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Absent: Jacky Anderson, Om Prakash Bedant, Andrew Borst, Mary Byrne, Yu-chun Chang, Steph Charles, Min-Seok Choi, Jorge Clavo Abbass, Alec Clott, Paul Consiglio, Kat Ellis, Elizabeth Galko, Lauren Howard, Audrey Hungerpiller, Kevin Ingles, Arsh Kumar, Jungmin Lee, Ho-chieh Lin, Ruonan Lin, Eric Loria, Emily Lundstedt, Tori Magers, Kate Ormiston, Alejandro Otero Bravo, Tricia Oyster, Ryann Patrus, Mark Pauley, Miguel Pedrozo, Kelsey Pinckard, Avi Pokala, Ken Poland, Zeltzin Reyes, Isaac Reynolds, Marie Rineveld, Erik Scaltriti, Lena Schreiber, Sarah Scott, Melika Shahhosseini, Shruthi Shetty, Preeti Singh, Sundeeep Siripurapu, Nithya Sivashankar, Lindsey Stirek, Nicole Tchorowski, Philip Tice, Taylor Tomu, James Uanhoro, Jennifer Valdez, Mitch Vicieux, Derek Walton, Yu Lun Wu, Soroush Zamanian, Megan Zib

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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. Minutes from May 8, 2020

- 3.1.1. Minutes approved.

3.2. Minutes from June 5, 2020

- 3.2.1. Minutes approved.

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

4.1. President (Post.144)

- 4.1.1. Stephen thanks delegates for attending the special meeting last week. It was really important for us to talk about these issues. Please remember to continue to take care of yourselves.
- 4.1.2. We are transitioning back to campus for fall. There was published documentation about how these procedures will go and there is a link in President's report for FAQs.
- 4.1.3. New president, Kristina Johnson, announced. Very personable and in touch with grad student issues. Productive and promising meeting was had last week. She will start Sep 1 and, in the meantime, the president of the board of trustees and the provost are handling all presidential duties.
- 4.1.4. There is still emergency fund money available for students, even those who have previously applied.
- 4.1.5. There have been conversations about finding funding for those students who have had to extend their graduation timeline because they were not able to do their research during the pandemic. The leftover grad school budget will be reallocated to help cover these funding deficits and will hopefully be matched by departments. Those who were initially planning to graduate in the next academic year will get priority for this funding. It will be on the individual students to reach out to their programs and request funding assistance. An email should go out with more info next week.
- 4.1.6. The change to GA dates will only be applied to those who are on federally sponsored programs for the

time being. This was the impetus for changing to the new appointment schedule. GAs still exempt from the hiring freeze.

4.1.7. Do the feedback survey if you haven't already. It's on Carmen.

4.1.8. Questions:

- Holt.351 asked how the grad school will determine which students are eligible for this funding assistance?
 - Will be those who were actually prevented from doing their work because of restrictions about being on campus, cancellation of practicums, traveling, etc.
- Conner.280 asked whether masks were going to be a requirement to be on campus. Will this be fully enforced and how?
 - There is a collective agreement that all students will sign and there will likely be mask-on and mask-off zones. Not sure yet how violations of these rules will be handled.
- Dahlberg-sears.1 asked when PPE will be distributed to students? What will the cleaning schedule be?
 - As of right now, there will be a limited supply distributed to each unit. Some details are still being worked out, but they will be relying on signage and cleaning protocols, limiting the number of people in rooms. Any classes over 100 people will be 100% online.
- Greve.41 asked if the same issues will still apply for those GA date changes that we are addressing in this resolution to be discussed if it will only be applied for students on federal funding?
 - They are still working with HR to figure out how people may be impacted. We are moving forward with this resolution because things have not been decided for sure yet and it was clear in conversations with administrators that they had not considered these potential complications.

4.2. Vice President (Haynes.242)

- 4.2.1. The university-wide spending freeze is still active until June 30.
- 4.2.2. Fall elections will be happening soon to fill the remaining open delegate seats.
- 4.2.3. New committee has been created within the College of Arts and Sciences to manage the transition back to campus. If you are a CAS student and are interested in serving on this committee, please reach out to DaVonti'.
- 4.2.4. We will hopefully have a new website in early fall that will work a lot better than our current site.
- 4.2.5. We are adding a new grant to our repertoire in collaboration with Student Life and Outreach & Engagement for students doing community and outreach engagement work within the community. Students will be awarded between. \$500 and \$1500 for each grant. Will be rolled out in the fall

4.3. Treasurer (Lynch.389)

- 4.3.1. 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.
- 4.3.2. The full budget is being presented later in the meeting as an act. Questions will be addressed then.

4.4. Secretary (Light.109)

- 4.4.1. The application window for the second funding period of the Career Development Grant opens next Monday. Applicants will only be funded for non-travel expenses because of current and anticipated travel restrictions imposed by the university.
- 4.4.2. A report detailing the demographics of both CDG and GGG applicants and winners over the 2019-2020 year is included in the Secretary's report.

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

5.1. International Student Affairs (Asghariadib.1)

- 5.1.1. There has been a delay in printing diplomas which has been impacting visa applications for international students.
- 5.1.2. There was a letter brought to us by OIA drafted by students from MIT and others. We have talked about signing onto this letter as an organization. The letter will be distributed via Carmen.
- 5.1.3. Student support committee has been collecting issues from grads and undergrads.

6. SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS

6.1. Delegate Concerns

- 6.1.1. None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1. Resolution 1920-012: A Resolution Condemning the Injustices Against the Black Community and Columbus Protestors by the Columbus Police Department

- 7.1.1. Post.144: This is a very important and encompassing issue that we needed to address in a timely manner with the joint letter from all student governments. With this resolution, we are creating a policy position for CGS that encompasses all of our voices and grievances. We are looking forward to future engagement with university admins and have already had some very successful conversations. This will be followed up with a second piece of legislation to create an ad-hoc committee that will further the mission.

7.1.2. Questions:

- Dahlberg-sears.1: There was a Lantern article that came out this week that contained a reply to the joint letter. He was wondering if there would be a rebuttal or discussion and whether this should be addressed in the resolution?
 - The student gov leaders are trying to meet with the author of the letter in person first and may put out a response after this meeting happens.
- Fahrback.5: Agrees with a lot of points made in the letter about the impracticality of completely severing ties with CPD. She feels that it would be better to have separate resolutions addressing the issues and the relationship with CPD.
 - The reality of the conversation is that we will be reevaluating the relationship with CPD and likely not completely abolishing it instead.
 - One of the most important asks is the lines that ask for alternative methods of enforcing "as a means of ...". The goal is to really open lines of dialogue and lay the groundwork for productive conversations. More specific policy changes are outline in the next resolution establishing the ad-hoc committee.
- **Questions extended for 5 minutes.**
- Slechta.3: Has the administration has formally responded to the demands made in the joint letter?
 - Technically, no.
- Williams.6571: What will the connection be between the asks in Line 59 (Resolved clause that asks OSU to identify and implement alternative means of protecting the safety of students outside of current partnerships) and the ad hoc committee?
 - The ad hoc committee is going to be digging in to the research and laying out more specific policy changes we would like to see.
- Free.41: Is the policy position to still push for cutting ties with CPD if possible and is this resolution an endorsement of this policy position?
 - There are 3 different approaches employed by the different student governments. USG is still supporting that position, but we are not necessarily supporting that and it's not a realistic position to have in these meetings.

7.1.3. Discussion:

- Conner.280 emphasizes that even if cutting ties with CPD is now a ridiculous ask, if gives us some negotiation room to ask for more than we think that we will get.
- Jameson.61 (ALT for Cool.28): This resolution is not the most outrageous statement or policy position that we could make. If this is supposed to be a consensus statement
- Dahlberg-sears.1: Even if you don't support the joint statement itself, this resolution is just

stating that we used it to initiate conversation, which has already been successful. If you are not fine with the actions of the CPD, then you should support this statement

- Holt.351: Assuming that a policy position or ask is unrealistic or unreasonable can be dangerous.
- Shockleymccarthy.1: There is definitely more fervor for severing ties among the undergrad population. She does not see how the ad hoc committee will fit into the larger picture that this resolution is establishing.
- Fahrbach.5: Part of the relationship between the OSUPD and the CPD Line 59 section could maybe be worded in a different way other than specifically asking for severing ties with CPD? Wouldn't it be better to ask for things that are realistic to attain?
- **Discussion extended by 10 minutes.**
- Beauregard.13: In this resolution, we haven't actually asked the CPD to change their behavior or advocated for any reform. This could be an important piece of this discussion.
- Williams.6571: The important piece of change is imagining how problems could be addressed in a better way in the future.
- Free.41: We seem to represent such a variety of opinions; it would be irresponsible for us to sign on to this as written.
- Brandl.8: We have to be strategic in our policy positions because the university has a history of not responding to demands for change. The main point is to state our general position and the ad hoc committee is where we will follow through on creating policy demands. If this resolution is voted down in this meeting, then we are forced to delay making any statement or decisions until our July meeting.
- Pierre.77: If we are saying Black Lives Matter, we should not walk that back with caveats.
- Shah.1285: The existing relationship between OSUPD and CPD makes sure that CPD does not violate the rights of OSU students. There will be no repercussions if there is no partnership. Better to set more aggressive targets that CPD must meet to continue the partnership.
- **Discussion extended by 10 minutes.**
- Whitaker.105 (ALT for Kousha.3): There is a lot of ambiguity in the language of the resolution which is leading to some people seeing it as too aggressive and some are seeing it as not aggressive enough. For examples, in the lines that ask to identify alternatives, what happens if there are no alternatives? The most likely outcome is just different police not no police
- Datar.10: It seems that we are in agreement with the general feeling of the resolution, but the lone sticking point is the line that states that we support the joint letter that was published. Maybe better to remove that reference to the statement entirely.
- Fahrbach.5: Agreed that Lines 59-61 are strong, but Lines 63-65 are potentially divisive.
- Motion to amend the resolution to replace Lines 63-65 with language that either doesn't reference the statement or removes the words "and supports".
- Motion to amend seconded.
- Discussion of amendment:
 - Dahlberg-sears.1: The way it is worded already says that we are using the statement as leverage so taking out those 2 words doesn't change the meaning of the line.
 - Conner.280: Agrees with the previous point and says that taking this out weakens our position.
 - Williams.6571: If we remove the language stating our support, that makes Stephen look bad. However, if we leave the language vague, we allow others to interpret our meaning.
- Motion to amend the amendment and change Lines 63-65 of the resolution to say "recognizes and supports, as a means of initiating critical conversation and engagement with the Ohio State University administration, the statement put out on June 1, 2020 by the presidents of the student governments".
- Motion to amend seconded.
- Discussion of amendment:
 - Williams.6571: This wording change is a good compromise that will hopefully make people feel more comfortable.
 - Free.41: This removes a little ambiguity in the language.

- Motion to end discussion and vote on the amendment.
 - Amended amendment is voted on and accepted.
- 7.1.4. Voting conducted via Carmen survey.
- 7.1.5. Resolution passes (44 Yeas, 1 Nay, 2 Abstentions).

7.2. Act 1920-012: An Act Establishing the Ad Hoc Equity and Racial Justice Committee

- 7.2.1. Brandl.8: The initial charge of this committee is to focus on police relationships but will address a wider host of issues in the future. The committee will make recommendations to CGS as they work, up until the December 2020 meeting.
- 7.2.2. **Questions:**
 - None.
- 7.2.3. **Discussion:**
 - Free.41: Might be good to add a sub-section that addresses policing specifically.
 - Motion to amend the resolution to add this as a sub-section of section 4: “Develop recommendations for actions the Council of Graduate Students can take to meaningfully address systemic racial injustices perpetrated by policing practices at The Ohio State University and in the Columbus community including, but not limited to: (1) specific reforms on the part of the Ohio State University Police Department and the Columbus Police Department, (2) alternative means of public safety and (3) evaluating partnerships between The Ohio State University Police Department and the Columbus Police Department.”
 - Motion seconded.
 - Discussion of amendment:
 - We don’t to limit to only Columbus campus as OSU has several other campuses.
 - Amendment withdrawn.
 - Motion for a second amendment as a sub-section of section 4: “Develop recommendations for actions the Council of Graduate Students can take to meaningfully address systemic racial injustices perpetrated by policing practices at The Ohio State University and in our communities, but not limited to: (1) specific reforms on the part of the Ohio State University Police Department and the Columbus Police Department, (2) alternative means of public safety and (3) evaluating partnerships between The Ohio State University Police Department and the Columbus Police Department.”
 - Motion seconded.
 - Motion to amend the proposed amendment by replacing all references to the “Columbus Police Department” to “local police department”.
 - Amendment to the amendment approved.
 - Amendment is approved.
- 7.2.4. Voting conducted via Carmen survey.
- 7.2.5. Act passes (43 Yeas, 0 Nay, 0 Abstentions).

7.3. Resolution 1920-011: A Resolution Rejecting the Changes to the Appointment Dates of Graduate Associateships

- 7.3.1. Haynes.242: The Graduate School determined new appointment dates without any input from students or faculty. We posed a list of questions to the Graf School administrators about problems that we saw with these new dates and they did not have answers to most of them or had not considered them at all. We are asking for them to hold off on this change until they can gather more feedback. This will likely be followed up with a resolution that states that the grad school will not be allowed to change procedures and policies in the future without first gathering feedback from those who will be impacted by these changes (mostly grad students).
- 7.3.2. **Questions:**
 - None.
- 7.3.3. **Discussion:**
 - None.
- 7.3.4. Voting conducted via Carmen survey.
- 7.3.5. Resolution passes (40 Yeas, 0 Nay, 2 Abstentions).

7.4. Act 1920-010: An Act Establishing the Ad Hoc Governance Review Committee

7.4.1. Overview: Haynes.242: The goal of this committee is go through all governance documents for CGS and identify areas where they are outdated, incorrect, or inconsistent. The committee will begin working this summer and make recommendations to the delegate body by the October 2020 meeting.

7.4.2. Questions:

- Free.41: how many people will be on this committee?
 - 12 people total.
- Beauregard.13: Will we need to include language that addresses when this ad hoc committee will be dissolved?
 - The act says that the committee has a deadline of October 2020 to make recommendations so the committee will dissolve after this has been achieved.

7.4.3. Discussion:

- None.

7.4.4. Voting conducted via Carmen survey.

7.4.5. Act passes (40 Yeas, 0 Nay, 1 Abstentions).

7.5. Act 1920-011: An Act Concerning the Approval of the Budget for the 2020-2021 Academic Year for the Council of Graduate Students

7.5.1. Lynch.389: We have lumped the awards and recognitions budget all together instead of having separate funds. We have halved the meeting refreshment budget as we will not be meeting in person for the fall.

7.5.2. Questions:

- Is there a way to see the numbers of what was used last year?
 - No, not during this meeting. Also, last year's budget is not a good model because there was a lot of money that did not get spent because of the pandemic and events being cancelled.
 - Would be a good idea to present these numbers simultaneously in the future?
 - This information is always included in the treasurer's report for each meeting packet.

7.5.3. Discussion:

- None.

7.5.4. Voting conducted via Carmen survey.

7.5.5. Act passes (38 Yeas, 0 Nay, 0 Abstentions).

7.6. Act 1920-009: An. Act Establishing CGS Meeting Dates 2020-2021

7.6.1. Post.144: Same as the act previously presented but with an incorrect date fixed.

7.6.2. Questions:

- Drayton.18 asked whether the language should state whether our meetings will be on zoom or in person?
 - For at least the whole of fall semester, we will be using zoom. We don't want to specify because we don't know for sure when we will be back in person.

7.6.3. Discussion:

- None.

7.6.4. Voting conducted via Carmen survey.

7.6.5. Act passes (39 Yeas, 0 Nay, 0 Abstentions).

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

8.1. Next meeting is July 10th, 2020 @ 3:30pm: <https://osu.zoom.us/j/96728965959>

8.2. There are still senate and university committees that need CGS members. Get in touch with DaVonti' if you are interested in serving.

9. Meeting adjourned at 5:42pm.