, &amp; Safety, Faith Lewis</b> <b>5.7. International Student Affairs, Sochina Ranjit</b>	<b>5.8. Strategic Communications, Carrie Anne Thomas.4051</b> <b>5.9. Graduate Caucus</b> <b>5.10. SERC, Sally</b> <b>5.11. Research &amp; Operations, Katie Conner.280</b> <b>5.12. Membership &amp; Org Wellness, Caroline Fitzpatrick</b> <b>5.13. Housing and Family Affairs, Blaise Truesdell</b>
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- 6. NEW BUSINESS (30 min)**
- 7. SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS (15 min.)**
  - 7.1. Delegate Issues and Concerns**
- 8. ANNOUNCEMENTS (5 min)**
  - 8.1. Next Delegate Meeting – September 3, 3:30pm @ Ohio Union Senate Chamber**
- 9. Adjourn (~5:10pm)**

## **CGS Virtual Meeting Ground Rules**

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2. Speak your discomfort if something is bothering 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. Alissa will be monitoring to ensure they are brought up.
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7. Please be visually presentable, if using video, and limit background activity.
8. Be aware that the meeting will be recorded for note taking purposes.



**Delegates Present:** Aaron Argall, Ada Barach, Om Prakash Bedant, Jessica Blackburn, Anthony Bowersock, John Bundschuh, Eli Bohert, Steph Charles, Katherine Conner, Adam Culiver, Robert Dahlberg-Sears, Todd DeRose, Kendra Dickinson, Ty Drayton, Madison Dymont, Meaghann Dynes, Story Edison, Yelena Erez, Caroline Fitzpatrick, Austin Gerlt, Jahmour Givans, Annedra Gladney, Robin Gordon, Paul Gregor, Keira Hambrick, Jordan Hartman, Nathaniel Heiden, Christian Hines, Gregory Jameson, Ellia La, Yifan Li, Ho-chieh Lin, Xinyue Lu, Alan Lujan, Charles Mace, Zari Mahmoudi, Benjamin McKinley, Emma McNamara, Krutant Mehta, Benjamin Mertus, Alexander Milder, Dominique Nagasawa, Aviva Neff, Wanderson Novais Pereira, Shane O'Neil, Brian O'rourke, Felipe Pacci Evaristo, Jaychandran Padayasi, Maritza Pierre, Bryan Remailly, Lauren Riley, Morgan Ross, Mary Sagatellova, Ashweta Sahni, Erik Scaltriti, Michelle Scott, Shouvonik Sengupta, Karla Shockley McCarthy, Prabhjot Singh, Daniel Smith, Swetha Rajasekaran, Kye Stachowski, Garrett Tatum, Jenna Thomas, Ekaterina Tikhonyuk, Ana Maria Velasquez Giraldo, Ericka Velez-Bonet, Brett Wedding, Menghang Wu, Yitong Xin, Christina Zachariadou

**Delegates Absent:** Ali Asghari Adib, Luke Andrejek, Selasi Attipoe, Rob Barry, Polina Berezina, Yu-Chun Chang, Fouad Choueiry, Kacey Clark, Jacob Compaleo, Carrington Conerly, Paul Consiglio, Robert Cremins, Archit Datar, Riley DeBacker, Austin DeGross, Benjamin Duran, Megan Espana, Steph Fanelli, Bethany Frick, Colby Gregg, Jenna Greve, Sarah Haines, Lindsey Hernandez, Morgan Heyde, Sarah Hyman, Shontiera Johnson, Ashwin Kane, Noor Khalayleh, Pouya Kousha, Javonte Lipsey, Madeleine Lomax-Vogt, Doricka Menefee, Madison Mize, Laura Neese, Kelsey Pinckard, Rosie Rabati, Marie Rineveld, Armando Roman, Melika Shahhosseini, Kumar Somnath, Goran Stevanovski, Matthew Stuckey, Greyson Teague, Jamie Utphall, Derek Walton, Andrew Wilson, Megan Zib

**Senators Present:** Tyler Beauregard, Gala Korniyenko, Laine Rumreich, Dustin Servello

**Senators Absent:** Aaron Beczkiewicz, Shahwar Ali, Akshay Asaithambi, Conner Sarich, Utkarsh Shah

**Executive Committee Members Present:** Katherine Conner, Caroline Fitzpatrick, Abigail Grieff, Kathryn Holt, Javonte Lipsey, Madeleine Lomax-Vogt, Nick Messenger, Aviva Neff, Teuvyn Page, Wanderson Novais Pereira, Sochina Ranjit, Cameron Rhinehart, Michelle Scott, Carrie Anne Thomas, Leila Vieria de Jesus Gemelli

**Executive Committee Members Absent:** Brandon Free, Jenna Greve, Conner Sarich, Melika Shahhosseini

**1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 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**

**2.1. Carmen log-in**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**3.1. Minutes from May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

- 3.1.1. Minutes approved.

**4. OFFICER REPORTS**

**4.1. President (Messenger.37)**

**4.1.1. Covid-19 & Au-21**

- Reactivation of campus is looking like 75% in person 25% online.
- The indoor masking and social distancing requirements are still up in the air.
- You can report your vaccination status via BuckMD – this helps OSU's vaccination data.
- Anticipating no vaccine requirements on campus.
- Unclear of what the international travel restrictions will be in the fall, especially for high-risk

countries.

- 4.1.2. We received another round of covid aid from the federal government that totaled over 100 million dollars. 57.2% of this must be distributed to students. Last time this happened the university proactively distributed this money to students that had a FASFA on file. Since graduate students do not usually have a FASFA on file, as well as other categories of students being ineligible, how will they distribute money this time around?
  - They are supposed to get back to us and I will follow up on this conversation.
- 4.1.3. Dean Bertone will be retiring December 2021.
- 4.1.4. Dr Melissa Julian from the University of Chicago will be taking over for Bruce McPhearon on August 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Abby and I have reached out to meet with her to get to know her a little more.
- 4.1.5. CPD hired a new police chief: Elaine Bryant.
- 4.1.6. State Legislation on the restriction of teaching Critical Race Theory in state institutions was introduced.
  - There is not any indication of how far this will go as far as being passed.
- 4.1.7. Matching fee authorization.
  - This has been extended to some students that need extra time to finish their PhDs due to roadblocks caused by Covid-19.
- 4.1.8. Caps and gowns.
  - We have started these discussions and feel positive that they are moving forward to a few solutions.
- 4.1.9. Workday.
  - There are numerous issues with this that are affecting both faculty and graduate students concerning pay, email access, etc.
  - We sent a joint letter from University Senate Leadership to pull together and start solving pay issues and problems.
- 4.1.10. Organizations and Elections committee.
  - Every member of the exec committee will serve on this.
  - We hope that this increases transparency and internal housekeeping.
  - This will be chaired by VP Abby Grieff.2
- 4.1.11. **Questions:**
  - How often should we be tested if we have not reported our vaccination status?
    - You test weekly unless you report that you are vaccinated, in that case you test monthly.

#### **4.2. Vice President (Grieff.2)**

- 4.2.1. If you are a new delegate and we spoke and you are assuming the summer seat, you are now able to vote.
- 4.2.2. We will be filling open seats. If you notice your department is not represented please encourage grads to reach out and apply to be a delegate.
- 4.2.3. I will start serving on the Commission on Mental Health alongside Dr. Shivers and the Senior VP for Student Life Group. If there is anything that you feel passionate that I can advocate for you in that space, please reach out to me!
- 4.2.4. Thank you for participating in the Carmen discussions, will continue to have conversations over PhD regalia.

#### **4.3. Treasurer (Scott.1445)**

- 4.3.1. We will be voting on our budget act today.
- 4.3.2. The next funding period for Ray Travel Grant is now open until August 1<sup>st</sup>!

#### **4.4. Secretary (Geisse.1)**

- 4.4.1. From now on, I will be posting the meeting packets and any legislature to be reviewed and voted for at the top of our Carmen page. This is so delegates have easy access to materials.
- 4.4.2. I will be announcing winners of the Career Development Grant by mid-June.
- 4.4.3. All new people are added to Carmen – contact me if you still can't access it.
- 4.4.4. I'm updating the website, if you see something that needs updated please reach out to me.

#### **4.5. Chief of Staff (Lipsey.25)**

- 4.5.1. I am on the search committee for the Associate Vice President for Institutional Equity. We are currently in the review status. I will keep you updated about that process, if you have questions please email me!

## **5. COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES**

- 5.1.1. **Academic Affairs**
- 5.1.2. **Arts & Culture**
  - Robin will be using When2Meet to organize her committee as well as a survey to pool important topics for discussion.
- 5.1.3. **Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion**
  - We are working on our transitional period right now!.
- 5.1.4. **Government Affairs**
  - There is a new election reform bill out, it seems like it will makes things harder to vote then easier.
  - House Bill 322 – Critical Race Theory.
    - There's another Bill 337 – that will do the same thing, but it adds in teaching, advocating, and promoting. It also explicitly includes state agencies. Stay tuned for updates.
- 5.1.5. **Graduate Student Affairs**
  - We have been having transition meetings.
- 5.1.6. **Health, Wellness, & Safety**
  - We have been gathering information and devising our plan for the fall.
- 5.1.7. **Internal Student Affairs**
- 5.1.8. **Strategic Communications**
- 5.1.9. **SERC**
- 5.1.10. **Research and operations**
  - Katie is currently onboarding people! If you like “bending the administration to your will via the use of data” you should definitely join!
- 5.1.11. **Membership and Organizational Wellness**
  - Caroline is working on analyzing data from the Climate Survey!
- 5.1.12. **Housing & Family Affairs**

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

### 6.1. Act 008 – Budget for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year

- 6.1.1. Michelle has worked hard to figure out how much money we have, and proposed a new budget for us.
- 6.1.2. We have a lot of carry forward, therefore more money to spend this year.
- 6.1.3. Total income right now is 424K.
- 6.1.4. Most things from last-years budget have roughly been doubled.
- 6.1.5. Grant Funding has substantially increased, we hope that this directly benefits graduate students.
- 6.1.6. **Questions:**
  - Do you think we will be able to carry forward a larger percent then 10%, in case we can't spend that down?
    - We're still waiting to see.
  - Are there any restrictions on these funding lines?
    - Besides restrictions on grants as they are (like funding travel expenditures only, etc), we cannot donate money, we cannot give money to any one person (besides via grants), can't buy alcohol, tobacco, firearms, and we cannot move money around.
- 6.1.7. **Debate**
  - None
- 6.1.8. **Voting**
  - 38 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain.

### 6.2. ERJC Report.

- 6.2.1. An ad hoc committee had constructed a report on equity and racial justice at Ohio State, this will be used to inform our advocacy for the following year/period.
- 6.2.2. Incoming committee chairs are instructed to read this and incorporate it in their own planning.
- 6.2.3. Motion to fully adopt the report.
- 6.2.4. **Questions/Comments**

- Friendly amendments to the (fabulous, comprehensive, and well-researched) EJRC report:
  1. In the "Increasing Black Enrollment..." section, may I suggest changing "minority" to "minoritized" throughout?
  2. Page 16, item 4, first sentence is "Black faculty continuously represent less than 10% of PhDs"--the meaning is unclear to me. "Represent" as in mentor less than 10% of PhDs? Or only 10% of Black faculty have a doctorate? Or only 10% of doctorate-having faculty at OSU are Black?
    - Change to: "Less than 10% of PhDs are Black faculty (Edwards & Ross, 2018), presenting a barrier to Black faculty achieving tenured track positions."
  3. Page 46: Typo in title; change "Waving" to "Waiving"
  4. Page 62: capitalize the word Black in the phrase "non-black" in line 6.
  5. Acknowledgements - Counsel to Council
- On page 32 it states "the community enrollment question should no longer require students to disclose felony convictions, behavioral misconduct, and any form of criminal history as a stipulation of admission." How would this affect people who are convicted of sexual assault, and how would the university make aware convicted abusers on campus?
  - In regard to sexual assault, people who are applying to universities are mostly drug offenders exclusively.
  - We looked at what offenders applied to OSU (undergrad/grad) and of all of those admissions there was just one sexual offender.

#### **6.2.5. Debate**

- None

#### **6.2.6. Voting**

- 38 Yeas, 2 Nays, 0 Abstain.

## **7. SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS**

### **7.1. Delegate Issues & Concerns**

- 7.1.1. Is there an established date for which we will find out how the university is going to open?
  - Not yet. We are expecting maybe an email from President Johnson in July.
- 7.1.2. The school of music is getting a new building, which is great! But it came to light in a recent faculty meeting that there is a space issue where some GTAs may not have space in this building.
  - Messenger.37: Please send me an email with bullet points of specific problems and I am going to cast this out to the offices involved in that project.

## **8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 8.1. Next meeting is July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 3:30 pm.

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

**TO:** The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
**FROM:** Abby GRIEFF, Vice President  
**DATE:** July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
**RE:** Vice President's Report

If you are attending this meeting as a new delegate and are taking the seat of your outgoing delegate, please make sure you've talked with me about this. Reach out to me at [grieff.2@osu.edu](mailto:grieff.2@osu.edu) with any questions.

We are beginning to take applications to serve on a University or Senate Committee. As a member of CGS, we encourage you to represent graduate student voices to serve on University and Senate Committees. These are committees that have been created in the university to work on various issues/topics. Committees are composed of faculty, staff, administrators, and students. These committees are external to CGS; internal committee assignments will come later this fall.

With serving on a committee, you are expected to attend meetings, report back to CGS, and be collaborative with CGS. It is important that we have representation on these committees by students who can be present, so that we can stay up to date on various university happenings. This is a great opportunity for leadership and for forming connections with staff, faculty, administration, and other students who are passionate about similar efforts.

For this application, we will ask a couple of short questions. Based on your areas of interest, we will match you with a committee that you are a great fit for. This will be a collaborative process; we want to allow students to have the space to serve in areas they are passionate about. You are more than welcome to note committees you are interested in. Please see this link to view both senate and university committees and read more about them:  
<https://cgs.osu.edu/committees/external-committees/>

If you are currently sitting on a committee, you should reapply. The deadline for this will be **\*\*\*JULY 12TH AT 11:59PM\*\*\***. Please email Abby GRIEFF.2 with any questions. See the link for the application here: <https://forms.gle/CUBJaEUvy6RJM8GG9>

Emails will be going out to all graduate students and grad studies chairs regarding vacant seats that we have. If you know of anyone who might be a great addition to CGS for the 2021-2022 academic year, encourage them to reach out to me or to apply. I am happy to meet with anyone to discuss the duties.

A delegate and senator orientation will come at the beginning of the fall semester. If you are new, do not stress! We will make sure we train you and give you information you need to feel supported and successful in this role.

See the meeting dates for CGS at the end of this report for the 2021-2022 academic year.



As always, if anyone has any questions, I am always happy to meet. Feel free to reach out at [grieff.2@osu.edu](mailto:grieff.2@osu.edu) or 513-649-4834.

Abby

## **July**

**July 9 – Delegate body meeting, 3:30-5:30pm**

## **August**

8/27 Executive Board - 4-5:30pm

## **September**

9/3 Delegate Body Meeting - 3:30-5:30pm

9/17 Executive Board - 4-5:30pm

9/24 Executive Board - 4-5:30pm

## **October**

10/1 Delegate Body Meeting - 3:30-5:30pm

10/22 Executive Board - 4-5:30pm

10/29 Executive Board - 4-5:30pm

## **November**

11/5 Delegate Body Meeting - 3:30-5:30pm

11/19 Executive Board - 4-5:30pm

## **December**

12/3 Delegate Body Meeting - 3:30-5:30pm

12/10 Executive Board - 4-5:30pm

## **January**

1/14 Delegate Body Meeting - 3:30-5:30pm

1/21 Executive Board - 4-5:30pm

1/28 Executive Board - 4-5:30pm

## **February**

2/4 Delegate Body Meeting - 3:30-5:30pm

2/18 Executive Board - 4-5:30pm

2/25 Executive Board - 4-5:30pm

## **March**

3/4 Delegate Body Meeting - 3:30-5:30pm

3/25 Executive Board - 4-5:30pm

## **April**

4/1 Delegate Body Meeting - 3:30-5:30pm

4/22 Executive Board - 4-5:30pm

4/29 Executive Board - 4-5:30pm

## **May**

5/13 Delegate Body Meeting - 3:30-5:30pm, new exec leads this

**TO:** The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
**FROM:** Michelle Scott, Treasurer  
**DATE:** July 9, 2021  
**RE:** Treasurer's Report

We are currently working to figure out guidelines and restrictions for spending as the University continues to adjust COVID protocols. While we do not have a definitive answer for spending restrictions right now, I encourage everyone to begin planning events for this fall. We are anticipating that spending approval and purchasing will take longer than usual with Workday and supply chain disruptions.

The application window for funding period 2 of the Ray Travel Grant is currently open and will close on August 1<sup>st</sup>. With the University's travel restrictions lifted as of this month, please encourage graduate students to apply!

All the best,

Michelle

**TO:** The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
**FROM:** Alissa Geisse, Secretary  
**DATE:** July 9th, 2021  
**RE:** Secretary's Report

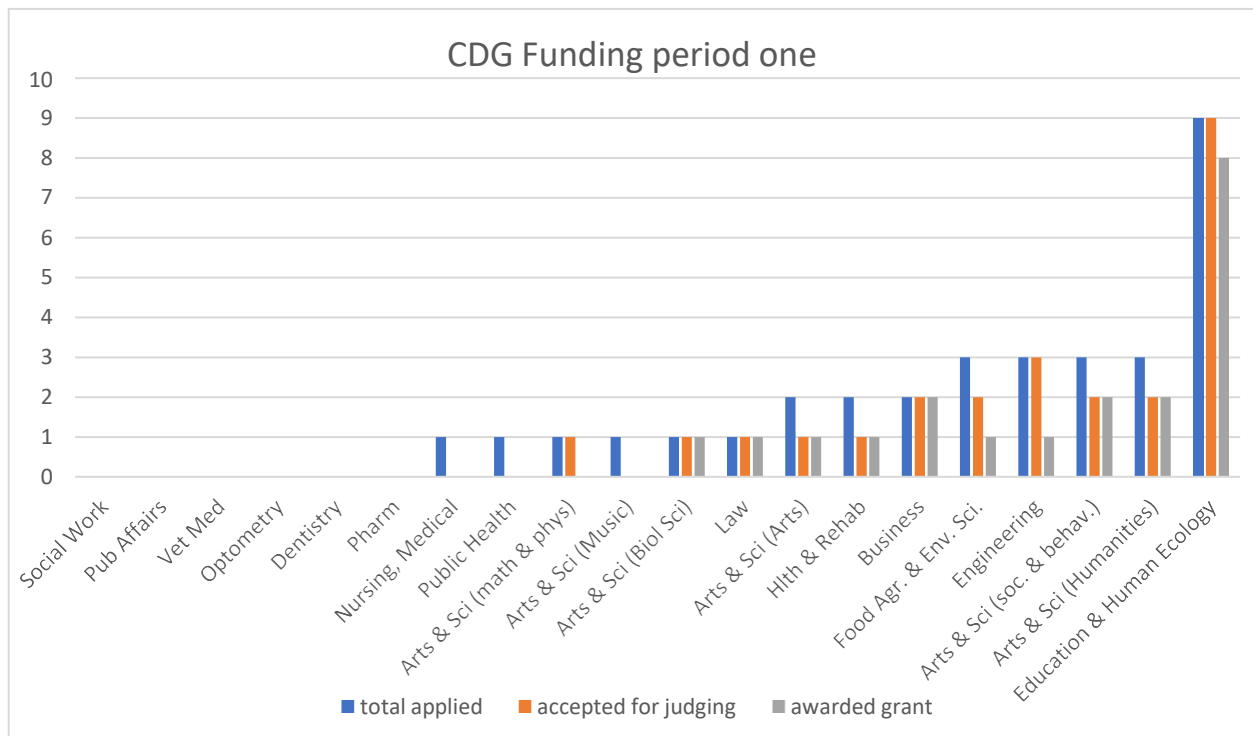
*The application window for funding period 2 of the Career Development Grant is open and will close on August 1<sup>st</sup>! Please go apply!*

For funding period 1 there were 33 applicants and 25 were accepted for judging. We were able to award 20 eligible applicants thanks to an increase in our yearly budget (14k -> 25k : Refer to Budget Act 008). For more information about how applications were broke down by college, see the graphs below.

I will be looking for judges to serve on my grants committee for the 2021-2022 year. If interested, please shoot me an email (geisse.1) or text (330-932-6333). Being a judge is a great way to ensure your college has representation in the judging process. You judge applications (~5-10) using a rubric 4x a year. An easy committee to participate in, and a way to further build your CVs! \*\*insert thumbs up emoji\*\*

All the best,

Alissa



**TO:** The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
**FROM:** Robin Gordon, Arts & Culture Chair  
**DATE:** July 5, 2021  
**RE:** Arts & Culture, Report

At the June 25<sup>th</sup> Executive Meeting, outgoing committee chairs shared their wisdom with incoming chairs on matters of programming and policy work. Outgoing Arts & Culture Chair Kathryn Holt has been and continues to be a champion as I begin to map potential needs and resources for the coming year.

Communications from OSU executives indicate that in-person convenings will take place on campus as early as fall semester. This information will expand arts & culture programming possibilities, and healthy and safety protocol will remain a priority.

[OSU's Arts District](#) will also inform arts & culture programming possibilities. My hopes for Arts & Culture Committee in the coming year include engaging Columbus arts communities and the Division of the Arts as well as artists and creatives across all disciplines in discourse and action around the new arts district. Graduate student voices can and should be a part of building an inclusive and welcoming arts community on OSU campus. Arts & Culture Committee can play a role in building connections and amplifying voices.

Following three semesters of online engagement and languish, recruitment to the committee is a priority, and so is addressing the needs of grad students who want to participate. Priming and fostering agency and healthy interdependence among committee members and participants is a priority for me. For those who are also thinking about how to support peers during this cicada-like emergence of learners into campus life, please reach out to me at [gordon.215@osu.edu](mailto:gordon.215@osu.edu).

Fellow Delegates, please consider joining the Arts & Culture Committee in 2021-2022. Your constituents are also eligible to participate in the committee without being delegates, so please extend the invitation to them. Please contact me at [gordon.215@osu.edu](mailto:gordon.215@osu.edu) with your questions and ideas!

**TO:** The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
**FROM:** Brian O'Rourke, Incoming CGS Government Affairs Chair  
**DATE:** July 9, 2021  
**RE:** Government Affairs Report

Per usual, reach out to me at [orourke.130@osu.edu](mailto:orourke.130@osu.edu) if you are interested in being a part of the Gov Affairs committee this fall and be sure to mention it on the application Abby sent out last week! In addition to building some infrastructure to follow relevant policy proceedings, one of my first goals for the group is to start designing an event that introduces people to the policymaking process on the local/state level with a focus on how they can get involved to advocate for issues they are passionate about

A quick update on some relevant issues:

## **STATE**

The Ohio Legislature is now in recess until September after passing a budget last week. The House and Senate crammed a lot in before leaving for the summer. Here are some things to keep in mind:

- 1) The budget includes language to allow college athletes in Ohio to profit off their Name, Image, and Likeness starting 7/1.
- 2) At the last second, the legislature [passed a bill](#) that would prohibit public schools (including universities from mandating vaccines available under Emergency Use Authorization (i.e. the three approved COVID-19 vaccines). This is a far weaker bill than what was being debated earlier this month and may be moot if the FDA soon fully approves the vaccines. It has yet to be signed by the Governor.

And, some things that did not happen (yet):

- 1) At one point, the Ohio House tacked a provision onto Name, Image, and Likeness legislation that would have barred transgender athletes from playing girls high school/college sports. However, this was not taken up by the Senate, and the language that ended up in the budget does **not** include this provision
- 2) Two bills banning the teaching of "divisive concepts" related to race, sex, etc. in public schools and/or state agencies ([HB 322](#) and [HB 327](#)) each received multiple hearings before the recess, but no votes. I would expect that these bills will receive more attention following the

summer recess. It is very possible these could apply to public universities like OSU, so we will need to keep close watch on this issue.

3) An election reform bill that I mentioned in my last report also received some hearings but not much progress otherwise.

4) Redistricting is coming. Brace yourselves...

## **FEDERAL**

1) I am keeping a close watch on federal action related to facilitating international students returning for the start of the semester in light of significant visa/documentation processing delays as some consulates remain closed. There is a [National Interest Exception](#) starting 8/1 that will allow international students from many countries to get into the country more easily. However, this does not address the potential for processing delays to derail international student plans to get to campus on time. Expect more updates in the future on this matter.

All the best,

Brian

**TO:** The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
**FROM:** Faith Lewis, Health, Wellness, and Safety Chair (Incoming)  
**DATE:** July 9, 2021  
**RE:** Committee Report

The Council of Graduate Students should advocate for all University events to provide notice if alcohol will be served at the event. The Alcohol Service Resource Guide for On Campus Events states that, “sufficient quantities of food and non-alcoholic beverages, including water, must be available and prominently visible during an event at which alcohol is served.” While alternatives are provided, there is no initial indication that attendees must be informed that there will be alcoholic drinks present.

Alcohol use disorder, commonly known as alcoholism, is a pattern of consumption characterized by chronic, uncontrolled drinking and preoccupation with alcohol. According to the 2019 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), an estimated 5.8% of American adults over 18 (nearly 14.4 million people) live with an alcohol use disorder. In addition, only 7.9% of these adults received professional treatment. Alcohol misuse and addiction is also highly prevalent amongst college students and employees as reported across addiction literature. As a result, CGS should take this stance to support Buckeyes in recovery which promotes a healthier, more inclusive campus environment. Suggestions for this policy update include that:

- This policy applies to all Ohio State events and student organization-sponsored events where alcoholic beverages are served.
- The advertisement for events must include the name of the sponsoring organization and a statement indicating that proof of age is required for entry into the event or to receive bar service.
- Alcohol must be limited, prohibited, or supervised by an unaffiliated third-party during recruiting events, including sports and Greek life.
- Terms or illustrations that promote the consumption of alcohol, such as “cocktails,” “happy hours,” “beverages,” are strongly discouraged.

Regarding fall semester, the current goal is to focus on the [nine] dimensions of wellness. Specifically, the Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee will provide programming and policy

suggestions that takes a holistic approach to health promotion and supports students of marginalized identities. The nine dimensions outlined by Ohio State are as follows: Emotional Wellness, Career Wellness, Social Wellness, Spiritual Wellness, Physical Wellness, Financial Wellness, Intellectual Wellness, Creative Wellness, and Environmental Wellness. Within these dimensions are opportunities to be party to sexual assault and violence prevention, BIPOC and LGBTQ2S+ student safety and engagement, and mental-emotional wellness. Examples of ideas include:

- **Womyn's Summit** – An event to celebrate and highlight BIPOC and first-generation women's professional endeavors through presentations, networking, workshops and other opportunities for engagement.
- **CARE Week** – A week dedicated to making sexual assault awareness and prevention a part of campus culture.
- **Painting Thru It** - Focuses on allowing students to explore their creative side while discussing topics related to inequity, culture, healing, and more.
- **HWS Podcast** - Health topics and discussions for students by students

To learn more or make suggestions, please reach out to Faith at [lewis.2365@buckeyemail.osu.edu](mailto:lewis.2365@buckeyemail.osu.edu)

peace,

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**TO:** The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates

**FROM:** Caroline Fitzpatrick, Chair for Membership and Organizational Wellness Committee

**DATE:** July 4, 2021

**RE:** MOW Committee Report

Happy July!

### **Committee Info**

- Central goal for the MOW committee is to (1) increase feelings of belonging and organizational knowledge for delegates and (2) increase inclusivity and accessibility of CGS culture as a whole
- All project work, survey data, relevant forms will be stored in a google folder, viewable 24/7 for all delegates
- The bottom of every committee report will include an 'important links' section with updated folders, forms, etc.

### **Project Updates**

- Projects in progress:
  - Culture survey—still analyzing results, current analysis posted to google drive, will be updated as I move forward with it
  - Idea & Concern forms—meant to create space for delegates to share with me their ideas or concerns, anonymously as desired, so that I can take action to support them (In testing stage; process will be improved soon)
- Potential future projects:
  - Social events like trivia, free talk space, or something else
  - Flow chart flyers, accessible via Carmen, about delegates' role within CGS/OSU; steps to advocate within the delegate role; Robert's Rules; other relevant topics
  - Shared sociocultural/educational presentations, during delegate meetings and/or at other times
  - Any idea that you have!

### **Important Links**

- Google Drive: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1U5iTPgIPSK-mxOrLtt-p9t4P2SZvPI7?usp=sharing>
- Idea form: <https://forms.gle/62Jy4cxBPKLbfpg38>
- Concern form: <https://forms.gle/rvXTmXo5vf9Q2LAJ8>

Reach out to me at any time!!

Stay cool!

Caroline