



Council of Graduate Students
The Ohio State University

Date: November 5, 2021

Location: ZOOM

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

Pass: CGS

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Delegates Present: Omar Dieng, Steven Rhue, De'Avin Mitchell (alt: Gordon.215), Eric Hantz, Will Clay, Anna Poptic, Yelena Erez, Emily Subr, Jinwei Ye, Thierno Diallo, Sher Ali Khan, Keyo Yan, Marie Bissell, Nicolas Blue, Madhoolika Bisht, Elena Cruz-Lopez, Anabella Petronsi, Isobel Bowles, Dylan Fline, Charles Mace, Heather Daly, Kendra Dickinson, Abigail Simon, Josh Streeter, Ronald Puckett, Christina Zachariadou (alt: leyvadelrio.1), Emma Mcnamara, Lauryn Schlinglof, Dominique Mosbly (alt: Jacob Halligan), Peter Carrera, Elizabeth Kazemi, Kat Sikiric, Garret Tatum, Amrita Sen, Prakash Om Bedant, Zeitzin Reyes, Ana Maria Velasquezgiraldo, Felipe PacciEvaristo, Hongxi Zhao, Nicole Wang (alt: Doklovic.12), Prabhjot Singh, Shelby Carlson, Shib Pattadar, Shouvonik Sengupta, Aaron Argail, Geoff Ferquist, Patrick Rowan, Ben Seicol, Austin Gerit, Heather Schier (alt: choueiry.2), Benjamin McKinley, Karla ShockleyMcCarthy, Ayesha Seth, Morgan Ross, Luke Andrejek, Garret Tatum, Krutant Mehta, Maddi Dymment, Nassima Saidi, Oly Beer, Ta-Tanisha Barret, Tessa Blevins, Dhara Patel, Ellia La, Madeleine Mcclung (alt: van.78)

Delegates Absent: Emily Hruska, Joseph Schulze, Alan Lujan, Alexandra Cabanelasbermudez, Jorge Clavobass, Pashmeen Kaur, Asia Evans, Faiz Nisar Khan, Uddesh Chakraborty, Austin Gerit, Ali Asghariadib, Rosie Rabati, Brett Wedding, Jordan Hartman, Lataya Dejesus, Annedra Gladney, Liz Day, Geoff Fernquist, Dylan Flint, Pouya Kousha.2

Senators Present: Laine Rumreich, Dustin Servello, Hannah Jones, Madison Dymment, Yan Yuan, Sierra Mayle,

Senators Absent: Jenna Thomas, Nicholas Klein, Austin Cool

Executive Committee Members Present: Abby Grieff, Michelle Scott, Alissa Geisse, Javonte Lipsey, Brandon Free, Carrie Anne Thomas, Menghang Wu, Robin Gordon, Katie Conner, Brian O'Rourke, T'Euvyn Page, Faith Lewis, Caroline Fitzpatrick, Sochina Ranjit, Sally Ross, Blaise Truesdell

Executive Committee Members Absent: Nick Messenger, Caroline Karwisch, Nick Klein, Kameron Rhinehart, Sly Worthy Jr.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 3:33 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. Collection of name cards.

3. GUEST SPEAKERS

3.1. Dr. TJ Logan – Associate Vice President of Residential Experience

- Top priority – Determining the life cycle of Buckeye Village
 - Plan to close Buckeye Village because it is inadequate to support graduate students
 - Want to create a facilities master plan – to better get a vision of grad students needs.

- Union
 - Dining
 - Housing Ets
- Short term Projects – need to enter into referral agreements
 - Identify properties that are affordable and sustainable for graduate students
 - Need to determine what is an appropriate rate for students with families.
- Short term solution: we will be closing buckeye village

Questions/feedback

- PacciEvaristo.1 : What is the level of involvement of students currently living in buckeye village?
 - High level of involvement in the short term solution. Students that are perspective students are also highly involved.
- Name.#: Is there plans for additional childcare facilities?
 - Childcare is positioned through HR, which means it currently caters more toward staff.
 - We don't currently understand the future of childcare, however this is currently included in the conversations we are having.
- Conner.280: I understand that the Buckeye Village issues is a long-running issue (4-5+ years). How will we know that this will be done?
 - If we are having this conversation 1 year from now – please remove me from this position. We are entirely committed to solving this problem, as well as committed through reporting this back to you.
- PacciEvaristo.1 : Differentiate between short and long term solutions?
 - It depends on what the specific solution is, and how we develop/implement it. Designs on buildings are not 1 or 2 year decisions, we take care to make the right the decision because these buildings should outlast at least 50 years. 18 months is the language for short term solutions.
 - Short term could be subsidizing leases of current properties while long term solutions could look like building new housing.
- Velasquezgiraldo.1: How much effort should the university spend on building opposed to looking at alternatives? (like stipends for example)
 - Currently our objective is to provide a certain "standard" of housing – something to meet their needs. We MUST own university housing because it is clear that housing is not affordable.
 - Our priority is meeting graduate student needs, not making profit.

3.2. Guest Speaker – Dr. Rebeka Campos-Astorkiza – Graduate Omsbuds

- This is a new position – Jan 2021.
- What does Omsbudsperson do?
 - Address issues and challenges that grads face at the university.
 - Create a positive learning environment.
 - Create a space of diversity and equity.
- Main Role: Talk to individual students to help them work through difficult situations.

- There to talk about ANYTHING. This is a safe space. Can give directions and resources for further actions if needed.
- Guiding Principles:
 - Independence
 - Confidentiality
 - Neutrality
 - Informality
 - Some people just come to have conversations.
- ALL services is confidential (but do have Title 9 obligations)
- To access services: ombuds.osu.edu
 - Email: gradombuds@osu.edu
 - Phone: 614-292-4252
- Also going to produce reports to visualize trends seen amongst graduate students at the university.
- Will work with other departments to offer workshops for issues brought up by graduate students.

Questions/Feedback:

- Khan.969: If any other grad brings us (as CGS delegates) an issue, what do we do?
 - Tell your peer about the ombuds position. Services are for individual students so THEY have to reach out. You can refer a student, but if you are the "middle man" then you will be left out of the conversation for confidentiality.
- Name.# : What are the follow-up steps after meeting with ombud?
 - Situation is context dependent. But will present the student with options.
- Velasquezgiraldo.1: Do you have access to meeting minutes? Or planning to coming to our meetings to see our issues and concerns.
 - Currently staying out of meetings to give graduate students privacy to meet without having "faculty" present, but we can discuss having ombuds present in the future.
- O'Rourke.130: How many grads do you think know about this position?
 - I think that people are getting more and more aware?
- Leonhart.# (sp): Knowing this service would be available would be a good thing to include in orientation.
 - Orientation materials have been made and shared with colleges.
- Mahmoudi.4 : How is ombuds different then counseling?
 - This looks like counseling, but I am not trained to exactly do that.
- Khan.969 : How does ombuds person help with achievements / how many issues are typically resolved?
 - Because of confidentiality, we don't know the exact number of positive outcomes.
- Alexandra (international sp?) : Are you helping many international students? Because the needs of international is very different than that of traditional.
 - Dr. Rebeka Campos has a personal perspective of what it's like to be an international student, and has many connections/resources for international grads. She has been helping many international grads in the meantime.
- Lipsey.25: What is the size of the ombuds office, and how quickly will you get an appointment?

- You will get an appointment within a week (if not sooner).

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. Minutes from October 1st, 2021.

4.1.1. Minutes approved.

5. OFFICER REPORTS

AUTUMN SEMESTER

- September 3 Delegate Body Meeting @ 3:30pm (Orientation)
- October 1 Delegate Body Meeting @ 3:30pm
- November 5 Delegate Body Meeting @ 3:30pm
- December 3 Delegate Body Meeting @ 3:30pm

SPRING SEMESTER

- January 14 Delegate Body Meeting @ 3:30pm
- February 4 Delegate Body Meeting @ 3:30pm (Officer Nominations)
- March 4 Delegate Body Meeting @ 3:30pm (Officer Elections)
- April 1 Delegate Body Meeting @ 3:30pm (Senator Elections)
- May 13 Delegate Body Meeting @ 3:30pm (Led by new officers)

★ If you currently have a disability registered with the Office of Disability Services at Ohio State and require accommodations for CGS meetings and events, please email CGS President Nick Messenger at messenger.37@osu.edu and let him know so that we can ensure accessibility!

Officers



- Nick Messenger – President
- Abby Grieff – Vice President
- Michelle Scott – Treasurer
- Alissa Geisse – Secretary
- Javonte Lipsey - Chief of Staff
- Brandon Free – Parliamentarian
- Carrie Anne Thomas – Strategic Communications



Vice President Report

- 36th Annual Hayes Research Forum – Friday March 4th
- If you have any questions/concerns regarding placement on external or internal committee's please let me know

- **42 DAYS UNTIL THE SEMESTER IS OVER :)**



Chief of Staff

Updates:

- CGS Culture survey—implementing feedback
 - Increase transparency
 - Belonging & Participation
 - Increase representation within CGS and on external bodies
- Graduate student Housing
 - Working along TJ Logan to gather feedback and generate short & long term solutions

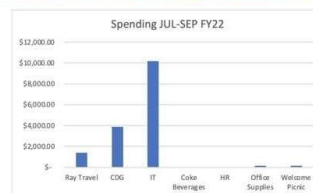
Sub Committee's:

- **Executive Student Leaders Committee**
 - Led by Dr. Shivers
 - Conversations about Tuition free for all students, collecting feedback
 - Understanding how Covid-19 has impacted our daily lives
- **Fiscal Senate Meetings**
 - Fixing issues regarding workday
 - Phase of Pilot test workday with students, to anticipate in challenges



Treasurer Report

- Ray Funding period 3 has closed for judging
 - Completed applications: 23
- We have received our monthly financial report!
 - Waiting to receive funding from student activity fee
 - Projected decrease of 25% from last year
 - Spending through September:
 - \$15,806.52 of \$420,393.68 budget



Secretary Report



- Funding period #3 applications *are closed (Nov 1st)*
 - I will be pre-screening candidates and assigning judges shortly
- Going to work with Nick Messenger to connect with public safety to reinstate(?) a peer-escort program for students who want a walking buddy across campus.



Such is the way of life

6. COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES

Academic Affairs-Menghang Wu.4899

- Welcoming new committees delegates
- Monthly Meeting: 10/25/2021
- Updating International Recruitment Committee
- Events Planning, Advocacy, Resolution and Collaborations to look forward to:
 1. Academic Free Speech House 322/327
 2. Diversity and Equality in Academia
 3. International Students



- Step two: Start planning event: Date, Location, and Form
- Related keywords: cancel culture, curriculum, international students participation, inclusive
- Looking for **Collaboration!!**
(wu.4899)

Arts & Culture

For questions & info, contact Robin at gordon.215@osu.edu

- **EVENT: Advocacy 101: A How-To Workshop, 5:30 – 6:30 PM, Monday, Nov. 15th in Thompson Library Multipurpose Room. Food & beverages.** →
- Committee met Oct. 4th with Dr. Scott Jones, Director of [Barnett Center](#), to share visions for building community in & through arts & culture
- Committee met Nov. 1st in Hughes Hall (Music) for community & advocacy planning
- *Next meeting: December 6 in Drake (Theatre)*
- PhDs: Humanities Collaboratory Initiative! <https://humanitiescollaboratory.osu.edu/events/career-diversity-readingdiscussion-group-meeting>



Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

- Advocacy 101: A How-To Workshop
 - When: Nov 15th
 - Where: Thompson Library Multipurpose Room 165 or Virtually
 - Time: 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm
- Subcommittees
- Met with Molly in the Office of Institutional Equity to discuss some collaboration ideas.
 - Mandatory anti-discrimination modules
 - Collaboration with gender neutral bathrooms and expanding them
 - Coming to a delegate meeting to discuss what OIE actually does



Research and Data Operations

Committee Updates

- Will meet Monday 11/8 -----> Building committee structure, outlining initial structure and content of "state of the graduate stud." survey, structures for archiving & storing previous documents & resources for CGS delegates
- Will meet again once in last 2 wks Nov. & first 2 wks Dec. to move survey project forward on time

Urgent Issues

- ASC Graduate Student Town Hall (zoom) w/ Interim Executive Dean Dr. David Horn Tuesday 11/16 1 – 2:30pm -----> **ASC DELEGATES PLEASE SHARE WIDELY** (you should've received an email, if not, reach out to me and I'll forward)

As always – Contact Katie Conner(.280) with concerns, comments, or questions

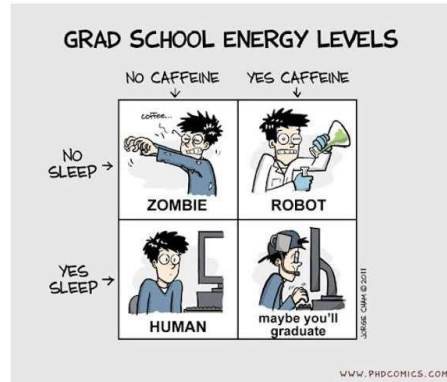
GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

- ADVOCACY SERIES NOVEMBER 15th 5:30PM AT THOMPSON LIBRARY MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
- Elections happened: did you vote??
- Issues Newsletter #1 Complete! Go.osu.edu/csgovaffairsissues



Graduate Student Affairs

- Two meetings have been held since the last delegate meeting
- Evaluated and sent feedback to the Office of Student Life on a survey that will be coming out in January-February to survey graduate student interests.
 - 3000 random graduate students will be surveyed
 - Focusing on graduate student life and overall campus involvement
- Working on 2022 Graduate Student Appreciation Week Plans
- Looking to collaborate with other committees on a few initiatives
 - Details to come



Health, Wellness, and Safety

Safety and Wellness Resource Workshop

- **Date:** November 18th, 11:30AM-1:30PM
- **Location:** via Zoom
- **About:** This event is intended to provide graduate students and guests with an overview of different safety and wellness resources and services on the OSU campus.
- Survey -> https://osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bQ8ibRYmnGHSvWe

Planning:

- Family Fitness Event
- Paint Thru It

Highlighted Events

- Harmful Representations: The Use of Native American and Indigenous Peoples as Sports Mascots
- The use of American Indian mascots and stereotypical imagery harms the mental health of Indigenous youth, and creates a narrative for non-Native people that is not aligned with the reality of Indigenous communities.



Housing and Family Affairs

- **Goals:**
 - Reduce student costs for OSU Child Care Program
 - Ideas:
 - Subsidized by university like health insurance (preferred and probably more likely)
 - Lower costs for lowest income bracket and have all grad students in this bracket regardless of household income
 - Insure whatever the solution is, it is available for international students
 - Work on a Replacement for Buckeye village
 - Very helpful discussions with Dr TJ Logan from the office of student life about the future of grad student and family housing



Membership Wellness

- Thank you for completing the survey!
- Events for November and December are currently in the works, trying to work through funding questions
 - Buddy Program is an opportunity for peer-to-peer support – email Lizzy Ehren.6
- If you have any ideas or concerns, use the Carmen forms OR email fitzpatrick.271



Delegate CELEBRATION!

"**Taylor Williams** will be presenting her swine research at TWO conferences this year!"

"**Eli Bohnert's** passion is policy work, advocacy, and public service. He is running for an office seat for the West Scioto Area Commission! Proud to call him a classmate. "

"**Oly Beer** is developing a mindfulness app for smartphones to reduce stress among child welfare workers. He has put out 14 publications in 4 years! Oly is in the Dissertation stage of his PhD. He teaches, has his own research lab, and is a long-time collaborator with The Center for Family Safety and Healing (NCH), where he uses innovates approaches to address the health and well-being of child advocacy center workers. He volunteers his time and transfer his the knowledge back to OSU (as well as publishing academic manuscripts). We are lucky to have him on the CGS."

Delegate CELEBRATION!

"**Kendra Dickinson** is a prolific scholar in the Spanish and Portuguese dept., especially over the last month! She has presented work four different times at recent conferences, including first authoring one presentation and solo authoring another!"

"**Aleksandra Shubina, Sofia Bachman, Ekaterina Tikhonyuk, and Natalia Sletova** got accepted to present at the annual American Association of Teachers of Slavic and East European Languages in February in Philadelphia, PA!"

"**Emily Hruska's** abstract was accepted for the DOW Chemistry Student Symposium!"



Ad Hoc Accessibility and Inclusivity

GOAL: To revise CGS governing documents to make our practices and policies more accessible and inclusive

- For our resolutions to be representative of the desires of the delegate body, we need members!
 - If you are interested in joining, reach out to Fitzpatrick.271
- If you have input but don't want to commit to the committee, that's ok! We still need your ideas!
 - Please reach out to Fitzpatrick.271



Sustainability & Environmental Responsibility

- Previous meeting dates: Sept. 28, Oct. 12, Oct. 26
- Upcoming meeting dates: Nov. 9th, 16th, 30th
- Committee met Oct. 26 with Dr. Kip Curtis, Associate Professor in Environmental History and Studies. Presented about micro-farms and food systems, potential collaboration with Columbus campus.
- Upcoming/ potential event
 - Harvest Festival – November 14th or 21st
 - Visit Micro-farm with Dr. Kip Curtis – fall 2021 or spring 2022
 - Zero Waste event – seeking out events happening Nov & Dec 2021
 - CGS Advocacy Series led by Robin Gordon- TBD
 - Sustainability Hackathon – Spring 2022

For questions & info, contact Sally at Ross.1668@osu.edu

Strategic Communications thomas.4051

● Newsletters:

- We sent out an October and a Mid-October newsletter.
- The November newsletter should be out soon, if not out already.
- Submit newsletter requests: go.osu.edu/cgscommunicationsrequest



● Social Media:

- Follow us on Twitter: @CGSOSU



Graduate Caucus

- Sorry I couldn't be there today. I am out of town for a wedding!
- University Senate updates:
 - Meeting held 10/28
 - Voted to transition the Bachelors of Athletic Training to a Master of Athletic Training to be in line with new accreditation and professional standards.
 - Heard a preview of President Johnson's upcoming investiture speech.
- [Notice and Comment form now live!](#)
 - No issues posted yet, but feel free to send a test.
 - I will post new issues as requested by Senators and let you know via Delegate meetings.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1. None

8. SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS

8.1. Delegate Issues and Concerns

- O'Rourke.130 : In a faculty meeting today, it was pointed out that in a safety message (October 21st update) there was a class added that was woman-only self defense class against sexual assault. Problematic because this doesn't prevent sexual assault, and men also experience sexual assault.
 - Khan.969: My committee can offer conversations in solidarity.
 - Grieff.2: Nick and I are also always willing to bring forward concerns, we will bring this back.
- Conner.280: I have seen several Columbus residents in my (uni) neighborhood express concerns that community members outside of the university have felt slightly aggressed against.
 - Name.# : Can you clarify the concerns against the block watch?
 - Conner.280: It feels like OSU calls shots without considering non-university residents.
 - Sengupta.60: Wanted to check if buckeye alerts is properly working, as crimes are happening that are not notified via buckeye alerts.
 - Name.#: As someone with an inside view, this is a flawed system that requires multiple steps before an alert goes out.
 - Gordon.215: Has the light at aquatic ecology been fixed?
 - No, but we are still pressing that conversation.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

9.1. Next meeting is December 3rd ON ZOOM

Meeting adjourned at 5:53 pm.