



**Present:** Alex Alexander, Pranav Ambardekar, Jacky Anderson, Ali Asghari Adib, Selasi Attipoe, Tyler Beauregard, Aaron Beczkiewicz, Om Prakash Bedant, Jessica Blackburn, Mary Byrne, Qiuchang (Katy) Cao, Yu-chun Chang, Steph Charles, Min-Seok Choi, Jorge Clavo Abbass, Alec Clott, Katherine Conner, Paul Consiglio, Austin Cool, Archit Datar, Robert Dahlberg-Sears (ALT), Ty Drayton, Benjamin Duran, Story Edison, Kat Ellis, Micheline Fahrback, Brandon Free, Elizabeth Galko, Jahmour Givans, Jenna Greve, Lindsey Hernandez, Kathryn Holt, Lauren Howard, Audrey Hungerpiller, Sarah Hyman, Kevin Ingles, Jeffrey Kast, Carly LaRosa, Jungmin Lee, Yifan Li, Ho-chieh Lin, Stephen Lo, Madeleine Lomax-Vogt, Emily Lundstedt, Raven Lynch, Lucas Magee, Rohit Mukherjee, Kate Ormiston (Connor Mahler), Tricia Oyster, Ryann Patrus, Mark Pauley, Kelsey Pinckard, Avi Pokala, Maritza Pierre, Zeltzin Reyes, Isaac Reynolds, Marie Rineveld, Priscila Rodriguez Garcia, Ashweta Sahni, Conner Sarich, Erik Scaltriti, Lena Schreiber, Melika Shahhosseini, Karla Shockleymccarthy, Preeti Singh, Sundeep Siripurapu, Lindsey Stirek, Philip Tice, Taylor Tomu, Jorge Torres Espinosa, James Uanhoro, Jennifer Valdez, Mitch Vicieux (ALT), Leila Vieira, Derek Walton, Sarah Walton, Daniel Williams, Yu Lun Wu, Piao Yang, Megan Zib

**Absent:** Luke Andrejek, Andrew Borst, Pouya Kousha, Arsh Kumar, Ruonan Lin, Eric Loria, Tori Magers, Matthew Maynard, Aviva Neff, Alejandro Otero Bravo, Miguel Pedrozo, Ken Poland, Michelle Scott, Sarah Scott, Utkarsh Shah, Shruthi Shetty, Nithya Sivashankar, Ryan Slechta, Kye Stachowski, Nicole Tchorowski, Soroush Zamanian

## 1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 3:38pm

### 1.1. Statement of Purpose

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

## 2. ROLL CALL

### 2.1. Carmen log-in

## 3. GUEST SPEAKER

### 3.1. City of Columbus GreenSpot (David Celebrezze)

- 3.1.1. Columbus is ranked in the top 25 cities with the most Energy Star buildings. There are a whole host of programs and organizations that are working to improve the sustainability of the city.
- 3.1.2. The primary goals for the Sustainable Columbus initiative are to increase the number of participants in the GreenSpot Columbus, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, to protect public green resources, and to reduce waste in the community.
- 3.1.3. GreenSpot is a program that encourages community members and businesses to adopt behaviors that will increase their sustainability as an individual or neighborhood. There is an online platform where you can track your participation and earn points. Points can be redeemed for rebates and free rewards. This program is also doing outreach to provide education to and recruit program members from the population of Ohio State students.

## 4. OFFICER ELECTIONS

### 4.1. Treasurer

- 4.1.1. Raven Lynch elected.

### 4.2. Secretary

- 4.2.1. Sarah Light elected.

### 4.3. Vice President

- 4.3.1. Candidates speak about themselves in order of last name: Akshay Asaithambi, Annedra Gladney (via pre-recorded video), and DaVonti' Haynes.
- 4.3.2. Ehtiri.1 motioned to continue with the voting process without replaying the video, which was very quiet

and not easily heard by everyone in the room.

- Uanhoro.1 comments that if there are any people in the room who were not able to hear the video, there should be an opportunity for it to be replayed.

4.3.3. Motion passes.

4.3.4. Questions:

- Beaugard.13 asked how the candidates will balance their academic commitments and their CGS obligations.
- Holt.351 asked if any of the candidates plan to be involved with CGS even if they do not win the position of VP.
- Clavoabbass.1 asked how they will specifically advocate for international students.
- Williams.5671 asked the candidates what they see as the biggest obstacle to improving the graduate student experience.

4.3.5. Executive Session Discussion

4.3.6. Williams.6571 motioned to close the executive session.

4.3.7. Lynch.389 seconded the motion.

4.3.8. DaVonti' Haynes elected.

#### 4.4. President

4.4.1. Stephen Post elected.

### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### 5.1. Minutes from February 7, 2020

5.1.1. Lynch.389 motioned to approve the minutes.

5.1.2. Motion was seconded by Hyman.62.

5.1.3. Minutes approved.

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

#### 6.1. President (Post.144)

6.1.1. On April 4th, CGS is participating in the "Out of the Darkness" walk to engage and support people affected by suicide. CGS is a well-being sponsor and contributed financially to this event. Additionally, CGS has a team that will walk together. Please join the CGS team by signing up even if you can't be there in person (the website will ask if you want to donate but there is no need unless you want to).

6.1.2. The start date for graduate assistantships has changed to earlier in the month of August so be aware of that and look for information from your grad studies chairs and program chairs.

6.1.3. Office of Academic Affairs has communicated that there are ongoing talks about creating an ombudsperson office rather than an individual position. They are looking into this possibility and benchmarking against other institutions. The current projected timeline for this office to be created is January 2021. Post.144 is looking into other ways that we can support student in the meantime.

6.1.4. The Parenting and Pregnant Student Working Group is continuously evaluating the current resources provided to students with families including childcare, food insecurity, and housing. This issue will be brought up in that group for further consideration, as well as a formal request will be sent to the Provost to form a committee that will comprehensively evaluate and produce a new proposal.

6.1.5. Post.144 will be sending out a year-end survey to evaluate progress CGS has made this year and establish priorities for next year.

#### 6.2. Vice President (Bauman.193)

6.2.1. Senator elections are happening next month. Application materials will be included in the meeting packet. Candidates will not speak to the delegate body so make sure you look over materials ahead of the meeting and are prepared to vote.

6.2.2. Applications for open delegate positions will be accepted between March 23 and April 2. Voting will happen online.

6.2.3. Thank you to everyone who assisted and participated in the Hayes Forum. Feedback about this event will

be collected via an online survey.

### **6.3. Treasurer (Haynes.242)**

- 6.3.1. Our official budget shows that we have over-spent for both the Ray and CDG. This is because of the way our current funding guidelines require that we overspend for recipients who do not plan to use the maximum amount of the award. This will even out at the end of the year.
- 6.3.2. We have been informed that the money we were overcharged for our technology fees will be reimbursed back to us by the end of the fiscal year.
- 6.3.3. Due to growing health concerns about COVID-19 and uncertainties about travel, students who received either the Ray or the CDG in funding periods 3 and 4 will be eligible to use their funds anytime in the next 12 months, even for a different activity than what they wrote their application on.

### **6.4. Secretary (Light.109)**

- 6.4.1. The application window for the Global Gateway Grant has been extended to Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. If you are able and willing to judge applications in the second half of March, please get in touch.
- 6.4.2. CGS will be hosting an awards ceremony on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm in the Performance Hall of the Union. This event will recognize all winners of the Ray, Career Development Grant, and the Global Gateway Grant over the past year. Additionally, we will be thanking all current delegates, senators, and officers of CGS for their service this academic year and welcoming students who will be taking over these positions. Finally, we will award several CGS awards to recognize students and faculty who have gone above and beyond both within CGS and in the greater OSU community. All current delegates have been invited to this ceremony and a formal invitation is forthcoming this month.

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

### **7.1. Health, Wellness, & Safety (Clott.1)**

- 7.1.1. Tell your constituents April 15<sup>th</sup> from 3-6pm is the Graduate Wellness Expo in the RPAC. There will be dental, optometry, and vaccine reps in attendance so this is a good time to make an appointment you've been avoiding. There will also be tables and information from various offices around campus. There is a template email you can use in the announcements section on Carmen.

### **7.2. Graduate Student Affairs (Pauley.66)**

- 7.2.1. Graduate Student Appreciation Week is coming up. CGS is hosting multiple events that week including Donuts with the Deans, free movie screening at AMC Lennox, ice cream social, chat with the chairs, free professional headshots, happy hour at Bristol Republic, free breakfast buffet. There will also be random giveaways to classes of graduate students. The full list of events will be publicized soon.

### **7.3. Government Relations (Lomax-vogt.2)**

- 7.3.1. Elizabeth Brown will be hosted on campus on April 9<sup>th</sup> from 2:00- 3:00pm. Stop by 100 Page Hall to meet her and grab some food from Fox In The Snow.

### **7.4. Diversity & Inclusion (Davis.5688)**

- 7.4.1. There is a Buckeye Chat event happening on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Moderators are needed for this event so if you are interested, please get in touch with Davis.5688 or Post.144.

## **8. SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS**

### **8.1. Delegate Concerns**

- 8.1.1. Lo.208- CGS should try to communicate to the university administration that graduate students might need targeted messaging that addresses their unique needs and schedules when it comes to recommendations and decisions about when/if students should stay off-campus because of COVID-19 health concerns.
  - Shockleymccarthy.2 points out that if you are non-essential, you cannot be required to be on campus. All students are considered non-essential.
  - Anderson.3449 said that her dept sent out an email notifying the students of what the procedures will be in the event that it's necessary to close offices.
  - Deros.28 pointed out that different people are comfortable with different levels of risk so are there options for graduate students who would like to start making accommodations

now rather than when things get much worse?

- Scaltriti.1 points out that there is a potential problem for international students who may not be able to return to their home countries over the summer but are also not allowed to work outside of the university.
- 8.1.2. Williams.6571 motions to move on from delegate concerns because of the legislation that needs to be voted on while we have quorum.
- 8.1.3. Seconded by Ingles.27.
- 8.1.4. Motion passes.

## 9. NEW BUSINESS

### 9.1. Act 1920 SP-007: An Act Establishing New Policies & Procedures for Grants Administered by the Council of Graduate Students

- 9.1.1. Light.109: There has been confusion and discrepancies in the policies in place for the Ray Travel Award and the Career Development Grant. This act will clarify and update the language in the documentation for each grant. Additionally, it will codify procedures to streamline the judging process and ensure that both grants are following the same judging and application rules. Finally, it will update the reimbursement policy to allow us to utilize our grants funding more efficiently.
- 9.1.2. **Questions:** None
- 9.1.3. **Discussion:** None
- 9.1.4. Ingles.27 moves to vote on the act.
- 9.1.5. Seconded by Lynch.389.
- 9.1.6. Act passes

### 9.2. Resolution 1920 SP-010: A Resolution Approving Travel to SAGE Day of the Hill 2020

- 9.2.1. Lomax-vogt.2: This act is to fund travel for 7 people go to Washington D.C. to attend Student Advocating for Graduate Education (SAGE) Day. Up to \$8,000 will be spent out of our travel budget. We are advocating for immigration issues affecting grad students, mental health funding, and GA sponsorships and scholarships, among other things.
- 9.2.2. **Questions:**
- Williams.6571 asked why we chose to attend SAGE rather than NAGPS.
    - In the past, NAGPS has been really disorganized so it was decided that SAGE would be a better use of time.
- 9.2.3. **Discussion:**
- Williams.6571 mentioned that the experience of participating in these events in the past was really valuable.
- 9.2.4. Givans.2 motioned to vote.
- 9.2.5. Ingles.27 seconded.
- 9.2.6. Resolution passes.

### 9.3. Act 1920 SP-006: An Act Establishing the 2020-2021 Delegate Apportionment for the Council of Graduate Students

- 9.3.1. Bauman.193: The current apportionment structure has been updated to be more consistent across programs and departments that are very different. The goal was to be as inclusive as possible and maintain equity when distributing seats.
- 9.3.2. **Questions:** None
- 9.3.3. **Discussion:** None
- 9.3.4. Ingles.27 motioned to vote.
- 9.3.5. Act passes.

## 10. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 8.1 Next meeting is April 3rd, 2020 @ 3:30pm, 348 Drinko Hall
- 8.2 We will be doing a complete review of the bylaws, most likely over the summer. If you are interested in being part of this process, contact Haynes.242.
- 8.3 Reynolds.992: SERC is co-hosting a sustainability case competition. Both undergrads and graduate students are eligible to participate. More details to come- advertise to your constituents!

## 11. Meeting adjourned at 5:54pm.