



## **COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS**

# Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Location: Sphinx Centennial Leadership Suite



**THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY**



## Attendance

**Executive Committee Members Present:**

Jorge E. Clavo Abbass, Katie Conner, Michelle Scott, Nathan Grizenko, Gordon Goodwin, Mary Griffith, Carrie Anne Thomas, Elena Cruz-Lopez, Peter Carrera, Om Prakash Bedant, Charlie Mace, Isobel Bowles, Yang Du, Mary Griffith, Amrita Sen

**Executive Committee Members Absent:**

Bill Wang, Alissa Geisse, Karla Shockley McCarthy



## 01. CALL TO ORDER

- a. Meeting called to order at 4:03pm
- b. Statement of Purpose
  - i. To effectively advocate and program to ensure that The Ohio State University graduate student experience is the best it can be.

## 02. OFFICER REPORTS

- a. President's Report
  - i. Thank you for being so lovely during my recovery!
  - ii. New Arts and Culture Chair: Elena! Welcome!
    1. You now have the ability to access the Resource Room and can discuss additional purchases with Michelle
  - iii. Office Access: If you haven't had a chance to try using your BuckID to access the office, please let Jorge know.
  - iv. Slides for Delegate Meetings
    1. Don't change the template (font, color, etc.) too much. We need everything to look consistent to make sure it looks professional and is as accessible as possible.
    2. Name.#, First Name, Committee Members, Last time you met, and the Next time you're meeting should be included on your slide(s).
  - v. When engaging with outside partners, please cc Jorge and Katie (i.e. basically everyone who is not a CGS officer or one of our advisors). This helps us (Katie and Jorge) support you and keep our partners accountable.
  - vi. Powerpoint for Exec - no preference from the general exec committee
  - vii. CABS will be resuming service - Beginning November 14th
    1. Buckeye express and Campus Connector to continue/resume
    2. [osu.edu/cabs\\_changes](https://osu.edu/cabs_changes)
  - viii. Doctoral Funding Taskforce
    1. Report finalized
    2. Meeting with Provost, Dean of Grad School, etc. to discuss formal recommendations and how to go forward
    3. Dr. Shivers and OSU President meeting on Wednesday.
      - a. Quality of Life and Compensation and Benefits will be topics discussed during this meeting.
      - b. Mental healthcare resources, childcare, etc. to be talking points as well.
      - c. If you have other concerns or issues that relate to your committee's work, please reach out to Katie and Jorge to ensure these topics are addressed.
  - ix. Townhall Session
    1. The event was less attended than we thought it would be
    2. Panelist and student feedback was positive; really good discussions
    3. Goal is to vary times/locations to ensure we capture a broad range of students
    4. Thanks to the Grad School for putting up the money
  - x. Next Meeting with Grad School
    1. Parenting and grad students (with Dean Stromberger)
    2. Teaching appointment/workload - discussion regarding what constitutes "50% workload"/make it more standardized
  - xi. November goes by fairly quickly
- b. Vice President's Report
  - i. Delegate and Senator Appointments



1. 78 of 138 filled
2. Currently working on getting people appointed and we're close to having each program represented.
- ii. No external appointments left to fill! Awesome!
- iii. Hayes
  1. Applications will close on the 25th.
  2. Committee will meet to discuss abstract judging
- iv. Senate Recruitment
  1. 2 Candidates
    - a. Debbie JOnes from delegate body
    - b. Gordon Goodwin
  2. Disclosure: Elections are held in the spring and terms are the same as delegates.
  3. There are no formal guidelines for how elections will be advertised.
  4. There is concern regarding one delegate candidate interested in being part of the Senator slate with questionable integrity and history of sexual misconduct allegations.
- v. Code of Ethics and Values (COE) need to be reviewed:
  1. Katie proposes the creation of an ad hoc committee to update this document as it has not been reviewed for a long time.
  2. An act will establish an ad hoc committee.
  3. The COE is vague and does not discuss how to address misconduct or when there is uncivil discourse.
  4. It also does not address how to handle when delegates hold discriminatory values and reflect those on their social media.
  5. Katie will be co-chairing this committee. A co-chair will be chosen from the general delegate body.
  6. 10-15 delegates have already expressed interest
  7. Gordon, as parliamentarian, will serve as ex-officio member
  8. No later than April will we start the process of voting and discussion on the revised document.
  9. Because this is to be sponsored by the executive committee. Simple majority vote conducted to approve of this act to be announced to the delegate body.
    - a. If a committee sponsors something, a majority needs to be in agreement
- vi. OHio Senate Bill 135?
  1. There's a difference between being a teacher employed by the University.
  2. As a student organization, we establish and control membership and have a process in place to dismiss members (delegates)
  3. Katie does have a resolution in response to this in the works
- vii. We can decide the rules and operations of our organization (CGS). We do not need external approval to change the COE.
- viii. Carrie Ann expressed concern regarding carryover and adequate representation to take on the task of enforcing COE and ensuring civility within the organization.
  1. The goal is to establish some kind of protocol to ensure civility and whose responsibility it is to handle and address discourse.
  2. Currently whoever Chairs the committee is responsible for addressing issues that may arise.
- ix. The current policy is Exec and/or Delegates can initiate the process to remove someone from CGS



1.  $\frac{2}{3}$  majority needed to remove a Delegate.
  2. Usually the person just chooses to step down for conduct unbecoming.
  3. A department can actually recall their delegate.
- x. All in favor of sponsorship
1. 1 opposition
  2. 0 abstention
- c. Treasurer's Report
- i. Budget Update:
    1. Chairs should email Michelle with how much you want and what you want additional funding for.
  - ii. Email Michelle if you want an update on your budget.
  - iii. If you need supplies for an event, please also email Michelle
    1. 4 weeks notice is preferred to ensure things come in on time!
- d. Secretary's Report
- i.
- e. Parliamentarian's Report
- i. Rules Committee of University Senate
    1. 3335-7 Board of Trustees Faculty Rules
    2. Change in Advising Qualifications; preliminary approval
    3. Reach out to Gordon with concerns and questions
  - ii. Authority of Senate Steering Committee
    1. Discussion of authority in November
    2. Reach out with Gordon with concerns and questions
- f. Strategic Communications Director's Report
- i. Newsletter deadline
  - ii. Thank you to everyone who sent me stuff
  - iii. Life update: Did get the fellowship! Yay!

### 03. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

- a. Academic Affairs
- i. Committee has not met yet
  - ii. Student funding concerns - will collaborate with GSA Committee
  - iii. Affordability of academic regalia - hoping to generate a concrete solution
- b. Arts and Culture
- i. Welcome Elena!
  - ii. Activism workshop event happened after last general delegate meeting
  - iii. We had activists in the community and members of Ohio Art Council in attendance
  - iv. We're thinking about things we can do in relation to the new Arts District
  - v. We have a brand new building!
  - vi. Hayes update: will meet with Katie to discuss changes that could help better support arts and humanities students
- c. Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity
- d. Government Affairs
- i. Last month - Ohio School Board and Divisive Teaching
    1. This likely will not end up being voted on
    2. A new version may pop up
  - ii. Preliminary injunction against senate bill 23 (Abortion 6 week ban)
    1. The bill is temporarily blocked, but we'll see what happens
  - iii. Election Day: November 8
    1. Information for proof of address, where, and how to vote provided
  - iv. Stamps and Envelopes available in office for early voting



- v. Senate Bill 135 - Immediate pressure has lowered a bit, but we will discuss later
- e. Graduate Caucus
  - i. University Senate met yesterday
  - ii. A few things:
    - 1. Intellectual property ownership (rule updated)
  - iii. The Delegate Report has details regarding current activities.
- f. Graduate Student Affairs
  - i. Met 2 times in October
  - ii. Discussion about ensuring adequate support and services for student
  - iii. Graduate compensation and stipend
    - 1. Some committee members are especially interested in this due to the inflation and tech companies coming into central Ohio.
  - iv. Jorge and Om to discuss collaboration with Student Life
  - v. Hoping to provide input regarding questions and data collection
  - vi. Report from graduate ombudsperson to be held at a later delegate meeting
  - vii. Grad student appreciation week input and discussion
    - 1. Be sure to loop in Katie and Michelle to acquire resources
- g. Health, Wellness, and Safety
  - i. Absent
- h. Housing and Family Affairs
  - i. Currently planning to send out a housing and parenting survey
  - ii. Limit for number of questions for student qualitics survey; trying to acquire access to full access and unlimited questions to create full survey
  - iii. A survey back in 2021 was conducted, but the results do not seem to reflect current students' perspectives and values.
  - iv. First 100 students will get a \$5 giftcard for Amazon
  - v. Nesterly update: matches students with individuals who are willing to rent out space in their home.
    - 1. Short-term option to address housing
- i. International Student Affairs
  - i. We are meeting October 31 to discuss advocacy efforts
  - ii. Expensive cost for language exam to be one point to discuss with committee
  - iii. Will work with JOrges to schedule next OIA meeting
- j. Membership Wellness
- k. Research and Data Operations
  - i. Review Committee Report
- l. Sustainability and Environmental Responsibilities
  - i. Meeting will be next week
  - ii. Couple of developments
  - iii. Sustainability institute

#### **04. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **05. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **06. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- a. Next Executive Committee Meeting: November 18th at 4 p.m.
- b. Please have reports and slides ready if able but we're going to allow you to submit materials after that deadline due to the Holiday!

#### **07. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Meeting adjourned at 5:14pm

Submitted By,



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