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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 May 14, 2021 MINUTES** (5 min.)
4. **OFFICER REPORTS** (20 min.)
 - 4.1. President, Nick Messenger.37
 - 4.2. Vice President, Abby Grieff.2
 - 4.3. Treasurer, Michelle Scott.1445
 - 4.4. Secretary, Alissa Geisse.1
 - 4.5. Chief of Staff, Javonte Lipsey.25
 - 4.6. Parliamentarian, Brandon Free.41
5. **COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES** (15 min.)
 - 5.1. Academic Affairs, Meng Wu
 - 5.2. Arts & Culture, Robin Gordon
 - 5.3. Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, Sly Worthy and T'Euvyn Page
 - 5.4. Government Affairs, Brian O'Rourke
 - 5.5. Graduate Student Affairs, Kameron Rinehart
 - 5.6. Health, Wellness, & Safety, Faith Lewis
 - 5.7. International Student Affairs, Sochina Rajit
 - 5.8. Strategic Communications, Carrie Anne Thomas.4051
 - 5.9. Graduate Caucus
 - 5.10. SERC, Sally
 - 5.11. Research & Operations, Katie Conner.280
 - 5.12. Membership & Org Wellness, Caroline Fitzpatrick
 - 5.13. Housing and Family Affairs, Blaise Truesdell
6. **NEW BUSINESS** (30 min)
 - 6.1. Act 008: An Act Establishing the FY 2022 CGS Budget
 - 6.2. Adopting the Equity and Racial Justice Ad Hoc Report
7. **SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS** (15 min.)
 - 7.1. Delegate Issues and Concerns
8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** (5 min)
 - 8.1. July Delegate Meeting – July 9 @ 3:30pm
9. **Adjourn** (~5:10pm)

CGS Virtual Meeting Ground Rules

1. Be open, flexible, considerate, and kind!
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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Delegates Present: Ada Barach, Om Prakash Bedant, Jessica Blackburn, Anthony Bowersock, Steph Charles, Katherine Conner, Adam Culiver, Robert Dahlberg-Sears, Todd DeRose, Kendra Dickinson, Ty Drayton, Story Edison, Caroline Fitzpatrick, Annedra Gladney, Robin Gordon, Paul Gregor, Keira Hambrick, Christian Hines, Gregory Jameson, Ellia La, Yifan Li, Xinyue Lu, Alan Lujan, Charles Mace, Zari Mahmoudi, Krutant Mehta, Alexander Milder, Aviva Neff, Wanderson Novais Pereira, Shane O'Neil, Brian O'rourke, Felipe Pacci Evaristo, Jaychandran Padayasi, Maritza Pierre, Bryan Remaily, Lauren Riley, Morgan Ross, Mary Sagatelo, Erik Scaltriti, Michelle Scott, Karla Shockley Mccarthy, Daniel Smith, Kye Stachowski, Garrett Tatum, Ekaterina Tikhonyuk, Ana Maria Velasquez Giraldo, Brett Wedding

Delegates Absent: Ali Asghari Adib, Luke Andrejek, Selasi Attipoe, Rob Barry, Polina Berezina, John Bundschuh, Yu-Chun Chang, Fouad Choueiry, Kacey Clark, Jacob Compaleo, Carrington Conerly, Paul Consiglio, Robert Cremins, Archit Datar, Riley DeBacker, Austin DeGroff, Benjamin Duran, Meaghann Dynes, Megan Espana, Steph Fanelli, Bethany Frick, Jahmour Givans, Colby Gregg, Jenna Greve, Sarah Haines, Jordan Hartman, Nathaniel Heiden, Lindsey Hernandez, Morgan Heyde, Sarah Hyman, Shontara Johnson, Ashwin Kane, Noor Khalayleh, Pouya Kousha, Ho-chieh Lin, Javonte Lipsey, Madeleine Lomax-Vogt, Doricka Menefee, Benjamin Mertus, Madison Mize, M. Dominique Nagasawa, Laura Neese, Kelsey Pinckard, Rosie Rabati, Swetha Rajasekaran, Marie Rineveld, Armando Roman, Ashweta Sahni, Melika Shahhosseini, Kumar Somnath, Goran Stevanovski, Matthew Stuckey, Greyson Teague, Jamie Utphall, Ericka Velez-Bonet, Derek Walton, Andrew Wilson, Yitong Xin, Megan Zib

Senators Present: Tyler Beauregard, Jenna Greve, Laine Rumreich, Dustin Servello

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

Executive Committee Members Present: Katherine Conner, Caroline Fitzpatrick, Brandon Free, Abigail Grieff, Kathryn Holt, Javonte Lipsey, Madeleine Lomax-Vogt, Nick Messenger, Aviva Neff, Wanderson Novais Pereira, Michelle Scott, Carrie Anne Thomas, Leila Viera

Executive Committee Members Absent: Jenna Greve, Javonte Lipsey, 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.

1.2. Land Acknowledgement

- 1.2.1. We are currently working on revising our land acknowledgement.

2. ROLL CALL

2.1. Carmen log-in

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. Minutes from April 2, 2021

- 3.1.1. Minutes approved.

4. NEW BUSINESS

4.1. Delegate and Appointments

- 4.1.1. Delegates that graduated in May are no longer delegates. Congratulations on your degree! However, if you graduated you no longer have a vote.
- 4.1.2. Any seat without a delegate winning election is now vacant.
- 4.1.3. These vacancies can be filled by petitioning the Executive Committee, who will decide to fill all or some vacancies at the Exec meeting on the last Friday of June.
- 4.1.4. Email Abby Grieff.2 if you have anyone in mind to take over your seat.

- 4.1.5. University and Senate Committee terms expire at the start of Autumn 2021.
- 4.1.6. We will be appointing 2021-2022 representatives late this summer. An email will be sent discerning this in the coming weeks.
- 4.1.7. Our new executive committee has been named!
 - Academic Affairs: Menghang Wu
 - Arts & Culture: Robin Gordon
 - Equity, Diversity & Inclusion: Sly Worthy & T'Euvyn Page
 - Government Affairs: Brian O'Rourke
 - Graduate Student Affairs: Kameron Rinehart
 - Health, Wellness, & Safety: Faith Lewis
 - Housing & Family Affairs: Blaise Truesdell
 - International Student Affairs: Sochina Ranjit
 - Membership Wellness: Caroline Fitzpatrick
 - Research & Data Operations: Katie Conner
 - Sustainability & Environmental Responsibility: Sally Ross
 - Council on Student Affairs: Caroline Karwisch
- 4.1.8. **Questions:**
 - Martza Pierra.77: If someone did not run in April 2021, then they are no longer a delegate?
 - The seat will not go vacant until the Fall.
 - If you did not run in April, you will serve through August.

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

5.1. President (Messenger.37)

- 5.1.1. The Provost and Human Resources Senior Vice President search is still ongoing.
- 5.1.2. GAA Tax Change & Reclassification
 - The IRS only knows/recognizes research assistants and teaching assistants as tax exempt.
 - Creates a problem for those with GAAs.
 - The university is going to begin taxing the tuition benefit appropriately received by GAAs.
 - We asked the university to review all GAA positions on campus and change the job description to reflect teaching or research.
 - The university has pledged that it will ask all departments to review this but it did not mandate it.
 - We will be meeting throughout June, July, and/or August to figure this out.
 - The hope is that there will be no more GAAs on campus by August.
- 5.1.3. Covid-19 & Au-21
 - No firm stances have been made on this.
 - Submit your vaccination statuses on BuckMD to move to once a month testing beginning in the Fall semester.
- 5.1.4. Buckeye Village & Family Housing
 - Continuing discussions discerning the housing plan.
- 5.1.5. Bylaw changes
 - There will be bylaw changes this summer to tidy-up and prepare for AU-21.
- 5.1.6. Culture Survey
 - Made time during meeting to fill out the culture survey.

5.2. Vice President (Grieff.2)

- 5.2.1. We are currently going through the delegate election process, welcome to all our new folks!
- 5.2.2. I am currently sitting on a committee that looks at the regalia differences between PhD and professional doctorate students.
 - PhD has scarlet and grey gowns and gets hooded at the OSU commencement.
 - Professional students have a black velvet gown with hoods colored to their respective profession and they do not get hooded at OSU commencement. Instead they are hooded at their own programs gathering.
 - There is a discussion surrounding this on Carmen, so please participate.
- 5.2.3. **Questions:**
 - Edison.22: Will the PhDs still get the red robes.
 - As of now they will remain the scarlet and grey gowns.
 - Dalberg-sears.1: Do we have the definition of what counts as a professional program at OSU?
 - The difference is that PhD goes through the graduate school. For professional students, your graduation goes through the graduate school but your program-specific exams goes through your college/departments/program.

- PhD is more research focused, whereas the professional doctorate is more applied and research done is applied in the field.

5.3. Treasurer (Scott.1445)

- 5.3.1. We have spent \$19,516.33 this year to keep CGS running..
- 5.3.2. We had a total income of \$113,070.13, in addition to our carryover totals from last year – which was \$111,000.
- 5.3.3. Once the spending freeze lifts, we want to spend this money! So think about different activities we should have (even if hybrid).
- 5.3.4. The Ray Travel Award Funding has also been extended until May 15th.

5.4. Secretary (Geisse.1)

- 5.4.1. The application window for funding period 1 on the Career Development Grant was extended until May 15th.
- 5.4.2. Winners for CGS Awards have been chosen and will be announced this week!
- 5.4.3. I'm working with Sarah to help me transition smoothly, but I'd love to get to know everyone so reach out to me and say hi!

5.5. Parliamentarian (Free.41)

- 5.5.1. I'm Brandon, the new parliamentarian and for any procedural questions please reach out.

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

6.1.1. Arts & Culture

- We did Take a Break with the Arts during finals week and it was really successful.

6.1.2. Government Affairs

- We will be looking for new people interested in aspects of local and state government in addition to what's happening in OSU's administration.
- The civilian review board has been confirmed by city council.
- At the state level we have seen updates dealing with covid-19. Get in on the lottery, and be aware that the mask mandate lifts June 2nd.

6.1.3. Health, Wellness, & Safety

- Wellness week this year went really well!
- Prizes will be sent to everyone this week.

6.1.4. Internal Student Affairs

- Sochina Ranjit will be our new chair and she is excited to get started!

6.1.5. Strategic Communications

- We are still ironing out a strategic communications plan. As soon as it is done we want to get it to all delegates for feedback.
- If you have any suggestions, please email Carrie Anne and/or post on our Carmen discussion board.
- If you're interested in joining, contact Carrie Anne. We need interest in social media, graphic design, etc.

6.1.6. SERC

- We generated nice discussion in our webinar with 2 professors. We also received great feedback and are excited about the level of engagements.

6.1.7. External Affairs

- This committee is going away, and Katie will be chairing a new committee: Data and Research Operations. Anyone interested in joining should message Katie!

6.1.8. Housing & Family Affairs

- Refer to last minutes meeting packet for some statistics based on a survey student life did on housing.
- They are moving everyone from Buckeye Village to one of the courts. Residents were not consulted on this.
- There are about 15 residents and this number will reduce by August.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1. ACT 2021-007 Standing Committees

7.1.1. Questions

- None

7.1.2. Debate

- None

7.1.3. Voting

- 36 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain.

7.2. ERJC Report

- 7.2.1. We will be reviewing and voting on this at our next meeting.
- 7.2.2. Motioned to table the ERJC report.
- 7.2.3. It is posted in Carmen for review.

8. SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS

8.1. Delegate Issues & Concerns

- 8.1.1. Gordon.215: How might we be handling moments where we are referring to documents we want everyone to all be looking at.
 - Messenger.37: We should consider creating a procedure for lengthier documents. Also one where shorter documents can be screen-shared or projected on the overhead screens
 - Conner.280: This is probably a long-standing problem where people don't read the meeting packets until we get to the meetings.
 - La.18: Is this something that could be forwarded to the operations committees or the wellness committee since this could be about members feeling burnt out and then they can decide whether this is something we should spend time on? We don't want to make a committee do extra work if it's not worth doing it.
 - Messenger.37: That's a great point. We don't want to have practices in an organization that don't get followed just because everybody thinks it's the best way to do something right. We need to figure out the best way to support our members being able to be effective delegates without making cgs feel like an extra burden or something.
- 8.1.2. Holt.351: Has there been any discussion on requiring vaccinations in the Fall?
 - Messenger.37: Based on conversations with President Johnson, they are probably not going to require vaccination broadly across the university. There has not been any explicit mandates made yet. There's currently a bill in the senate that would make public institutions unable to require the vaccine.
- 8.1.3. Dahlberg-sears.1: I am stricken by the cost of doctoral robes. I believe the cost of robes for my friend was \$1,000. Is there a way to lobby different colleges to create some sort of granting or subsidization?
 - Messenger.37: We have heard this concern off and on for years but we never have had this type of forum with Abby on the Regalia group to maybe bring this up. We should try to keep this proactively on our minds.
- 8.1.4. Paccievaristo.1: We (The Senate Diversity Committee) wrote a letter to President Johnson advising the university response to the death of Ma'khia Bryant. We did push for a more practical response than the beautiful words in a university email. Such as changing the relationship between the university and cpd. I don't know if this is something to be discussed at the cgs level, but we are dealing with lives here. Black and brown folks feeling threatened by cpd presence is also worth discussion.
 - Messenger.37: Thank you Felipe, these are conversations we need to continue to have, and with our new EID chairs coming to serve, this conversation is very timely. As we have seen, their response to that incident has been pretty delayed. Is it okay to have delegates email you if they have thoughts to include in this email?
 - Paccievaristo.1: Yes absolutely. I wonder what we can do? What is our role in the discussion? Should CGS put forth a letter of recommendation to the president from CGS? Do we have the autonomy to go ahead and make statements and take action regardless on what the president decides, or do we remain this sort of advising body to the president?
 - Messenger.37: We do weigh in on certain things, the same way the diversity committee does. We do have people who serve on university committees who have the ability to move resolutions through the university senate. The answer is that ultimately President Johnson has the power to decide to use Ohio State's political/financial/legal influence in whatever capacity regarding the relationship with CPD. In short: making change is very complex, but we can certainly take a stance.
 - Holt.351: Nick, have you had any conversations with President Johnson about this since the murder of Ma'khia Bryant.
 - Messenger.37: We did, but the discussion was tense and did not end the way I had wished. We have another date in June to bring this back around. She wanted us to provide her with answers like "what does divestment look like?" Etc.
 - Geisse.1: Was it that she didn't agree with your stances, or that she didn't feel like this was feasible?
 - Messenger.37: I think a little of both, but I don't want to speak for her. She seemed receptive to some thoughts though.

8.1.5. Lujan.14: Last year congress passed The Together As Buckeyes grant to fund student support, but some students were left out like undocumented immigrants, international students, and fasfa ineligible students. Apparently the Dept of Education had reassessed this and now undocumented students have access to those funds presumably. Is there any discussion by the administration of what is going on? Also the university sent fasfa eligible students \$1000, can we advocate that the other student groups get \$1000 as well?

- Messenger.37: Let's reach out to financial aid together. In addition, most grad students do not even have a fasfa on file so the majority of the graduate student body missed out on those funds. My recent question to them was would they still get that money if they fill out a fasfa? The answer was no, they would have to apply to the together as buckeyes grant in addition to the fasfa.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

9.1. Next meeting is June 4th, 2021 @ 3:30 pm.

10. Meeting adjourned at 6:07 pm.

TO: The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Nick Messenger, President
DATE: June 4, 2021
RE: President's Report

1. We continue to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic numbers on campus, in Columbus, and in Ohio. The University has not finalized guidance for fall. Governor DeWine's health orders expired on June 2. Several pieces of legislation have been introduced in the Ohio House and Senate which would prohibit vaccine requirements, data collection, or mask requirements for schools and Universities. None have yet passed.
2. Dean Bertone will be retiring as Dean of the Graduate School, effective December 2021. We will be engaged and involved in the national search for her replacement.
3. A new Provost was announced by the President. Melissa Gilliam, who currently serves as a Vice Provost at the University of Chicago and leads initiatives related to faculty support, recruitment and retention, and DEI will join Ohio State as Provost effective August 1. Abby and I will begin meeting with her to establish a working relationship on behalf of CGS.
4. We continue to engage the University leaders in discussions surrounding policing and Columbus Police. We attended the forum of new candidates to become CPD's next Chief. Abby will share more details. We continue to focus our immediate efforts in discussing the university's \$1.4 million payments for traffic control surrounding events. Long term solutions will require collaboration and action by the University but also the City in negotiations of contracts with CPD's union and potentially changes in city law.
5. I had a robust discussion with Faculty Cabinet last week regarding Workday and the multitude of pay errors, delays, and hiring problems for graduate students. Faculty were extremely supportive of graduate students and began immediately reaching out to gather additional data from their own departments. A statement and formal letter, demanding the University designate a point-person to correct Workday issues quickly and to honor graduate student contracts and work is forthcoming. Additional follow up and accountability by admin will be directed through the Graduate Compensation and Benefits Committee of the University Senate, which I chair.
6. Another round of student aid funding for COVID from the federal government is forthcoming, with over \$50 million earmarked for direct student aid. I initiated conversations with financial aid administration requesting an update whenever the University decides on how it will proceed with distribution to students. Our focus will be on ensuring graduate students who qualify based on need, with a particular emphasis on undocumented students who were ineligible for previous rounds of funding, are given enough advance notice if a FAFSA or any other form must be on file.
7. I am appointing the following individuals to the Organizations and Elections Committee:
 - a. Michelle Scott
 - b. Sly Worthy
 - c. T'Euvyn Page
 - d. Caroline Fitzpatrick
 - e. Katie Connor

- f. Robin Gordon
- g. Blaise Truesdell
- h. Sally Ross
- i. Faith Lewis
- j. Brandon Free
- k. Carrie Anne Thomas
- l. Menghang Wu
- m. Sochina Ranjit
- n. Javonte Lipsey
- o. Alissa Geisse
- p. Kameron Rinehart
- q. Brian O'Rourke

TO: The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Abby Grieff, Vice President
DATE: May 31st, 2021
RE: Vice President's Report

Our meeting dates for the summer are: June 4th from 3:30-5:30pm, virtual, and July 9th from 3:30-5:30pm, virtual. If you are a new delegate and are taking the seat of your outgoing delegate, please make sure you've talked with me about this.

Last week, I attended the CPD Police Chief Facebook Live event. This was open to all community members; it was a townhall with the final 4 candidates for the CPD Police Chief position. The candidates are Elaine Bryant, Derrick Diggs (he ended up dropping out), Avery Moore, and Ivonne Roman. They had hoped to decide by the end of May, so we should know this shortly, if not already by the time we have our delegate meeting. If you are interested in watching and learning more about the candidates, see the link to the recording [here](#).

Next week, I will begin serving on the new Commission on Mental Health, chaired by Dr. Bern Melnyk (Chief Wellness Officer) and Dr. Melissa Shivers (Senior Vice President of Student Life). This group hopes to take the work completed from the Suicide and Mental Health Task Force, which I have been serving on over the past year and will identify new needs and develop actionable recommendations to improve mental health/supports on campus. If you'd like to talk about mental health or if you have any anecdotes or requests for my advocacy, please reach out! Happy to meet and discuss it at grieff.2@osu.edu.

Thank you for your feedback on the regalia differences between PhD students and professional doctorate students. Nick and I will be continuing to have conversations with the graduate school regarding price to gather more information and to provide student feedback on the cost of regalia.

As always, if anyone has any questions, I am always happy to meet.

Abby

TO: The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Michelle Scott, Treasurer
DATE: May 31, 2021
RE: Treasurer's Report

Hello everyone,

I am very excited to take on my new role as Treasurer! Please read through the Budget Act in this month's meeting packet. We have a large carry forward from the past year and are expecting to have a very large amount of money to spend down this year before we resume the normal carry forward policy. Start thinking of ideas for events for this upcoming year once COVID restrictions are lifted/adjusted – whether virtual, hybrid, or in person depending on regulations.

Ray Travel Grant applications for Funding Period 2 (Conference dates October 1st - December 31st) are currently open and will close on August 1st. Judging is wrapping up for Funding Period 1, we have had one applicant this cycle.

All the best,

Michelle

TO: The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Alissa Geisse, Secretary
DATE: June 4, 2021
RE: Secretary's Report

All CDG applications for funding period 1 have been either accepted or rejected for judging. If you are one of my judges, you hopefully got an email from me notifying you that the assignments are done! I would like the judging to be done by June 14th. There are ~10 applications/judge.

I also *hope* that all of you were added to the Carmen page! Please let me know if you still cannot access it.

Thank you everyone for using the template for the delegate meeting minute reports. I appreciate you all :)

I am learning how to update the website. Anything you notice on the website that needs, well, updated - please let me know. A LOT needs updated but we can do the most pressing things first! I have put 2021-22 officer bios up, and will do the rest on the new executive committee when August rolls around.

Cheers,

Alissa Geisse

TO: The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates

FROM: Robin Gordon, Arts & Culture Committee Chair

DATE: May 28, 2021

RE: Arts & Culture Committee Report

Hello, Everyone!

It is an honor to serve as your Arts & Culture Committee Chair. I look forward to working with you to ensure that OSU graduate students have the best possible experience.

I'm eager to hear your hopes, dreams, questions, and concerns for arts and culture as we prepare for a new academic year. Let's plan to use When2Meet to schedule Tuesday and/or Thursday monthly meetings.

You can reach me at gordon.215@osu.edu.

TO: The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Brian O'Rourke, Incoming CGS Government Affairs Chair

DATE: June 4, 2021

RE: Government Affairs Report

I am looking forward to working with you all in the coming months. Although committee assignments will not be completed until closer to the fall term, please reach out to me at orourke.130@osu.edu if you are interested in Gov Affairs! You do **not** have to be a delegate for the 2021-22 academic year to serve on a committee, so this applies even to outgoing delegates. Even if you don't want to serve on Gov Affairs, **please email me with any ideas or concerns you have related to our committee!** I am currently working on developing some tools to keep track of relevant issues and legislation at the local and state levels. Given our sizable budget for next year, I welcome any ideas people have for events we could hold. More details to come!

Some issues to keep in mind:

LOCAL

1) Last month, the [Columbus City Council approved all eleven members of the Columbus Civilian Police Review Board](#), which includes two individuals directly affiliated with Ohio State (Kyle Strickland of the Kirwan Institute and Aaron Thomas of the ASPIRE Medical Research Program)

2) The mayor's search for the next Chief of Police is ongoing. This was supposed to be completed by the end of May but that isn't going to [happen](#).

STATE

1) The Ohio Legislature, like many Republican legislatures around the country, has taken an interest in a few issues relevant to our student body, including vaccine anti-discrimination laws, election reforms, and protests. There are multiple bills for many of these issues and some have

gone untouched, though others have received committee hearings. Some of the most relevant bills I've seen:

- a. House Bill 294- Election Reform. Subject to change but current legislation limits drop boxes, requires absentee ballots to be placed in an additional envelope (cannot be remedied after mailing) AND be mailed 10 days before election rather than three, and bans ballot harvesting. See all changes [here](#)
- b. Senate Bill 185- Riot Suppression. Recently introduced but seems to allow additional local authority to control riots. Senate Bill 16 also heightens potential criminal charges for protests and has received 5 hearings
- c. House Bill 248- Prevents most public entities and employers in Ohio from requiring the COVID vaccine (and maybe all vaccines), which would include OSU. It would also [prohibit requiring unvaccinated people to wear masks](#). This bill recently received a second hearing, in which 125 proponents spoke in favor of the bill (no opponents were allowed to speak). The existence of this bill is likely to be influencing OSU's decision-making process on a vaccine mandate. Senate Bill 169 also bans vaccine requirements.

FEDERAL

1) There is currently a [proclamation](#) from the Trump Administration that bans entry of students and scholars associated with the People's Liberation Army (PLA) of China that has not been rescinded by the Biden Administration. The University is aware of this and it may be impacting graduate students.

All the best,

Brian

TO: The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates

FROM: Michelle Scott, Outgoing Graduate Student Affairs Committee Chair

DATE: May 31, 2021

RE: GSA Committee Report

Hello everyone,

I am very excited to pass on the role for the Graduate Student Affairs Committee Chair to Kameron Rineheart (Rinehart.228). This week we are having our transition meeting and will discuss the projects that need continued and those that are anticipated for the upcoming year. I am confident that Kameron will do an amazing job in this role. Thank you for the opportunity I have had as a committee chair this past year, it has been thoroughly rewarding!

All the best,

Michelle

TO: The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Faith Lewis, Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee Chair (Incoming)
DATE: May 30, 2021
RE: Committee Report

One of the first actions of the Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee (HWS) is to decide a meeting time. We will plan to organize via when2meet which will be sent by email. At the first meeting, I would like to introduce breathing and group exercises. This is to help calm our mindbodies, so the committee is grounded and present. The goals of the first meeting are to give each person an opportunity to introduce themselves, to cultivate a mission statement, and to begin forming goals for the academic year. In addition, 1-2 delegates, alongside the Chair, will be asked to volunteer as notetakers for the group. These notes will be after each meeting to serve as a general summary. There is the possibility that notetakers will change each month on a rotating basis. Meetings are to be held in person with the option to join virtually. They will also be recorded for delegates to review if needed. This rule will be consistent across the academic year.

For short- and long-term goals, the current plan is to focus on the [nine] dimensions of wellness and how they intersect with other areas of CGS and sociopolitical issues such as racism, sexism, and ableism that affect us in all areas of our lives. 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. This will in turn affect how we approach programming and health promotion, as well as any other core areas of our mission.

peace,

Faith

To: Council of Graduate Students Delegate Body
From: Katie Conner (she/hers), Chair of Data & Operations Committee
Date: Friday, May 28th, 2021
RE: Data & Operations Committee Report

It's an extremely busy and exciting time for the committee! This summer, and the following academic year (2021 - 2022) will be the first year of existence for the Data & Operations committee. As such, much of this summer will be spent focusing on and honing our mission and goals, and creating important infrastructure for the committee as a whole, while working to have a skeleton crew already working to aid in the transition of committees.

Additionally, this month we've already welcomed our first delegate committee member, Kendra Dickinson (delegate for Spanish and Portuguese). Having personally worked with Kendra before and knowing her drive, intelligence, and skills in gathering information and analyzing it in order to make recommendations that better graduate student working, researching, and personal conditions, I am elated to have her on board.

Looking ahead for the next few months, in tandem with Nick, Abby, and Javonte, I've identified the following priority action items -

- 1) Formally proposing, approving, and instantiating committee infrastructure
- 2) Formally proposing, approving, and instantiating the specific goals and charges for this committee's work
- 3) Recruiting a cohesive and skilled team to the committee to carry out this summer's and the year ahead's work
- 4) Addressing any urgent needs that arise over the summer for which the committee can work to gather information and assisting in advocacy

As always, if there are any questions, concerns, suggestions, etc. for this committee, I urge and welcome delegates to reach out to me at my OSU email (conner.280). Graduates deserve conditions wherein they can thrive, and not just survive. I am energized and look forward to working in the year ahead with a strong and singularly-minded team to achieve these working, learning, researching, and living conditions.

In solidarity,
Katie Conner
Chair, Data & Operations

TO: The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Caroline Fitzpatrick.271, Membership Wellness Chair
DATE: June 1, 2021
RE: Membership Wellness Committee Report

After the May delegate meeting, the CGS Organizational Culture Survey received 47 submissions. This number has not been updated since the reminder email last week; I am still waiting on access to the data.

I have started analyzing the results and am trying to break down patterns by demographic groups. Once I have access to the submissions that came in over the last week, I hope to have data analysis complete within a few weeks, with a report to follow.

Once committee assignments are made, the Membership Wellness Committee will be focused on improving the feelings of belonging, knowledge, and overall wellness of CGS delegates according to problem areas identified by the survey. Specific goals will be developed once survey analysis is complete.

If you have any concerns, questions, ideas, or comments, I would love to hear from you!

1 **ACT 2021-008**

2 **AN ACT CONCERNING THE APPROVAL OF THE BUDGET FOR THE 2021-2022 ACADEMIC YEAR FOR**
3 **THE COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS**

4 Authors: Michelle Scott(.1445), Treasurer

5 Sponsor: Executive Committee


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

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

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

14 **Budget 2021-2022**

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17 **Income**



19	Coca Cola Carry Forward	52,038.25
20	Coca Cola Endowment	14,000.00
21	CSA Carry Forward	106,156.31
22	CSA Student Activity Fee	80,000.00
23	Cultural Competency Training	10,000.00
24	Global Gateway	5,000.00
25	Global Gateway Carry Forward	5,000.00
26	Graduate School - Hayes	10,000.00
27	OAA Ray Travel	35,000.00
28	OAA Ray Travel Carry Forward	54,821.00
29	Buck-I-Experience (Carry Forward)	8,420.12
30	Engaged Scholar	25,000.00
31	OR Hayes Endowment	10,000.00

32 **Total Income**

415,435.68

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34 **Expense**

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36 **President's Projects**

37	Discretionary	4,000.00
38	Inauguration	0.00

39 **Total President's Projects**

4,000.00

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41 **Vice President**

42	Hayes	40,000.00
43	Vice President's Discretionary	2,500.00
44	Grad Student Appreciation Week	15,000.00

45 **Total Vice President's Projects**

57,500.00

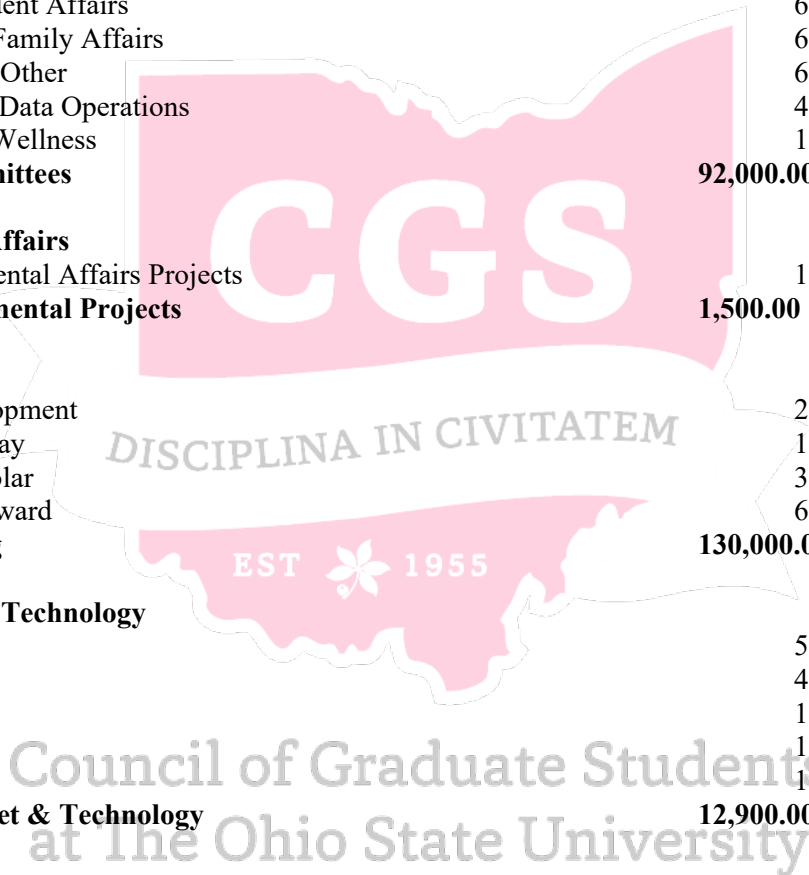
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47 **Executive Committee**

48	Retreat	0.00
49	Awards & Recognition	15,000.00
50	Marketing	10,000.00
51	Executive Discretionary	10,000.00
52	Graduate Students Conferences (BTN)	10,000.00

53 **Total Executive Committee**

45,000.00

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55	Internal Committees	
56	Global Gateway Admin	500.00
57	Academic Affairs	4,000.00
58	Arts & Culture	5,000.00
59	Delegate Engagement Fund	10,000.00
60	Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion	18,000.00
61	International Student Affairs	5,000.00
62	Ray Travel Grant Admin	500.00
63	Ray Award Receptions	3,000.00
64	Health, Wellness, and Safety	5,000.00
65	SERC	5,000.00
66	Org. & Election	1,000.00
67	Government Affairs	3,000.00
68	Graduate Student Affairs	6,000.00
69	Housing and Family Affairs	6,000.00
70	Committees - Other	6,000.00
71	Research and Data Operations	4,000.00
72	Membership Wellness	10,000.00
73	Total Internal Committees	92,000.00
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75	Intergovernmental Affairs	
76	Intergovernmental Affairs Projects	1,500.00
77	Total Cross Governmental Projects	1,500.00
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79	Grant Funding	
80	Career Development	25,000.00
81	Global Gateway	15,000.00
82	Engaged Scholar	30,000.00
83	Ray Travel Award	60,000.00
84	Total Grant Funding	130,000.00
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86	Office Equipment & Technology	
87	Copier	500.00
88	Equipment	400.00
89	Supplies	1,000.00
90	Telephone	1,000.00
91	Technology	10,000.00
92	Total Office Equipment & Technology	12,900.00
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94	Administrative	
95	Meeting Refreshments	9,000.00
96	Organizational Development	3,000.00
97	Travel	6,000.00
98	Parking Passes	5,000.00
99	Reserves	5,135.44
100	Total Administrative	28,135.44
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102	Encumbrances	
103	Career Development (COVID-19)*	_____
104	Global Gateway	_____
105	Ray Travel Award (COVID-19)*	_____
106	Buck-I-Experience (Carry Forward)	8,420.12



107	Total Encumbrances*	8420.12*
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109	Total Income	415,435.68
110	Total Expenses*	379,455.56*

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112 **NOTE REGARDING THE 2021-2022 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET**

113 *Awaiting final FY22 budget encumbrances (FY21 encumbrances = \$40,344.45)

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115 Approved: Yes/No

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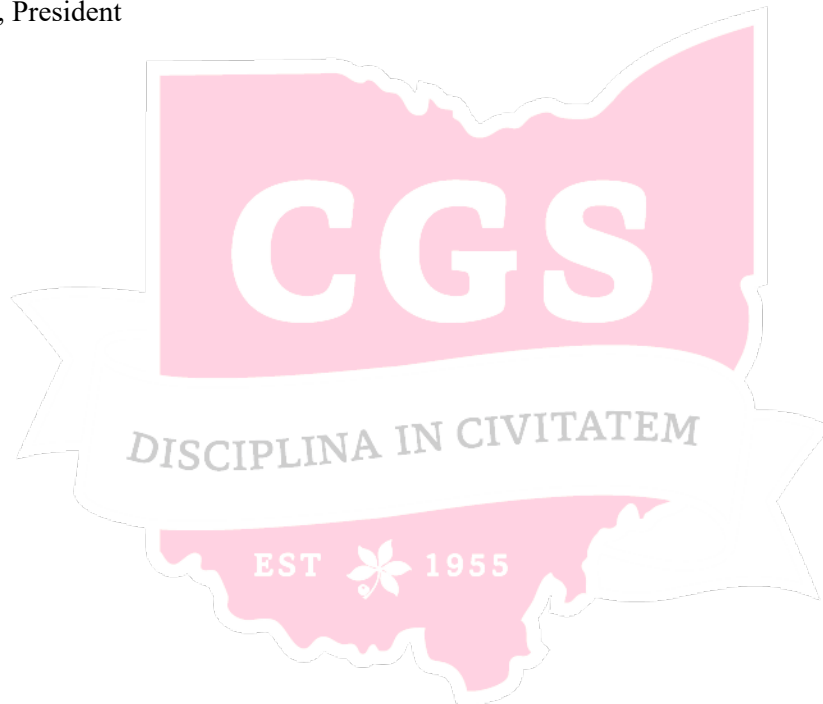
117 Date: _____

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121 Nicholas Messenger, President



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