



COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Delegate Packet

October 6th, 2023

Location: Ohio Staters Inc. Traditions Room

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Agenda

1. **GUEST PRESENTATIONS**
 - 1.1. Office of Diversity and Inclusion (Colby Taylor) – Welcome and Introduction to Resources and Events [10 min]
 - 1.2. Committee on Academic Misconduct (Dr. Jennifer Whetstone) – Navigating Simultaneous Identities as a GA and a Graduate Student [20 min]
2. **CALL TO ORDER** 4:00 PM
 - 2.1. “To effectively advocate and program to ensure that The Ohio State University graduate student experience is the best it can be.”
3. **ROLL CALL** [5 min]
4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES** [5 min]
5. **OFFICER REPORTS** [10 min]
 - 5.1. President’s Report – Jorge E. Clavo Abbass (clavoabbass.1)
 - 5.2. Vice President’s Report – Katie Conner.280
 - 5.3. Treasurer’s Report – Jon Fritz.288
 - 5.4. Secretary’s Report – Lauren Chivington.17
6. **COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS** [10 min]
 - 6.1. Academic Affairs – Garrett Tatum.71
 - 6.2. Arts and Culture – Michela Bertossa.1
 - 6.3. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – Debbie Jones.7661
 - 6.4. Government Affairs – Madeline Carrola.1
 - 6.5. Graduate Caucus – Peter Carrera.55
 - 6.6. Graduate Student Affairs – Om Prakash Bedant.1
 - 6.7. Housing and Family Affairs – Isobel Bowles.124
 - 6.8. International Student Affairs – Yang Du.601
 - 6.9. Membership Wellness – *vacant*
 - 6.10. Research and Data Operations – Bill Wang.13945
 - 6.11. Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility – Kevin Donnelly.235
 - 6.12. Health, Wellness, and Safety – Sabrina Durso.19
7. **OLD BUSINESS** [5 min]
8. **NEW BUSINESS** [30 min]
 - 8.1. Bylaws/Constitution Proposed Updates and Feedback
 - 8.2. Code of Ethics and Values Proposed Updates and Feedback
9. **SPECIAL ORDER ITEM** [30 min]
 - 9.1. Delegate Issues and Concerns
10. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** [5 min]
 - 10.1. Next General Delegate Meeting: Friday, November 3rd at 3:30pm (Cartoon Room, Ohio Union)
13. **ADJOURNMENT** 5:40 PM



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. Sarah will be monitoring to ensure they are brought up.
6. You may keep your video on or off as to whichever is most comfortable for you, but we may ask you to turn off your video should connectivity issues arise.
7. Please be visually presentable, if using video, and limit background activity.
8. This meeting will be recorded for note taking purposes, and in hopes to share our meetings in the future.



COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS

Delegate Meeting Minutes

September 8th, 2023

Location: Great Hall Meeting Rooms 1+2



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01. CALL TO ORDER

- a. **Meeting called to order at 3:31 pm by ClavoAbbass.1**
- 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. ROLL CALL

- a. 3:32 - Completion of attendance via paper sign in or via Zoom

03. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. - Minutes from July 2023 presented for approval
 - i. **Minutes Approved.**

04. OFFICER REPORTS

- a. **President’s Report (*ClavoAbbass.1*)**
 - 1. Housing meeting with Dr. Shivers postponed
 - 2. November event for GradSERU results presentation planned
 - 3. Graduate School website revision recommendations
 - 4. Potential future guests for AU semester: COAM, ODI, University Libraries, Student Life, Dennis Learning Center
 - 5. Conference attendance
 - September: Ohio State and Notre Dame Administrator and Student Leadership Summit (at ND)
 - October: National Assoc. of Graduate and Professional Students (NAGPS) Legislative Action Days
 - 6. GCBC updates
 - 7. Vacancies
 - Parliamentarian
 - Cede delegacy
 - Chair of Membership Wellness
 - Contact Jorge if interested or know someone
 - 8. Compliance with new fiscal policy



b. Vice President's Report (Conner.280)

1. Internal operations

- Swag update: Erica helping us escalate inquiries to that end

2. Committee Assignments V1 almost done

- Will receive either email from Katie with external appointment or a cc to internal committee chair telling about committee members, email katie if don't hear by noon on monday
- Special committee = teaching and learning working group under provost
 - Appointing someone to that position, ask Katie if interested

3. Hayes

- 175 days away
 - getting stuff for marketing and swag
 - CFP going out Monday sept 18th
 - deadline is november
 - at oct meeting, 5-10 min email/letter writing campaign for recruiting faculty judges
- ALL CGSERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN HAYES

c. Treasurer's Report (Fritz.288)

- Wrapping up FY 22-23 stuff, prepping for 23-24

d. Secretary's Report (Chivington.17)

- Monthly calendar for September

05. COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS

a. Academic Affairs (Tatum.71)

- Regalia library
- Running point helping other comms with policies that involve academics
- Let Garrett know if you want to join!

b. Arts and Culture (Bertossa.1)

- If any ideas for events, concerts, lectures, let Michela know!



- c. **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (*Jones.7661*)**
 - Creating safe place to voice equity, while not overburdening people who hold marginalized identities
 - Equity as a verb not a noun, not performative

- d. **Government Affairs (*Carrola.1*)**
 - Given our current political environment, this year will bring many opportunities for engagement and ensuring that the graduate community is well-informed about the decisions that affect our work as graduate students.
 - If interested, please reach out to Madeline Carrola (Carrola.1).
A When2Meet will be sent out soon.

- e. **Graduate Caucus (*Carrera.55*)**
 - CGS has 10 senators on the University Senate who make up The Graduate Caucus. We have two primary objectives:
 - Present a unified, graduate student focused presence in the University Senate when reviewing resolutions and other senate business
 - Having a transparent, two-way information flow with CGS members (and through them their constituents); sharing what occurs in senate meetings to members and in turn receiving valuable grad student perspective & information
 - Please see our report to view all university senate committees and which students serve on them

- f. **Graduate Student Affairs (*Bedant.1*)**
 - Immediate Goals: Gather suggestions about any specific areas we can focus on this school year.
 - Long-term Goals: Collaborate with other committees. Plan and host events during Grad Student Appreciation week.
 - For questions or to join the Committee, contact bedant.1

- g. **Health, Wellness, and Safety (*Durso.19*)**
 - Committee Goal: Ensures the physical and mental well-being of all grad students at OSU by promoting an environment of care and wellness
 - Academic Year-End Goal: Composing legislation that goes beyond ADA Compliance
 - Fall Semester Goal: Create an educational resource via a two-episode webinar through The PreMed Scene



- Next Meeting: September 12, 6-7PM via Zoom

Please reach out at durso.19@osu.edu if you'd like to attend our first meeting

h. Housing and Family Affairs (*Bowles.124*)

- City of Columbus Bike Plan Survey: Provide feedback to the city on your feelings about current transit options in Columbus as they work to improve mobility in and around the city



i. International

Student Affairs (*Du.601*)

- Open to everyone, not just international students
- Want to work with more professionals to provide more workshops
- If you know someone who would be good for workshops, we welcome

j. Membership Wellness (*Vacant*)

- No report
- Thank you, Alissa!

k. Research and Data Operations (*Wang.13945*)

- If interested reach out to Bill

l. Sustainability and Environmental Responsibilities [SERC] (*Donnelly.235*)

- Getting SERC more active on campus, esp sustainability week
- Working with admin to meet sustainability goals
- Reach out to kevin if interested in joining

06. OLD BUSINESS

- No old business

07. NEW BUSINESS

1. Thompson Accessible Parking
 - Motion to discuss issue
 - Passed
 - Motion to discuss for 10 minutes
 - Motion carries (10 minutes allotted)

Rubino.52

- Question about parameters of accessible parking
- Limited to ones with symbol of accessibility?
 - Answer: Yes
 - Point is to change from 1 hour access to 24 hour continual access

Mashburn.10

- Question, just at thompson?
 - Answer: Do not know, can find out

Evans.2744

- Why one hour placed before approaching solution?
- How to best keep access balanced so more users can use

Salem.120

- How is this compared to other parking spots in the parking lot?

Tatum.71

- What is the accessible parking situation in general?
 - How does it interface with campusparc?
 - Ada parking often also requires campusparc, when metered, 1 hr time limit
 - Are there other committees working with parking?

Conner.280

- Strongly encourage people to talk to committees about grad parking situation

Carrera.55

- Does the osu ada office help inform the decision?
- Who makes the decisions on ada parking?
- How can we get ADA office involved?
- Can we get SERC involved?

Oteng.12

- Do we at CGS have influence over any municipal code with regard to parking?



ClavoAbass.1

- Preliminarily, ADA sets requirements, more fact finding could be done on number

Valentine.381

- Point of info, ADA sets up allotment of ADA spaces, federal law

Multer.3

- Echoing ADA reg with parking
- Consider campus built before act pass, compliance retroactive, could play into issue

Mehta.337

- ADA parking split between metered parking and CampusParc
- Analysis of cost of permit vs metered

Chivington.17

- Can check and see if cost difference between ADA parking spots & other parking spots

ClavoAbass.1

- Motion to extend, table, table indefinitely

Mace.103

- Move to dedicate this to health and wellness
 - Seconded
 - Motion carried

4:14 ClavoAbass.1

- Any more new business?

SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS

Delegate Issues and Concerns

- Doubled from 15 to 30 minutes

4:15 - Delegate issues and concerns begins

Valentine.381

- OSU lifestyle savings account
- For osu employees, explicitly excludes grad students
- Constituents want to be included
- "Temporary employees" but some of us here for 5 years or more
- Propose to write a resolution with like-minded individuals

ClavoAbass.1



- Grad comp and benefits committee

Mashburn.10

- OSU lifestyle savings account based on health insurance not student status?

ClavoAbass.1

- Consistency needed for metrics of access, quality of care, etc.

Fyie.1

- Data on how many people are using faculty health plan and how many using student?

ClavoAbass.1

- Will do best to get numbers by next meeting

Nair.155

- Are we able to have leverage with campusparc?

ClavoAbass.1

- Will do fact finding about CampusParc contract

Mehta.337

- GRA contracts in workday
- If you didn't save the file before signing, it often disappears, no easy way to look up
- What can we do about it?

ClavoAbass.1

- Workday issues, this is a capability that can be built in but isn't, following up with HR

Kim.3215

- Dissertation completion support?
 - 3 years?
 - Resources?

ClavoAbass.1

- Info should be coming out next week, per our meeting with the dean, will follow up

Holroyd.12

- Religious accommodations wording by provost to add to syllabi
 - Office of academic affairs
- If not including and our department is publishing our syllabi, we are in breach of code
 - Getting word out that we need to include

ClavoAbass.1

- You can turn to offices of OAA, govt affairs, legal affairs, surrounding implementing this

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- We can include in our newsletter

Mashburn.10

- Went to OAA website, page is blank under policies, forms for religious issues

Sarkar.115

- Oral proficiency assessment
- Concerning promoting assimilationist model, to move to american english

ClavoAbass.1

- Regulations setting not housed under one position*
- Implementing strategic enrollment folks, list of countries needs to be expanded
- Will follow up and see what is happening in terms of the assessment

Bertossa.1

- Had to take oral exam because TOEFL exam lower

ClavoAbass.1

- They have lowered what is considered the appropriate TOEFL score
- Need to follow up and get updated information

Conner.280

- Teams links busted from orientation, will fix

4:35 pm - Delegate issues and concerns closed

08. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Next Delegate Meeting:
OCTOBER 6TH, 3:30 PM
OHIO STATERS INC TRADITIONS ROOM, OHIO UNION, 2ND FLOOR
Our Meeting Calendar (Subject to change, most recent info at this URL):
<https://cgs.osu.edu/about-us/meeting-calendar> Room in packet and digest email.

09. ADJOURNMENT

- Meeting adjourned at 4:38 PM

Submitted By,

Lauren E. Chivington

Lauren E. Chivington, Secretary

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Officer Reports

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates

FROM: Jorge E. Clavo Abbass, President

DATE: October 1, 2023

RE: President's Report

Dear CGSers,

I hope you're hanging in there; fall break is so, so soon! I have several updates to share with you.

Takeaways from Student Life Leadership Exchange with Notre Dame

From 21 September to 24 September, I visited the University of Notre Dame as part of a Student Life delegation including other student leaders across Ohio State as well as University leadership. I had the fortune of meeting my counterpart at ND, the President of the Graduate Student Government, as well as a couple of GSG committee chairs. We engaged in very productive, deep-cutting dialogue, and I learned so much about how just how easy it is at some institutions to silo off and silence university-wide graduate student advocacy.

While I won't get into details here to protect the trust and confidence placed in me by GSG leadership, my ultimate takeaway for us all to keep in mind is this: at Ohio State, as a graduate student government, we have a comparatively high amount of both power and involvement when it comes to the direction the University takes. This is not only because we are written into the Faculty Rules, but also because we avail ourselves of the authority this gives us as a legitimated advocacy organization to speak truth to power, loudly and consistently. This positionality is fragile; we can render an impact so long as we remain active, visible, and thorough in our work, and we cannot lose sight of the impact of what we do, even if sometimes we feel beaten down.



A Cautionary Word on Strategic Initiatives

In a similar vein, in conversations with a variety of University leadership and administration, one thing is eminently clear: we are presently in an institutional holding pattern. While we do have an acting president, there are freezes across the board in hiring, searches, budgets, and strategic initiatives. Some institutional priorities have lost traction, while for others, “wait and see” is the lay of the land. This means two things for us: 1) Realistically, we need to steel ourselves in terms of expecting movement on issues that matter to us and that require relief/solutions on the university-wide level, and 2) This means we need to continue to keep the pressure up on the issues that matter to us. We cannot let them fall by the wayside, and we need to keep them visible and front of mind for everyone we engage with, so that come January, we can start to gain traction again.

This also means that it is far more challenging for me to be able to tell you by when we can expect movement on any given issue; leadership and admin is cagey and largely on edge. For many of them, after all, their jobs may be at stake. I say this now so that we can manage expectations and adjust our approaches accordingly, without losing sight of what ultimately matters.

Old Business: Accessible Parking

I had a chance to connect with L. Scott Lissner, the University ADA Coordinator. These are the responses provided in correspondence with him. We can discuss the matter further during Old Business. Responses have been edited for clarity, and they have not been fact-checked. Data from the fall survey of accessible spaces on the Columbus campus is forthcoming.

Q: CGS understands that there are two types of accessible parking spaces, those for permitted users and those available to the general public. Why are the time limits for the general public spots limited to one hour? How does this time limit compare to non-accessible parking spots/zones?



A: The time limits on public disability spaces is anchored to the time limit for the standard public parking in that area.

Q: For the libraries on the Columbus campus, how many accessible parking spots are there?

A: I will need to double check. The base line for accessible parking is roughly 2% of the parking serving a building, “roughly” because it varies by number of spaces. Based on usage surveys, we add spaces as we approach full occupancy (80%). For the Columbus campus libraries in total, I was waiting on the new survey to check, as there have been some changes due to construction by Fisher, Billy Ireland, and Knowlton.

Q: For those accessible spots by Thompson (and others, if applicable), why is the only form of payment via coins? Is it possible to facilitate other forms of payment if they don’t exist already?

A: You can use the ParkMobile app on surface lots as a visitor.

Q: What is the working relationship between Administration & Planning (PARE – Planning, Architecture and Real Estate, TTM – Traffic and Transportation Management), the ADA Coordinator’s Office, and CampusParc?

A: I would describe it as close. Here are some examples:

The ADA office is part of the design review process for construction and renovation, including restriping. CampusParc conducts sample surveys three times a year on accessible space usage (three times a day for a five business days) that are reviewed by the ADA office to see if additional accessible spaces are required. Requests for exceptions to parking eligibility as an accommodation are reviewed by the ADA office and implemented by TTM. The ADA office and Student Life Disability Services consult with TTM on Paratransit approval, review reported barriers in the built environment, and develop remediation plans with A&P and PARE.

Wilce Dental Services Access

I had a chance to speak with the staff supporting the dental clinic operations at the Wilce Student Health Center. For patients completely new to Wilce Dental, appointments are being scheduled out to January 2024. For returning patients, the claimed wait time was a couple of weeks, two months maximum.



Effective January 2024, Wilce Dental will have more staff on hand and they will be introducing a new scheduling model which will enable more availability.

Emergency appointments on short notice are still possible. Wilce Dental keeps holds for this purpose. To schedule an appointment (emergency or non-emergency), call 614-247-2378 for maximum availability. MyBuckMD does not reflect all availability.

Other options for emergencies include the Ohio State University College of Dentistry Emergency Clinic. Call 614-688-3763 or visit <https://dentistry.osu.edu/dental-emergency-care-clinic>.

Graduate Compensation and Benefits Committee

I am one step closer to convening a full committee, now that staff appointments and some faculty appointments are confirmed. I have held meetings with various senior-level stakeholders and can preliminarily identify three feasible priority areas:

1. Annual cost of living adjustment for all GA stipends.
2. Review of equity in labor load associated with .5 FTE GA appointments across programs of study.
3. Improvements in operationalizing Workday to reduce opportunities for error and increase access to information, including PAP document after digitally signing.

I expect to convene the committee this month.

CGS Membership Wellness Chair Vacancy

Our outstanding vacancy is for the chairship of the Membership Wellness Committee. If you or someone you know is interested, please reach out to me at clavoabbass.1.

Graduate and Family Housing, Framework 3.0, and Ongoing Discussions

I will give a brief verbal update and refer you to Isobel's report for advance information.



International Student English Language Requirements

I expect to meet with the leadership responsible for the policy with other CGSers later this month to learn about the work undertaken so far. Hopefully more soon!

Please don't hesitate to contact me regarding any issues or questions you may have.

All my best,

Jorge E. Clavo Abbass, President

clavoabbass.1



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates

FROM: KATIE CONNER, VICE PRESIDENT

DATE: OCTOBER, 2023 🧛

RE: VICE PRESIDENT Report

Intro & Misc.

When the crypt doors creak and the tombstones quake.... you know we've survived the first 4-6 weeks of the school year! Things are rolling along quickly for all of us CGSers on all fronts from research, to teaching, to classes, and CGS is much the same. See below for what I've been up to the past month!

Internal Operations Updates

Autumn elections have concluded. 17 new delegates were successfully elected and onboarded across 16 departments. We now have 80 delegates. There are currently 4 additional folks working on petitions/appointments. I'm emailing DGSs/GSCs in departments with openings, and will be reaching out to delegates from departments with openings to get feedback on how to better reach out, and to see if there are leads on more delegates.



Additionally, as you'll see in the October and November meetings, I've been a happy little haunt and drawn up updates to all governing documents based on conversations over the last year. The Constitution, the combined Bylaws & Standing rules, and the Code of Ethics & Values will all possibly getting little facelifts! The Constitution and Bylaw updates are primarily to bring them into agreement with one another, clarify language that is either unclear or vague in ways that can hinder understanding and application, and to update them to how we currently run CGS, and where we see CGS moving in the future. I'd like to lend a special thanks to Paige Barton (former SPPO delegate), Michelle Scott (current senator, former Treasurer), Alissa Geisse (former EEOB delegate, former committee chair), Gordon Goodwin (former Parliamentarian), and Brian Rocha (current Parliamentarian) for their listening, wisdom, critiques, and input as these updates developed over the last year. The Code of Ethics & Values was adopted in 2013..... and then despite directives in the Bylaws that they be revisited every year..... was never updated. This was a huge overhaul. Debbie Jones (current delegate, senator, and committee chair) and Molly Mccullough served as committee co-chairs with me. The three of us have brainstormed, critiqued, talked, and drafted, using input from the 2022 – 2023 CGS General Body. The new draft brings CGS away from the bylaws that read very much as a 2000s student organization toward something that is a living document representing the shared set of values and commitments, we all strive to uphold as members of CGS. This wouldn't have been possible without Debbie and Molly's commitment, patience, viewpoints, and development, and all kudos and thanks should go their way.

Hayes Advanced Research Forum 38 - #152DaysTilHayes



Things are trucking along quietly. I've learned a lot about where the Hayes Forum's funds come from. I'll be meeting with interim President Mohler in a few weeks in his capacity as head of ERIK to secure future Hayes funds, and then later with Student Life folks to figure out better onboarding for future staff so that there is less tension and chaos surrounding the running of the Hayes when new staff are hired (so that the stress of some previous years is hopefully avoided). The committee and I will be meeting the Thursdays before General Body meetings this fall. It's a great group and I look forward to working with them! Call for Papers will be going out imminently, so keep an eye out, and share with your constituents when it drops!!! (And make sure to apply yourselves if you're so inclined!)

As always, folks should never hesitate to reach out to me via email or text as needed!

Stay Spooky!

Katie Conner, MA

VP of the Council of Graduate Students

PhD Student, Linguistics



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates

FROM: Jon Fritz, Treasurer & Ray Travel Award Committee Chair

DATE: October 6, 2023

RE: Treasurer's Report

Hey folks,

FY 2024 committee budgets:

To help orient committees and their respective chairs for FY24 (July 1 2023 – June 30 2024), I have listed below your/you all's committee budgets for easy reference:

Academic Affairs	3,500.00
Arts & Culture	7,500.00
Delegate Engagement Fund	3,000.00
Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion	3,000.00
International Student Affairs	2,500.00
Ray Travel Grant Admin	750.00
Health, Wellness, and Safety	4,000.00
SERC	1,500.00
Org. & Election	750.00
Government Affairs	1000.00
Graduate Student Affairs	5,000.00
Housing and Family Affairs	1,000.00
Research and Data Operations	750.00
Membership Wellness	3,000.00
Committees – Other	1,500.00



Ray Travel Award (RTA) Updates:

We finished judging at the end of August for funding period 2 and funded 17 applications! We have a large carryover in RTA funding from last year, so please encourage your constituents to apply. Thank you so much to those of you who judged in the previous funding period, especially given the transition to the new academic year.

FY3 applications opened on September 15th and are due by November 1st at 11:59pm for travel dates between January 1st - March 31st 2024. Please tell your constituents!!

The RTA Committee has our first meeting schedule for October where we will have introductions/icebreaker, discuss the process of RTA judging, and introduce possible enhancements to the RTA judging & application processes.

Council on Student Affairs (CSA) allocations request:

CGS has requested an additional ~\$36,000 from CSA to expand our startup funds for the Academic Affairs committee academic regalia project. Pending this approval, we will be able to purchase enough regalia to cloth ~10% of graduating graduate students per semester.

Thanks all!

Jon Fritz.288



The CGS Secretary has declined to submit a report for the October meeting packet.



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates

FROM: Michelle M. Leao, Chief of Staff

DATE: October 6, 2023

RE: Chief of Staff's Report

Hi Everyone,

I have two major updates to share around our Newsletter Process and social media presence.

Newsletter Process

Everyone should have received the first newsletter on Wednesday, September 7. If you did not receive, please be in touch with me. The newsletter will be released on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month (or on the next business day if the campus is on break). I will collect newsletter submissions through this [Form](https://forms.office.com/r/nW7WUGNaEx) (forms.office.com/r/nW7WUGNaEx). Content for the newsletter needs to be submitted by the Friday before the newsletter is released, which is the first and third Friday of the month.

Social Media

As part of my role, I will be taking over the social media accounts for CGS (@CGSOSU on Twitter and Instagram). Our goal for social media is to get our faces as CGS out to the graduate and campus community. To do this, we need more content for our account. We ask that at all CGS events, meetings, and gatherings, the Chairs or event hosts take pictures and share them with me via email (leao.1@osu.edu) that day or the next to share on our accounts. If you do not wish your photo to be shared, please let the committee chair or event host know when they are taking the pictures.



These are both newer processes that we are establishing and will likely have some growing pains and adjustments along the way. If you have any feedback or suggestions to smooth the process, please don't hesitate to reach out to me (leao.1@osu.edu).

Thanks for all you do!

Sincerely,
Michelle M. Leao, Chief of Staff
Leao.1



Committee Chair Reports

There is no membership wellness report for the October packet due to position vacancy.

SERC declined to submit a report for the October meeting packet



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates

FROM: Garrett Tatum, CGS Academic Affairs, Chair

DATE: September 29, 2023

RE: Garrett Tatum's Chair Report

Hello Delegates,

The CGS Academic Affairs Committee (AAC) will be focused on setting up an academic regalia library for graduating students this year. Following my initial meetings with Jorge and the previous committee chair, AAC met for the first time on September 27 and began outlining the process and steps/logistics to get the project off the ground. Our goal is to order regalia before winter break and have policies implemented for the May Commencement ceremony.

This year, we will be focusing our funds on purchasing PhD regalia, and we are working on strategies for getting a representative sample of sizes of robes/tams. We are also working on establishing the protocols for applying for and getting access to the regalia. I have been in contact with Erica about getting the process moving.

Other ideas for events include starting a graduation celebration event and a regalia photoshoot event. We will begin discussing these events in detail at our next meeting.

Happy Fall Everyone!

Garrett Tatum.71



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Michela Bertossa, Arts and Culture Chair
DATE: September 15, 2023
RE: Arts and Culture Chair's Report

Dear All,

The Arts and Culture chair met on September 15th and brainstormed possible activities and events. We plan to start a collaboration with the Music department and contribute to their spring inauguration event and see if we can insert ourselves and propose something interesting for graduate students.

Thank you,
bertossa.1



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates

FROM: Debbie Jones, DEI Committee Chair

DATE: September, 29, 2023

RE: DEI Chair's Report

Hello, Delegates!

DEI Committee will have held its first meeting on October 4th to discuss the upcoming year. The agenda items included discussion of what DEI should look like in CGS and how to best represent constituents as well as our meeting cadence. If you have interest in joining, there's always room on DEI for you!

We will have more to share with you in November.

Thank you,

Jones.7661



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates

FROM: Madeline Carrola, Government Affairs Chair

DATE: October 6, 2023

RE: Government Affairs Chair's Report

Hello,

The Government Affairs Committee had our first meeting of the academic year on September 27th.

We plan to continue producing the CGS Government Affairs Newsletter to keep the graduate student body apprised of federal, state, and local decisions that affect our work as graduate students.

Of immediate importance, we want to ensure that graduate students are aware of the recent changes to the voter ID laws as well as the upcoming election on November 7th, wherein voters will decide on a proposed reproductive rights amendment to the state constitution.

Additionally, on this next newsletter, graduate students may complete a Qualtrics form to provide feedback on what issues are most important to them. If you have any thoughts or feedback to share, please let us know.

Our next committee meeting will be on November 15th at 4pm. Please reach out to Madeline for the Zoom link if you are interested in joining us.

Sincerely,
Carrola.1



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Peter Carrera, Graduate Caucus Chair
DATE: 10/6/2023
RE: Graduate Caucus Chair's Report

The Graduate Caucus will be giving monthly updates to CGS members on the work university senate committees are conducting month to month. Please share and discuss any relevant information with your constituents. If you have any questions or want to share thoughts about what is going on in a senate committee please contact the respective CGS senator.

Fiscal Committee – Michelle Beverly.127

Senate Fiscal met on 4/11 and 4/25 to continue voting on and approving subcommittee reports from the Support Office Finance Subcommittee (SOFS) and the College Finance Subcommittee (CFS). These included discussions on securing permanent, budgeted funding for Workday and various other funding initiatives related to data security, campus safety, and buckeye tech equity (formerly known as Digital Flagship). We voted on recommendations that provide guidance on how to prioritize funding requests and require units to use any surplus funds prior to requesting additional budgetary funds.

Senate Fiscal met on 9/12/23 to review the prior year recommendations and overview this year's fee changes and budget adjustments. Rate changes for FY24 were affirmed as recommended. Pertinent to graduate students, a 3.8% raise for student base tuition and 4.2% raise for non-resident surcharge were affirmed. Enrollment data so far this year shows lower numbers for undergraduate enrollment at the Columbus and Lima campuses as well as lower graduate student enrollment. Additional updates and a more definitive analysis of enrollment and tuition numbers are pending.

Graduate Comp & Benefits – Diane Mashburn.10

No update



Diversity Committee – Debbie Jones.7661

DEI met Sept 15th, we reviewed the bylaws of the committee and discussed the mission and vision to begin the year. Next meeting we will have guests from SLDS and OIE coming to speak with the committee

Council on Student Affairs – Krutant Mehta.337 / Peter Carrera.55

CSA met twice in September, on 9/25 and 9/11

CSA approved the 2023 Code of Student Conduct and submitted it to university leadership for feedback before submission to the University Senate.

Allocations Committee has made significant progress on reviewing the requests it received (670 requests received, almost double received last year). Based on FY24 numbers, we should be able to fund up to 90% of requests

Issues Committee has 3 co-chairs and is in the process of brainstorming and narrowing down specific issues to focus on this year. Possible candidates include improvements to on-campus student housing, dining services, and campus transportation

Full CSA Tasks – Redistribution of Student Activity Fee, goals to redistribute based on a review of all the submitted requests, not based on percentages

Intellectual & Property Committee – Brian Rocha.51

No update

Committee for Evaluation of Central Administrators (EOCA) - Ben McKinley.255

No update

Council of Academic Affairs – Carrie Anne Thomas.4051

No update

Council of Academic Freedom & Responsibility – Sabrina Durso.19

Did not meet.



Council on the Physical Environment – Sabrina Durso.19

9/27/2023:

- Discussed campus issues we'd like to resolve this academic year including:
 - Discussing accessibility concerns with ADA coordinator
 - Addressing Lime Scooters being *everywhere*. We discussed using their geo-grid technology to ensure students park their scooters in designated spots that are far from building entrances
 - Implementing Green/Sustainable Initiatives such as permeable pavements, rain gardens, solar collection integrated into rooftops, etc.

Rules Committee – Ben Mckinley.255

Library Committee – Maria Derezendegrasi.1

- We are still discussing the priorities for this academic year. Nothing important related to grad. Students.

University Research Committee – Maria Derezendegrasi.1

- This year's tasks surround valuing and promoting interdisciplinary, multi-disciplinary, and trans-disciplinary research. Broadening communication with ORC, reviewing Centers and Institute policies, creating a document to deliver to the new president in January that specifies what we, as a committee, expect from the new office and the demands we might have.
- We will be divided into ad hoc committees to discuss these different issues.

Committee on Academic Technology – Joe Laborie.7

- No update, has not met

Committee on Academic Misconduct – Joe Laborie.7

- Normal work of holding hearings on cases of Academic Misconduct
- Researching effects of Artificial Intelligence to provide guidance to instructors
- Conducted training on Academic Misconduct through the perspective of International Students



Council on Enrollment and Student Progress – Diane Mashburn.10

- CESP met on September 5th with the main topic being an overview of the committee's charge and creation of subcommittees
- Beginning in Fall 2025, Election day will be recognized as a University holiday. As such, the fall semester will begin a day earlier to compensate, August 25, 2025. This will be a pilot effort and as such, organizations such as CGS will be charged with assisting to make students aware of this opportunity and find ways to document how this change impacts the voting rates of the University population.
- Faculty submitted issue related to OSU dismissing classes on the afternoon of April 8th was discussed. CESP will not be passing this issue along due to concerns of class interruptions leading up to the end of the semester, the location of the path of totality (which then raises the issue of transportation to travel to the path of totality), and the precedent this could create. CESP mentioned that the choice to cancel or change how class meetings are conducted can be at the instructor/faculty level.
- Next meeting will be October 3rd, update to follow in the November Grad Caucus report

In service,

Peter Carrera (Carrera.55)



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Om Prakash Bedant, Graduate Student Affairs Chair
DATE: 09/29/2023
RE: Graduate Student Affairs Chair's Report

Hello Delegates,

GSA met two times in September. We went over GSA's objectives, and history, and discussed the vision of the committee for us.

Items discussed:

1. Graduate compensation and benefits

The problem that resonates with all the committee members. Different departments/programs have different stipend rates.

A few programs have periodically increased the fellowship compensation but after the fellowship, the (GTA) students receive the min. stipend set by the program at a rate that was in effect when they joined the program. For example, the students who got admitted in 2020 or before are getting the minimum stipend rate set at the time of their admission.

2. Student organization and getting feedback.

Giving a platform for students to hear their grievances. It would be great to have a survey on this.

3. Student Activity Fee: Is there a way to waive the student activity fee?

4. CampusParc: They have a history of towing cars without prior or after notice.

5. It appears that in some programs GAships are not given based on merit. International and out-of-state students are preferred. We need to gather more data on this.

6. Unequal work assignment for GTAs. There should be a process for GTAs to bring up their specific issues.

7. Comments about the last Grad/Prof Student Appreciation Week:



- Not all the deans were present.
- The events could be more interactive, and students could get to know each other.

We also discussed events that GSAC organizes and what we plan to organize in the coming year.

If you would like to join GSAC or have an issue that GSAC can work on, then please contact Bedant.1.

Thank you,

Om Prakash Bedant.1



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates

FROM: Isobel Bowles, Housing and Family Affairs Chair

DATE: September 29, 2023

RE: Isobel Bowles Chair's Report

Greetings CGS,

EVENTS: The Fall campus living expo sponsored by OCCSE- looking for a place to live? Want to meet with representatives from city government, or the columbus police for safety tips? Grab your friends and attend this event on October 17 11am-3pm in the ohio union performance hall

The Framework 3.0 initiative has finalized its report for the year and made its conclusions on the recommendations for the next decade of planning and building initiatives on campus. The next steps in the process are for Student Life and campus colleges to make their own building plans based on these recommendations. In terms of graduate and family housing specifically, housing was promised to be a major discussion point of Framework 3.0. I am happy to say that graduate and family housing is being discussed by administration, but disappointed and frustrated that after all this time there is still no concrete building plan in place. Jorge and I are working hard to meet with administration to push these efforts, and continue trying to remain optimistic despite the many changes occurring in University leadership.

In the meantime, we want to help boost and push other resources on campus to help with the burden students are currently feeling with housing, as even if a housing plan is set in the near future (hopefully) it will still take time for a building to be move-in ready. Firstly, you should reiterate to constituents that the OCCSE office is a fantastic resource for any housing related need. I meet with them regularly and they are more than willing to meet one on one with students and try to resolve any issues they face (finding housing, issue with current housing, safety, roommates, etc.). Their office also

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recommended an initiative called RENTFUL 614 (<https://www.rentful614.com/>) which is a list of free rental assistance programs funded by the federal government. Columbus received one of the highest amounts of funding out of US cities so can be a great resource for those really struggling. I have also discussed the importance of framing language with the OCCSE office and they are going to try to incorporate the word “graduate” into much more of their resources to make graduate students feel welcome at their events. They are open to all students, including the block parties in the university district (that are not necessarily only for people who live there). We also brainstormed how to push the benefits of shared housing for single graduate students without families, as it can often be a cheaper alternative to live in a house with multiple people rather than in single apartments and is a great way to form community with others by living together. The office is also hoping to add a staff member in the near future whose main focus will be recruiting property owners throughout franklin county to join the OSU housing network, expanding its current reach which is mostly in the University district.

My committee met recently and discussed many great ideas on initiatives for the year and more details will be coming soon!

As always, please always reach out with questions, concerns, and ideas that you’d like to see!

Isobel Bowles.124



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates

FROM: Yang Du, International Student Affairs Chair

DATE: 9/29/2023

RE: International Student Affairs Chair's Report

Hello Delegates!

Hope you all are doing well!

Committee Meeting Update:

The week of 9/18/2023: 15 minutes Individual committee member meetings

9/29/2023: Committee Meeting

Other Meeting Update:

Waiting for scheduling meeting with the strategic enrollment working group

Advocacy Topics:

- English language policy
 - Oral proficiency and writing test rules follow-up
- Resource presentation
- CIP code – sociology
 - Changing from non-stem to stem
- Student health insurance
 - Boston University allows student to choose outside health insurance

What's Coming Next:

- Tax workshop (priority)
 - Presentation recording on general tax information will be available by 2/23/2024
 - Multiple online Q&A workshops (ideally at least five in March and early April)



- We are working on finding tax professionals to host Q&A right now for next year
- Career
 - International alumni who are in industry and academia share their experiences in the job market
 - This will be individual events in different colleges targeting at different students
 - We are reaching out to alumni in our (committee members') colleges to try to pilot events that can be potentially modeled by other colleges.
 - We are hoping to record so we have a series of "career-focused alumni stories" across the campus
 - We are contacting the career center to seek opportunities we can utilize to have resources tailored to international students
- "Share your story" (after tax workshop)
 - Hoping to create a socializing event: a short presentation (maybe involve international faculty), then let people mingle
 - Maybe recording the presentation, and then have a series of "share your story"

Meeting Next: the week of 10/16/2023

If you are interested in joining us, and if there is anything the International Student Affairs Committee can assist you with, please do not hesitate to reach out! We welcome non-delegate members as well.

Thank you,
Yang Du.601



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates

FROM: Bill Wang, Research and Data Operations Chair

DATE: Oct 2023

RE: Research and Data Operations Chair's Report

Hi all,

The RDO members will have a committee meeting after the delegate meeting on 6th of October.

Best,

Wang.13945



TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates

FROM: Sabrina Durso - Health, Wellness, and Safety Chair

DATE: September 29, 2023

RE: Health, Wellness, and Safety Chair's Report

Hello fellow advocacy-minded friends,

The Health, Wellness, and Safety Committee met two times this month, once on September 12 and again on September 26. At the first meeting, I introduced the committee's mission to all new members. We then discussed the process of passing legislation regarding going beyond the Americans with Disabilities Act and how we might open communication with the undergraduate group Buckeyes for Accessibility. Additionally, we began work on the webinar we will be completing for [The PreMed Scene](#). At our September 26 meeting, we discussed the topic we will be covering throughout the webinar. Currently, we are considering centering this work on compassion patient care, as well as providing national resources to patients so that they can connect with others who understand their condition as a lived experience instead of merely a diagnosis.

We will be turning our attention toward major campus construction projects regarding Framework 3.0 in our October General Meeting, which is currently set for October 23 at 3PM via Zoom. If you are interested in ensuring access is at the forefront of these plans, please contact me to join the good fight!

Go Buckeyes!

Sabrina Durso.19