



Council of Graduate Students
The Ohio State University

Date: March 11th, 2022

Location: ZOOM

<https://go.osu.edu/delegatemeeting>

Pass: CGS

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Delegates Present: Dominique Mosbly (alt: Derek Koenig), Nicolas Bolle (alt: Daniel Packer), Paige Doklovic (alt: Nicole Wang), Alexandra Cabanelasbermudez (alt: Alissa Geisse), Emily Subr (alt: Megan Wright), Jinwei Ye (Wei William Zhou), Anna Poptic, Marie Bissell, DeAvin Mitchell, Heather Schier, Emma McNamara, Garrett Tatum, Amrita Sen, Heather Daly, Eli Bohnert, Jorge E. Clavo Abbass, Elizabeth Kazemi, Shelby Carlson, Emily Hruska, Onur Ozkaynak, Hongxi Zhao, Madeleine McClung, Aleksandra Shubina, Om Prakash Bedant, Christina Zachariadou, Faiz Nisar Khan, Prabhjot Singh, Oly Beer, Isobel Bowles, Kendra Dickinson, Michelle Leao, Ronald Puckett, Joe Schulze, Josh Streeter, Eric Hantz, Thierno Aliou Diallo, Elena Cruz-Lopez, Connor Kelly, Ben Seicol, Zari Mahmoudi, Charles Mace, Elizabeth Day, Taylor Williams, Luke Andrejek, Ryan Leahy, Keyu Yan, Yelena Erez, Karla Shockley McCarthy, Dhara Patel, Charlize Wang, Katarina Sikiric, Felipe Pacci Evaristo, Madhoolika Bisht, Kaitlyn Jones, Aaron Argall, Luis Rodriguez Pacheco, Suzanne Lewis, Ives Lux Hartman, Brian O'Rourke, Nicholas Klein, Story Edison, Patrick Rowan, Ana Maria Velasquez Giraldo,

Delegates Absent: Peter Carrera, Morgan Ross, Tessa Blevins, Anabella Petronsi, Will Clay, Tyler Leonhart, Dylan Flint, Li Yawei, Lauryn Schlinglof, Eric Hobson, Shib Pattadar, Abigail Simon, Benjamin McKinley, Ayesha Seth, Shouvonik Sengupta, Alan Lujan, Ta-Tanisha Barrett, Ellia La, Nassima Saidi, Jordan Hartman, Omar Dieng, Steven Rhue, Sher Ali Khan, Keyo Yan, Nicolas Blue, Zeitzin Reyes, Austin Gerlt, Krutant Mehta, Pashmeen Kaur, Asia Evans, Uddesh Chakraborty, Ali Asghariadib, Rosie Rabati, Brett Wedding, Lataya Dejesus, Annedra Gladney, Pouya Kousha

Senators Present: Yan Yuan, Hannah Jones, Laine Rumreich, Dustin Servello, Nicholas Klein

Senators Absent: Jenna Thomas, Austin Cool, Sierra Mayle, Maddi Dyment, Kane Kinion

Executive Committee Members Present: Nick Messenger, Abby Grieff, Michelle Scott, Alissa Geisse, Brandon Free, Carrie Anne Thomas, Menghang Wu, Robin Gordon, Katie Conner, Brian O'Rourke, Caroline Fitzpatrick, Blaise Truesdell, Nick Klein, Kameron Rhinehart, T'Euvyn Page, Faith Lewis

Executive Committee Members Absent: Sochina Ranjit, Caroline Karwisch, Sally Ross, T'Euvyn Page

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 3:30 pm

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. Google Form

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. Minutes from February 4th, 2022.

- 3.1.1. Minutes approved.

4. OFFICER REPORTS

4.1. Presidents Report

4.1.1. Search for the Dean of the Graduate School

- The initial search committee of 15 university community members recommended a set of finalists to the Provost. Those finalists will now be

interviewed by the Provost and the next phase of the search will continue. I will keep you posted as these details about potential feedback opportunities become available.

4.1.2. COVID-19 and Mask Mandates

- While I cannot say for certain (nobody has directly informed me of anything) I anticipate that we will see OSU lift its mask mandates in some capacity this semester. Our focus in advocacy has been ensuring that this is not done in an inconsistent or piecemeal way and follows CDC guidance, data, and the public health experts on campus uniformly. Further, I have directly encouraged the university leadership to adopt policies allowing faculty and GTAs to still choose to enforce masking in their own classes, as other local universities have done.

4.1.3. Workday

- Partially due to our advocacy last summer and fall, the Office of Human Resources has formed 11 working groups to handle adjustments that are needed for Workday, including several specifically aimed to improve the graduate assistant hiring process. HR will be visiting GCBC this month to provide updates on key changes that will hopefully allow things such as bulk uploads of GA appointments (reducing the “one by one” entry and reducing opportunity for clerical errors that impact pay)

4.1.4. Graduate Stipends

- We continue to work with HR to acquire the next phase of data needed to develop comprehensive policy. This includes an assessment of what percentage of GAs are currently funded by external grants versus university central funds and what the overall cost of various stepwise increases in stipends would be. We continue to advocate for a plan to hit \$30,000 within the next 5-7 years at maximum and this idea has been well-received. This is not to say this will for sure occur, but we continue to make progress and dig deeper into the mechanisms of how this would occur. We additionally continue to explore steps needed to make a wholesale paradigm shift around graduate stipends to reduce their transactional nature and install the 5-year universal commitment to incoming PhD students.

4.1.5. Master’s Internships

- Alongside graduate stipends, we also continue to collect, analyze, and advocate around data pertaining to our master’s degree programs which require field work or clinical hours. It is our strong belief that Ohio State can lay out a plan to lead the nation in abolishing the unpaid internship for graduate students and open more opportunity for students to pursue masters degrees in land-grant mission fields such as social work, education, counseling and more without the need to work external, unrelated part-time jobs. We have begun these conversations directly with administrators and have again been well received with this goal. This project will likely span into future years for CGS administrations.

4.1.6. Summer Funding in Arts and Sciences

- Unfortunately, changes in policy last year removed summer funding within certain departments that was previously automatically awarded for certain program milestones. I have been in direct contact with the Provost and interim Dean and continue to work to explore stopgap possibilities for students. Long term, I have advocated for a more robust review of summer funding in terms of

a) how essential it is within certain degree programs and b) what is the equity and availability of opportunity at present and how can it be expanded?

4.1.7. Building Renaming Commission

- In response to the resolutions passed last year by the student governments and CSA, the OSU Board of Trustees established a formal university process and associated commission to evaluate the names of buildings that no longer reflect institutional values. This was led in part by our Graduate Student Trustee. The commission will come online soon and CGS will appoint a graduate student member.

4.1.8. Formative Assessment Feedback Pilot

- The Drake Institute for Teaching and Learning will launch a pilot program in SU22 testing new technology for collecting student formative feedback in classes, at scale. If successful, this would launch university wide in Fall 2022. This would be an exciting new tool to improve teaching pedagogy for faculty and grad student TAs.

4.1.9. State House Updates

- Brian will address in chair update and resolution

4.1.10. CARES Updates

- No change other than there seem to be delays occurring. I have inquired and received responses that the requests have backlogged this spring.

4.2. Vice President Report

Vice President Report

**THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THE
HELP WITH HAYES!!!!!!!**

-College of Arts and Sciences Accessibility Committee
-2 meetings this spring, 1 meeting in the fall

4.3. Treasurer Report

Treasurer Report

- Ray Funding Period 4
 - We had 32 completed applications and funded 22 of these
 - This year we funded 55 applicants across all 4 funding periods
 - We budgeted \$60,000 and have allocated \$55,000 of this to awards*
 - *This does not include applicants who have had to withdraw their application after receiving an award
- End of Fiscal Year – June 31st 2022

4.4. Secretary Report

Secretary Report

- Career Development Grant Period 4
 - We had 24 completed applications and funded 19 of these
 - This period: \$6,624
 - This year we funded 57 applicants across all 4 funding periods
 - We budgeted \$25,000 and have allocated ~\$24,750 of this to awards*
 - *This does not include applicants who have had to withdraw their application after receiving an award
- Transition planning
 - Making sure all 2021-2022 CGS documentation is saved and retained in a meaningful and systematic way.
 - Making sure the new website launches smooth and looks good.
 - Discussing the future of the Global Gateway Grant (next competition in 2023)
 - Assembling resources for 2022-2023 Secretary.

Mental Health PSA

Are you an adult that's bored-in-the-house and in-the-house-bored?
Want to relieve stress through crafts?

Pick up your **free** adult craft kit at the Grandview Heights Public Library drive-through! (no registration or library card required) <https://www.ghpl.org/2021/03/09/take-make-craft-kits/>. New crafts each month for adults and children!

This month's free adult craft is a **painting activity**. :)
-While supplies last.



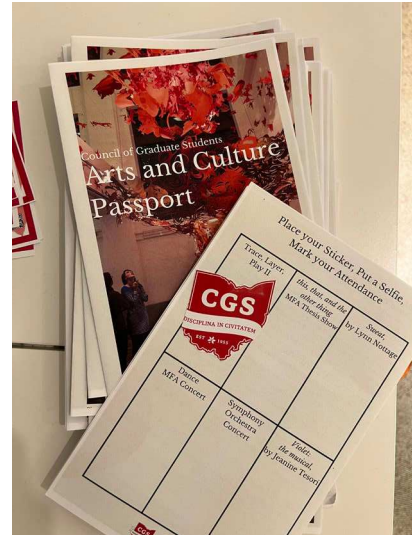
5. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

5.1. Arts and Culture - Gordon.215

Arts and Culture

- Committee met Wednesday 23 February via Zoom
- De'Avin Mitchell (AAEP Delegate) is heading a **CGS Arts & Culture Passport** pilot project, which launched this week and is receiving positive feedback.
- Josh Streeter (Theatre Delegate) is a coordinator for this year's department-sponsored graduate colloquium, "[Under Construction](#)."
- Stay tuned for more Committee updates!
- Next meeting: after Spring Break

Happy Spring Break!



5.2. Research and Data Operations – Conner.280

Research & Data Operations

Survey Building (we are doing it!)

In draft 2 right now, are receiving/have received committee chair feedback, excited to be moving forward soon with final drafting, approval from exec, and distribution!

We wish everyone a restful and/or productive spring break!



5.3. Government Affairs – Orouke.130

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Government Affairs Committee Updates:

- Sponsored resolution to oppose Ohio H.B. 327
- Finalized Issues Tracking #2 (will be distributed at delegate meeting)
- Working on handout to explain H.B. 327 impact on graduate students and ways to get involved

Government Affairs Updates

- See Issues Tracking newsletter for all the details
 - H.B. 327, S.B. 215 (permitless concealed carry), S.B. 157 (abortion regulations) update, Federal higher ed updates, local election results, and more!

5.4. Graduate Student Affairs – Karwisch.2

Graduate Student
Affairs

Any questions or concerns please reach out to Kam Rinehart!

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- Graduate Student Appreciation Week
 - April 4-5, 2022
 - Daily Give Aways (Will be held in the Graduate School)
 - Donuts with the Deans (Date and Time TBA)
 - Daily Video Releases from Administration
- Graduate Student Appreciation Week Volunteers:
 - Please use this link to sign up to volunteer to help give away items to fellow graduate students
 - Link: <https://forms.gle/g8qeccbamMmn28P96>
- Next Committee Meeting
 - Wednesday, March 9 from 3-4pm on Zoom

TEACHERS
researchers
mentors
creators
visionaries

**GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL
STUDENT APPRECIATION WEEK**

Celebrating our graduate students!

entrepreneurs
inventors
LEADERS
community
volunteers

5.5. Housing and Family Affairs – Truesdell.27

Housing and Family Affairs

- Ongoing:
 - Buckeye village is still closing in May
 - Working on ensuring all residents have a plan for living arrangements after closing date
 - We are working on two resolutions
 - Resolution about the importance of Graduate Student Housing
 - Goal is to get the university to be more direct about their plans for the BV replacement
 - Resolution about the high cost of childcare
 - Goal is to either get graduate student childcare at a reduced rate or subsidized by the university

5.6. Health, Wellness and Safety – Lewis.2365

Health, Wellness, and Safety

1. Create a Survey to assess student employees experience in their employment at OSU

2. Host a confidential student forum -TBA

3. We will submit a resolution calling for

- University guidelines for advisors and labs
- Tracking hours for GAs
- Flexible research/work hours that fit the dynamic nature of academia and life
- Not being required to work more than 40 hours
- Time-off that accumulates or rolls over to the next year
- Creating a confidential reporting system and review protocol
- Require graduate student orientations that inform students of their rights and protections
- Equitable contract process to ensure clarity and informed consent



STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS THOMAS.4051

- **Newsletters:**

- We sent out a February and MidFebruary newsletters with information about CGS Officer elections, The Hayes Forum, Office of Student Life Focus Groups, 2022 WAC Award, Student Wellness Workshops, Love Your Body Week
- The March newsletter should be out soon.
- Submit newsletter requests: go.osu.edu/cgscommunicationsrequest



- **Social Media:**

- Follow us on Twitter: @CGSOSU



Membership Wellness

- Delegate brainstorm to come at April meeting
 - Interest in programming is low, shifting committee focus to policy updates
- Buddy program is going well — watch for email from Lizzy about this month's challenge!

Fitzpatrick.271@buckeyemail.osu.edu

Ad-Hoc Accessibility

- New constitution today! :)



Delegate Celebrations!

Kameron Rinehart's research got accepted to a conference in Greece!

Eli Bohnert successfully petitioned to become the West Scioto Area Commissioner!

Kendra Dickinson just accepted a tenure-track assistant professor job at Rutgers University!!

Dominique Mosbly recently completed the Fellowship at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics program and his experience was shared in an article on the Fisher College Business website!

Christina Zacharidou passed her candidacy exam at the end of February!

6. OLD BUSINESS

6.1. ACT 2022-001: AN ACT REVISING THE ARTICLES OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS. Presented by Caroline Fitzpatrick.271.

- 6.1.1. This Act is intended to clear up some of the jargon in our constitution to make it more accessible as well as to refine some positions and text.
- 6.1.2. **Questions**
 - None
- 6.1.3. **Debate**
 - None.
- 6.1.4. **Voting Results:**
 - 48 yeas, 1 nay, 5 abstentions
 - Act 2022-001: Passed.

6.2. RESOLUTION 2022-001: A RESOLUTION OPPOSING STATE LEGISLATION THAT RESTRICTS THE TEACHING OF 'DIVISIVE' CONCEPTS. Presented by Brian O'Rourke.130.

- 6.2.1. This is a resolution in opposition of passing House Bills 322 and 327.
- 6.2.2. **Brian O'Rourke offers the two following friendly amendments to this Resolution:**
 - 1. DELETE lines 48-50
 - Rationale- I anticipated passage this week but bill was shelved. No need to replace this clause.
 - 2. REVISE resolution title to "A RESOLUTION OPPOSING STATE LEGISLATION THAT RESTRICTS THE TEACHING OF RACE, SEX, AND OTHER SOCIAL CONCEPTS"
 - Rationale- Lawmakers may attempt to move away from using word 'divisive', our resolution should thus be framed more broadly to avoid the sense that an update to language would render our resolution moot.
- 6.2.3. **Objections to changes made by Brian:**
 - None.
- 6.2.4. **Questions:**

- None.

6.2.5. Debate:

- None.

6.2.6. Voting Results:

- 52 yeas, 0 nays, 2 abstentions

6.3. Votes:

Name	"ACT 2022-001: AN ACT REVISING THE ARTICLES OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS"	"RESOLUTION 2022-001: A RESOLUTION OPPOSING STATE LEGISLATION THAT RESTRICTS THE TEACHING OF 'DIVISIVE' CONCEPTS"
Eric Hantz	yea	yea
Jorge E. Clavo Abbass	yea	yea
Robin Gordon	yea	yea
DeAvin Mitchell	yea	yea
Ben Seicol	yea	yea
Garrett Tatum	yea	yea
Emily Hruska	yea	yea
Heather Daly	yea	yea
Eli Bohnert	nay	yea
Daniel Packer	yea	yea
Joe Schulze	yea	yea
Carrie Anne Thomas	yea	yea
Christina Zachariadou	yea	yea
Charles Mace	yea	yea
Josh Streeter	abstain	abstain
Kameron Rinehart	yea	yea
Elizabeth Day	abstain	yea
Nicholas Klein	yea	yea
Shelby Carlson	yea	yea
Elizabeth Kazemi	yea	yea
Michelle Leao	yea	yea
Madhoolika Bisht	yea	yea
Ryan Leahy	yea	abstain
Katie Conner	yea	yea
Hannah Jones	yea	yea
Isobel Bowles	yea	yea
Elena Cruz-Lopez	yea	yea
Lauryn Schlinglof	yea	yea
Amrita Sen	yea	yea
Om Prakash Bedant	yea	yea
Brian O'rourke	yea	yea
Oly Beer	abstain	yea
Megan Wright	yea	yea

Anna Poptic	yea	yea
Caroline Fitzpatrick	yea	yea
Yelena Erez	yea	yea
Zari Mahmoudi	yea	yea
Emma McNamara	yea	yea
Heather Schier	yea	yea
Derek Koenig	yea	yea
Alissa Geisse	yea	yea
Dhara Patel	yea	yea
Kendra Dickinson	yea	yea
Karla Shockley McCarthy	yea	yea
Yan Yuan	yea	yea
Ronald Puckett	yea	yea
Aleksandra Shubina	yea	yea
Onur Ozkaynak	yea	yea
Marie Bissell	yea	yea
Aaron Argall	yea	yea
Patrick Rowan	abstain	yea
Suzanne Lewis	abstain	yea
Ives Lux Hartman	yea	yea
Story Edison	yea	yea

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1. Officer Elections

7.2. Treasurer – One Candidate: Michelle Scott

- 7.2.1. Address: My past year has been enjoyable and I am looking forward to continue as Treasurer moving forward and answer any questions.

7.3. Questions:

- 7.3.1. Fitzpatrick.271: You did a great job this year, moving forward – what will you do differently?
- Being more involved with receipt keeping and working in workday, give a budget report each month, implementing a guide I may for Ray,
- 7.3.2. Gordon.215: The past few years has been in the Pandemic, but as things open up more, I am guessing that there will be more spending requests. How will you prepare for that, and how would you use a deputy treasurer?
- With the increase of requests – I plan on having a virtual place like OneDrive to see what requests still need followed up on.
 - I plan on working more closely with the staff of student life, since they are the ones that work on these things.
 - I think using a deputy treasurer would make things a little more confusing, so instead I would like work closely with the staff doing the approvals.

7.4. Decision:

- 7.4.1. Adopt Michelle Scott as Treasurer by acclamation.

7.5. Secretary – Demilade Ibiwoye

- 7.5.1. Address: I am a PhD student on the Wooster campus in the Animal Sciences department. I am an international student from Nigeria. I have held membership of the student representative council at the university, the poultry science association regional director for Africa, and the Ohio State ambassador for poultry science in Ohio State University. Thank you very much and I will take questions.

7.6. Questions:

- 7.6.1. Rinehart.228: Since you are based on the Wooster campus, how would you adapt to that?
- Being in person in Columbus would be difficult, but in cases I can make it I would. If there is opportunity for me to join online, I would be glad to do.
- 7.6.2. Fitzpatrick.271: What drew you to the secretary position?
- I believe the secretary is a delicate position that does a lot of stuff. I held a position like this in Africa and I will apply that experience to this role.
- 7.6.3. Velasquezgiraldo.1: What is the role of CGS to you?
- The main goal of CGS should be to advocate for students. I think my perspective as a regional campus with help in advocacy for regional students, especially because we do not have a health clinic. That would be
- 7.6.4. Geisse.1: What time commitment do you have in your capacity to serve in this position?
- 5 hrs weekly.
- 7.6.5. Gordon.215: How will you prioritize your work with CGS with your busy schedule?
- In being a secretary from Wooster campus I think there should be a substitute that can stand in at the Columbus campus. So I believe I would not just be the secretary for CGS but also as a one month battalion fighting for the goals of Wooster campus.
 - I would work in line with the executives and try to get them a timetable that would actually fit for all of us.

7.7. Motion to enter executive session.

7.8. Decision:

- 7.8.1. Thomas.4051 object to adopt candidate by acclimation.
- 7.8.2. We will move to vote for this candidate.
- 7.8.3. Demilade Ibiwoye elected secretary.

7.9. Vice President – Jorge Clavoabbass, Gordon Goodwin, Aradhya Gupta, Srinivasa Subramaniyan, Dan

- 7.9.1. Jorge's address:
- I have ample experience in the public sector and higher education and and diplomacy, all of which I think would be instrumental to my success in this role.
 - The priorities I have identified for the position both having been in cgs for two years and, having been at the university for three.
 - As all of you probably know by now over the course of the year graduate student compensation and benefits are a very, very important issue to me.
 - I think that there's a lot that we can do here, not just in terms of continuing to push the university to increase gta GA gra compensation, but also ensure that fellowships are compensated, at the same level so that taking on a fellowship isn't a downgrade and pay for any graduate student, I also think that we can move towards the university not making graduate students pay student fees and facility fees and the way that they do for undergraduate students, we have some sort of precedence, so we can go off in order to do them, as I mentioned before, diversity, equity and

- inclusion are really, really important to me I embody a lot of that, but I also greatly value sharing from from others who have very different perspectives from my own.
- When it comes to university accountability and access, I think that there's more that can be done to make our processes and cgs and also the university's procedures more. accessible and not accessible in terms of just participating but also breaking down what is sometimes very complicated language that we all know what we're part of and how we can play a role and actually add impact into roles campus safety is also something that I think really matters, so I think that we need to have a very holistic perspective in terms of what this means.
 - Housing and family resources book I village is still closing the summer, we need a solution to that and we need it soon and the university needs to have its feet held to the flames when it comes to that filling of delegates seats is a really important part of the Vice President position based on my conversations with both Abby and Nick That would include, of course, filling positions from the satellite campuses as well that's incredibly important, we need to make this as democratic as possible.
 - That also means that when it comes to inclusive and equitability within the organization, we also need to definitely make moves in terms of changing the procedures when it comes to our elections, lastly, having been on the graduate Council for this year, I can tell you that I think that with Dean Burton leaving. We do stand in a position to transition graduate Council to university Senate Committee and I think that that's really, really important for us to do.
 - Kam and I made our first 100 days plan together, as he endorsed me. It is align with all points above.
 - Essentially, I have institutional knowledge i've been the board member of student to student organizations, I have deep personal connections with several people across the university I have seven semesters of teaching experience, and I think I have a pretty strong proven track record in terms of being able to make an impact in the organizations that i've been a part of.

7.10. Gordon's address:

- I'm an Eastern languages and cultures student, with a focus in North African agriculture and I just want to say what a great opportunity is to get a chance to talk to you all today about why i'm a good candidate for the vice president. I know you guys have had access to my CV and cover letter already so I want to focus more about how those qualifications best prime me for this position.
- The vice president is a internal administrative position and I can't emphasize enough that that is really my strength.
- When it comes to administrative work, I own a first edition copy of the robert's rules of orders. Parliamentary stuff is a passion of mine. For example, as President of the residents association, I was responsible for you know really administering a number of different campus partners, different organizations, different student groups, and ensuring all of these groups maintain good communication to best work towards campus goals. I did similar work on the Hamilton county Commission and on the Executive Board for the University of Cincinnati undergraduate student government that focused on working with kind of a complex chain of command a lot of different bureaucratic positions, working with contacts, who might be frequently changing and, most importantly, working with different organizations and maintaining that paper record that is so important, when it comes to transition and working with other organizations.

- Another thing I see it come up a lot is a focus on event planning a graduate form which happened recently, I see references to welcome week and election planning, all of which are in my wheelhouse as well. Beyond being just like a resume skill, event planning is really a passion of mine.
- In the residents hall association (RHA) big focus on working with campus events varying budgets, both large scale and on specific residence halls.
- Similarly in the Hamilton county Commission I worked on campus coordinating this county's first ever public state of the county. The mayor even attended that and that was a big event really focused on a lot of moving parts working with different individuals on different speakers.
- So I can really say that i've honed the abilities to work with scheduling marketing events and the kind of capacity to respond to events as they occur, even during the event itself.
- On top of that, on top terms of welcome week RHA was a part of the campus welcome we planning committee so i'm well aware of the kind of summer crunch that goes into making sure that camp, the return to campus is most effective.
- We responsible for working with the return of residents to the residence halls and all of the events and programming around that.
- Finally, in terms of elections RHA as well, I was responsible for conducting marketing and vetting candidates for all of the various a whole government elections and for kind of chairing the elections for the Executive Board, which operate very similar to this in all, I have a broad skill at the admin both the administrative and kind of the event coordinating programs are part of this in terms of minor things i'm skilled at using technology i'm good at various forms, whether we're talking to excel spreadsheets to kind of calculate boating events.
- I am good at using zoom or we've conducted some of the largest zoom events on Cincinnati campus during my time and I think I have a really strong skill sets that can really provide goals for this internal administration for the Vice President position.
- Thank you for this opportunity and I will yield my extra time.

7.11. Arad's address:

- The thought of representing this great institution and the legacy, as the Vice President of the Council of graduate students fills me with pride and unbounded enthusiasm.
- I will keep this very short sweet and make sure you have all the information to make an informed choice first i'll begin with myself, I am a graduate student pursuing masters in business administration from the Fischer college of business.
- I have done my undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering or switch I work for about six years as a consultant product manager and, most recently in the public administration domain, with the Government of India, the universal is social security compliance. After which I did a one year postgraduate diploma and liberal studies that have shown me with the skill of understanding and respecting others opinions, the importance of multidisciplinary approach and the holistic overview of multi dimensional points. I served as the alumni representative there.
- In my personal life I like writing poetry I love appreciating art and history and at this point in time i'm volunteering as a mental health coach at the student wellness Center.

- If elected I am to focus on three major things. The first would be belonging This, I think, by noticing bond homey and fostering that Community spirit. I aspire to ensure that each graduate student feels included in their decision making process.
- The second is well being. I want to focus on holistic well being for each graduates
- The third, I want to spend some time in licensing with each department clubs societies and organizations to make sure each student is aware of what's going on.
- I think each graduate student has their own unique journey, and so it is important to tailor and personalize university experience I plan to work in tandem with the Council, as the President and work with each delegate as an ecosystem and I know I have huge shoes to fill and i'm able to work with my best capabilities towards a more inclusive greener and peaceful tomorrow as part of the graduate conscience of students, I yield my time, thank you.

7.12. Srini's address:

- I'm a first year PhD student in the electrical and computer engineering department.
- I am from the southern part of India. My area of interest in academy is in computer engineering and currently i'm working as a research assistant.
- This is my first attempt in trying to be in an organization which represents all graduate students and I am indeed delighted and i'm thankful for the delegates, for giving me an opportunity to speak on this venue.
- I have been a part of various social activity groups in my past. I have been a volunteer and I helped a team respond to a large natural disaster. We provided social services, we organized events where we could collect loads and we were able to give food and items for the people who are affected during the disaster.
- At my previous University, I was a member of various social activity groups, and I also organized into university two elements like university tournaments such as chess and table tennis.
- I think it would be a great opportunity for me as a can represent a lot of different students.
- One of the major issues which I thought I would like to address is a lot of international students from India really come up a little bit confused on how things work here, and so, if i'm given a chance, I would like to ensure that that's a proper platform where Grad students can get to know what their area of interest is and alot of my friends are going through issues like job searching and internships and I would ensure that if i'm given a chance, I would like to open up special portals for Grad students for internships and job opportunities, so that most students can benefit from this and i'll also put my past experiences to this role and bring the best out of the entire team. Thank you for giving me an opportunity to speak, and I would be able to i'd be happy to address questions if there are any.

7.13. Dan's address:

- Alright well thanks everybody, so I am originally from utah to give you some background, but I moved here for a work promotion.
- So Im a manager in to the field of telematics, which is just a fancy word for vehicle technology.
- As far as education goes i've always had a goal to be in graduate school and I just finished my undergrad. Right now i'm a first year student in the masters of engineering management Program where I'm learnign about team effectiveness and management.

- Just to give you some hobbies I like programming, so I just helped this startup build a website and I also like traveling so there's another hobby.
- To get into the why I want to be Vice President I'll first start with I'm a real advocate for personal development.
- A life goal of mine, or kind of a mission or purpose, is to be better versions of ourselves, so if I do that for myself, I can help others do the same thing.
- When I learned about CGS from emails I realized all the resources that the organization offers and just to help students Grad students in general.
- So, as I thought about you know how I could play a role in that, I think an important thing is to improve student experiences. For myself that would be making more friends and taking advantage of the career services, but to help other students kind of realize, what we have to offer. So, in general, just to make an impact and, as I was thinking about that I thought of the question: "What things are going to change my experience as a graduate student?"
- Another reason why I want to run get this role is for solving problems, unlike politics, where we I feel like we don't really get to make a lot of change and things I feel like this is the organization, where we can actually make a difference.
- For this organization, I feel like there's a lot of awareness that needs to be spread, and it's kind of a brand in a way. It's our brand of showing what we can do for students, how to make it better, so I saw that we have 11,000 plus and that's a lot of people that we can realistically make an impact for and I'd be honored to be a part of it.
- Another couple of reasons why I want the Vice President role: One is for the welcome week, I know that's a really important time for people are starting just to get a grasp of what we can offer, and how we can help them with what they may need. Also the research forum which can greatly benefit many grad students.
- Thanks for having me.

7.14. Questions:

- Conner.280: Everyone has mentioned a passion for assisting graduate students, so what would your plans be moving forward if you are *not* elected for this position?
- Jorge: I have a track record for caring about graduate students both in my department and across the university. If I was not elected I would continue the work I have been doing.
- Gordon: Similar sentiment to Jorge, I would love to continue with this organization helping in any capacity with standing committees, and I'd love to be presented with more opportunities via CGS.
- Arad: The opportunity of working with graduate students doesn't start on or ends with being CGS's VP. I'd continue volunteering as a mental health coach I in my free time. I would stay on the lookout for any volunteer opportunity via CGS events, and re-apply for the position again.
- Dan: Thanks to social media, I think raising awareness can be spread efficiently even without the VP role, although the VP role makes that easier and more impactful.
- Fitzpatrick.271: How will you ensure delegate seats are filled?
- Jorge: Abby has already created a system, and using that is a great tactic. I think using that in conjunction with tabling and visiting other organizations would be a great way for recruitment.

- Gordon: Honest tabling – being out and being available, well subjected emails. Setting up a table and talking to individuals and also going to other organizations events to network and speak on CGS opportunities.
- Arad: Use open communication and consider who not at the table. I will use self inflection.
- Dan: Going off of work experience, I would use a lot of word-of mouth to get endorsed candidates and then use other means to cast a wider net.

7.15. President – one candidate: Kameron Rinehart

- Often, you go ahead and go to the next slide hi everyone so again, most of you probably know me already serving as a committee chair for this past year on camera right heart i'm current second year masters student studying agricultural communication education leadership graduating in May, but an incoming PhD student in the fall.
- I am Ohio born and raised. I grew up here in Ohio went to school in southern Ohio and i'm an experienced leader in student government and student affairs areas and been involved in student government, since the beginning of my undergraduate career.
- Going into this, I do have priority issues and as Jorge mentioned, he did endorse me. To be president and him and I did collaborate on making sure that we were in line with one another.
- On graduate student compensation and benefits diversity equity and inclusion for graduate students, not just here within the Council graduate students but, at the University College department levels.
- University, accountability and access, making sure that people are represented around the table we've seen that, as a huge concern over the past year that not all students are being represented and not all voices are being heard and that has to change being at an institution such as the Ohio State University.
- Campus safety graduate student housing and family resources, the coven 19 impact on graduate students, whether that be research teaching and the continued impact that it has on our functions include city and equitability of the Council graduate students and then the transition of the graduate Council to university Senate Committee.
- So these are all part of the priority issues that I would like to undertake if elected to serve as your next president. Especially the equitability and inclusive city of the Council of graduate students our ad hoc committee working on our bylaws standing rules and Constitution right now is doing phenomenal work and that's a great starting point.
- But we've also realized that through that process there's areas that we can't get done based on regulations this semester, that we need to continue that work.
- That brings me to our first 100 days.
- I want to immediately established brand new ad hoc committees one ad hoc looking at diversity and inclusion within the graduate student body, and what that looks like across campus.
- Over the past two or three years we've had our DEI chair resign, I see that as a monumental issue as our DEI chair should not be resigning because of barriers that have been put in place. I see that as an issue for the Council graduate students, but I see that as an issue for the graduate student body as a whole, and we need to

address that so we're going to immediately establish an ad hoc committee to address those concerns, as well as the cgs officer structure and election process. I think that we, we even saw this night that this has to be addressed and going forward, we are going to address that with a brand new ad hoc committee. Hopefully new and approved Constitution standing rules and bylaws will help.

- It's important to have a clear process for our elections and officer structure. Do we need a new officer structure? - that that might be in question.
- I will continue to work with President Johnson and administration to address the increasing graduate student compensation and pay and continuing the critical work that Nic has already established this year.
- I will continue work with Dr Shivers and TJ Logan on establishing alternative housing with the closure of by village and look into more options and abilities for graduate students with families.
- Work with newly elected Vice President to establish a very diverse and equitable executive committee. Going forward, I want to make sure that their seats are filled with individuals who are going to represent the entire graduate student body.
- I will work with the Vice President to build a roadmap for the next year, what do we want to accomplish what do we want the image of the Council graduate students to be and that's really what we're going to focus on the first 100 days over the summer.
- Finally, why me - I have very strong student government background like I said I served three years in my undergraduate student government with one year as student body President. I know how being a president of a student government association works, such as the Council graduate students.
- It takes it takes a lot of work and it takes a lot of dedication and passion to serve an entire student body.
- I've worked with diversity equity inclusion in serving on department and college level committees and also at my undergraduate institution. I can be a voice for every graduate student, no matter what your background might look like. And I can stand up for you, no matter what the issue is - i'm not going to let someone out voice me at the table just to get on with a meeting. We're going to make sure that all graduate students are represented.

7.16. Questions:

- 7.16.1. Conner.280: Can you reflect on the identities you inhabit, and how you will leverage those.
- I bring a broad background, both as a member as a LGBTQ+ community and as someone who has worked a lot on DE&I committees. My graduate work in diversity and inclusion in my field has helped equipt me with the tools to do so. It prepares me in advocating for all students, but I recognize that I do not have every lived experience and especially for identities I don't identify with – I think it's important to have representatives of those at the table. Especially when having discussion that concern them directly, and if they aren't at that table – than we need to voice an immediate concern for why that is.
- 7.16.2. Fitzpatrick.271 As president, what concrete strategies do you have to partner with other student organizations or interest groups?
- After being elected, I want to start meeting with those groups and those student leaders and build trust. I want to include those leaders into conversations

concerning larger university decisions. I also would love to create more caucus's, because we need that representation and supportive spaces.

7.16.3. Tatum.71: If you want to create a lot of ad-hoc committees, which have been notoriously productive with resolutions etc in the past, how are you going to ensure progress on standing committees?

- I recognize that there has been a halt on progress on standing committees. Committee chairs will be held accountable for producing work. Especially as not to waste our delegates time.

7.16.4. Gordon.215: Why do you think only one candidate showed up for the role of president in CGS and what do you think that stems from?

- I think we can partly blame this on the pandemic, but most specifically burnout. If I had it my way there would be more candidates, student government organizations should have options when electing officers.

7.16.5. Zacharidou.1: I see you and Jorge have endorsed each other and worked together in creating a vision moving forward, how will you work with a VP that is not the candidate you endorsed in case your interests are different?

- I will be committed to meeting with them and making sure we are on the same page with certain issues. However I also value having different opinions. I will make sure we have good report and establish a good foundation.

7.17. **Decision:** Adopt Kameron Rinehart as President by acclamation.

7.18. **Senator Nominations:**

7.18.1. Rinehart.228: Nominate Peter Carera

- Peter Carera accepts.

7.18.2. Velasquezgiraldo.1: Nominate Garret Tatum.

- Garret Tatum accepts.

7.19. **Delegate Issues and Concerns**

7.19.1. Velasquezgiraldo.1: I'll be posting on Carmen a document that is a proposal for the basis of a peer program between students regarding mental health and wellness. This is coming from the Commission in mental health that is now a working university wide in the implementation of the plan they have been working on like think for the last three years. So any feedback is welcome, and if you feel passionate about those issues or if you have ideas, please let me know and we can talk about it just to enrich that proposal.

7.19.2. Messenger.33: The Drake Institute is starting to pilot a feedback tool to go live across the university in mostly large undergraduate classes. So basically if you are an instructor or TA for a class you will be collecting live feedback from students throughout the semester. It's expected to be available in the Fall.

7.19.3. Zachariadou.1: Can you give an update on the stipend issue?

- We are in the first round of data collection to see where we stand with other big ten universities to establish a competitive long term goal. President Johnson feels strongly about a stipend increase. The next phase is the data analysis to determine how much and when.
- What's complicated is that when stipends increase, then faculty have to pay GRAs more.
- We've also pitched an early proposal to advocate for unpaid field hours.

7.19.4. Gordon.215: We should take a moment to acknowledge that the mask mandate just lifted, and we are still in a pandemic.

- Clavoabbass.1: To go off of this, no communication has come to GTAs. We may don't know what agency we have in our classrooms. It's clear the university has really dropped the ball on communication.
 - Messenger.37: I will also share that I was asked about my feedback on this decision, so behind the scenes the conversation about distributing the informations has been had.
- 7.19.5. Tatum.71: Fellows don't receive great communication about how to deal with taxes.
- Messenger.37: I am going to email Dean Bertone about this right away.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

8.1. Next meeting on zoom April 1st.

Meeting adourned at ~7:15pm.