

1 **RESOLUTION 2021-016**

2 **A RESOLUTION REQUESTING A MORE INCLUSIVE EXTENSION OF TIME TO DEGREE IN ORDER TO**  
3 **BETTER RECOGNIZE THE DEMANDS OF TEACHING AND THE STRAIN ON RESEARCH**  
4 **PRODUCTIVITY DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

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7 Sponsor: Executive Committee

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9 WHEREAS the Council of Graduate Students (CGS) is the representative body of all graduate students enrolled at The  
10 Ohio State University as established by Article 2, Section 1 of the CGS Constitution; and

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12 WHEREAS the Council of Graduate Students or its appointed representative(s) have the power to act as an advisory agent  
13 on behalf of graduate students on all matters brought before personnel, committees, or agencies of The Ohio State  
14 University involving the interest of graduate students as established in Article 3, Section 3 of the CGS Constitution; and

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16 WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic is an ongoing public health crisis with more than one hundred thousand Ohioans  
17 infected<sup>1</sup> and hundreds of thousands more affected by state efforts to mitigate the health risks posed by the pandemic; and

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19 WHEREAS the disruptions caused by COVID-19 pandemic have been compounded by anti-Black violence, a contentious  
20 election cycle, and other environmental stressors, negatively affecting all students' ability to fulfill their academic duties;  
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23 WHEREAS international and undocumented students, who make up almost 23% of enrolled graduate students<sup>2</sup>, continue  
24 to face COVID-19 related travel restrictions, changing state and university policies about international travel, time zone  
25 differences, and other unique challenges that impede their access and capacity to work toward degree completion; and

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27 WHEREAS shifting transmission rates have led to unpredictable closures of laboratories, studios, libraries, and severe  
28 limitations on in-person activities, including experiments, travel, grant funding, and other research activities for all  
29 graduate students; and

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31 WHEREAS The American Sociological Association (ASA) published "recommendations for temporary adjustments in  
32 faculty review and reappointment procedures in response to the sudden transformation of the teaching and research  
33 landscape, signed by more than 40 academic organizations<sup>3</sup>; and

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35 WHEREAS universities throughout the nation, including the Ohio State University, have granted tenure clock extensions  
36 to faculty, thereby acknowledging the impressive strain on research and teaching during this time; and

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38 WHEREAS the American Historical Association (AHA) released a statement acknowledging the disruption of access to  
39 grant funding, research materials, travel, and other necessary components needed to complete a graduate degree<sup>4</sup>; and

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41 WHEREAS comparable universities such as the University of Michigan and Pennsylvania State University have issued  
42 transparent and accessible information regarding extensions of time to degree to better recognize the demands of teaching,  
43 gendered impact due to decreased access to childcare, and COVID-19 negative impact on mental health<sup>5,6,7</sup>; and

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<sup>1</sup> <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/dashboards>

<sup>2</sup> [http://oesar.osu.edu/pdf/student\\_enrollment/15th/enrollment/15THDAY\\_AUTUMN\\_2020.pdf](http://oesar.osu.edu/pdf/student_enrollment/15th/enrollment/15THDAY_AUTUMN_2020.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.asanet.org/news-events/asa-news/asa-statement-regarding-faculty-review-and-reappointment-processes-during-covid-19-crisis>

<sup>4</sup> [https://www.historians.org/news-and-advocacy/aha-advocacy/aha-statement-regarding-historians-and-covid-19-\(april-2020\)](https://www.historians.org/news-and-advocacy/aha-advocacy/aha-statement-regarding-historians-and-covid-19-(april-2020))

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/15487733.2020.1776561>

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.sciencemag.org/careers/2020/09/pandemic-erodes-grad-student-mental-health-academics-sound-alarm>

<sup>7</sup> <https://rackham.umich.edu/downloads/rackham-communication-for-extended-time-to-degree.pdf>

45 WHEREAS the Ohio State University Graduate school has allocated “a total of 57 Graduate Student Matching Tuition  
46 and Fee Authorizations to colleges [...] specifically for students whose degree is delayed due to COVID 19,” there are  
47 currently 11,095 graduate students enrolled<sup>8,9</sup>; and  
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49 WHEREAS since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, graduate students have continually advocated for both  
50 emergency financial support and for the extension of funding.  
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52 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Council of Graduate Students requests a more inclusive extension of time to  
53 degree and an extension of funding in order to better recognize the demands of teaching during COVID-19 and the  
54 restrictions placed on research productivity.  
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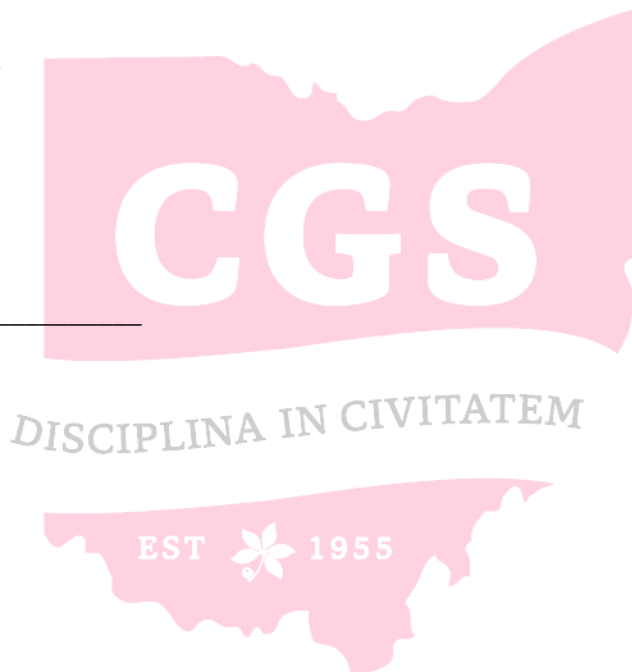
56 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Council of Graduate Students directs its President, Vice President, and Chief of  
57 Staff to distribute this resolution to all proper leadership and authorities of The Ohio State University and its partners.  
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60 Approved: Yes/No  
61 73 Yeas, 0 Nays, 1 Abstention  
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63 Date: \_\_\_3/5/21\_\_\_  
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67 Stephen J. Post, President  
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<sup>8</sup> <https://gradsch.osu.edu/news/graduate-school-announcement-delay-graduation-and-matching-tuition-and-fee-authorization>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.osu.edu/osutoday/stuinfo.php>

Delegate Name	Delegate Seat	Vote
<b>Arts &amp; Sciences</b>		
Benjamin Mertus.3	Anthropology	Yea
Robin Gordon.215	Arts Administration, Education, & Policy	Yea
Greg Jameson.61	Biophysics	Yea
Maddy Lomax-Vogt.2	Chemistry	Yea
Alexander Milder.3	Chemistry	
Ashweta Sahni.16	Chemistry	Yea
Kye Stachowski.7	Chemistry	Yea
Morgan Ross.1655	Communication	Yea
Rob Barry.213	Comparative Studies	
Laura Neese.13	Dance	Yea
Lindsey Hernandez.641	Earth Sciences	Yea
John Bundschuh.8	East Asian Languages & Lit	Yea
Alan Lujan.14	Economics	Yea
Keira Hambrick.25	English	Yea (Alt: Ellis.850)
Jamie Utphall.1	English	Yea
Mary Sagatelova.2	Evolution, Ecology, & Organic Biology	Yea
Erik Scaltitri.1	French & Italian	Yea
Polina Berezina.1	Geography	Yea
Meaghann Dynes.19	Germanic Languages & Lit	
Greyson Teague.78	History	
Yifan Li.8320	History of Art	Yea
Katie Conner.280	Linguistics	Yea
Luke Andrejek.1	Mathematics	Yea
Kacey Clark.3684	Mathematics	
Andrew Wilson.3787	Microbiology	
Swetha Rajasekaran.11	Molecular Genetics	Yea
Kelsey Pinckard.6	Molecular, Cellular, & Developmental Biology	Yea (Alt: Abdekay.1)
Robert Dahlberg-Sears.1	Music	Yea
Zari Mahmoudi.4	Near Eastern Languages & Cultures	
Jenna Greve.41	Ohio State Biochemistry Program	
Todd DeRose.28	Philosophy	Yea
Jahmour Givans.2	Physics	Yea
Charlie Mace.103	Physics	Yea
Jay Padayasi.1	Physics	Yea
Daniel Smith.13091	Political Science	
Ekaterina Tikhonyul.1	Slavic & East European Languages & Cultures	Yea
Story Edison.22	Sociology	Yea
Kendra Dickinson.130	Spanish & Portuguese	Yea
Riley DeBacker.2	Speech & Hearing	Yea
Bethany Frick.70	Speech & Hearing	
Morgan Heyde.9	Statistics	
Kumar Somnath.1	Statistics	
Aviva Neff.336	Theatre	Yea
Robert Cremins.3	Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies	Yea
<b>Fisher College of Business</b>		
Matthew Stuckey.56	Business Administration	Yea
Akanksha Sahni.22	Management & Human Resources	

<b>Dentistry</b>		
Michelle Scott.1445	Dentistry	Yea
<b>Education &amp; Human Ecology</b>		
Christian Hines.350	Teaching & Learning	Abstain
Ho-Chieh Lin.2532	Teaching & Learning	
Xinyue Lu.2092	Teaching & Learning	Yea
Doricka Menefee.18	Teaching & Learning	Yea
Javonte Lipsey.25	Human Sciences	Yea
Derek Walton.425	Human Sciences	Yea
Steph Charles.211	Educational Studies	
Paul Gregor.32	Educational Studies	
Noor Khalayleh.1	Educational Studies	
Goran Stevanovski.	Educational Studies	Yea
<b>Engineering</b>		
Ali Asghariadib.1	Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering	
Melika Shahhosseini.2	Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering	
Felipe Pacci Evaristo.1	Material Science & Welding Engineering	Yea
Ana Velasquez Giraldo.1	Food, Agricultural, & Biological Engineering	Yea
Ty Drayton.18	Engineering Education	Yea
Om Prakash Bedant.1	Electrical & Computer Engineering	Yea
Jacob Compaleo.2	Electrical & Computer Engineering	
Krutant Mehta.337	Electrical & Computer Engineering	
Ada Barach.8	Computer Science & Engineering	Yea
Pouya Kousha.2	Computer Science & Engineering	
Garrett Tatum.71	Civil Engineering	Yea
Archit Datar.10	Chemical Engineering	
Ashwin Kane.314	Chemical Engineering	
<b>EST Architecture</b>		
Brett Wedding.10	Architecture	Yea
Rosie Rabati.1	Architecture	
<b>Food, Agricultural, &amp; Environmental Sciences</b>		
Nathaniel Neiden.22	Plant Pathology & Agriculture	
Jordan Hartman.635	Horticultural & Crop Science	Yea
Ellia La.18	Food Science & Technology	
Sarah Haines.241	Environmental Sciences	Yea
Dominique Nagasawa (magistrado.1)	Entomology	Yea
Benjamin Duran.83	Animal Sciences	Yea
Colby Gregg.186	Agricultural Communication, Education, & Leadership	Yea
<b>Environment &amp; Natural Resources</b>		
Wanderson Novais Pereira.1	Environment & Natural Resources	Yea
Maritza Pierre.77	Environment & Natural Resources	Yea
<b>College of Medicine</b>		
Jessica Blackburn.243	Graduate Medical Science	Yea
Shontiarra Johnson.8278	Graduate Medical Science	
Lauren Riley.865		Yea
Roy Chang.1541	Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program	

Paul Consiglio.4	Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program	
Shane O'Neil.175	Neuroscience Graduate Program	Yea
<b>Health &amp; Rehabilitation Sciences</b>		
Adam Culiver.1	Health & Rehabilitation Sciences	Yea
Steph Fanelli.18	Health & Rehabilitation Sciences	
Madison Mize.29	Health & Rehabilitation Sciences	
Megan Zib.1	Health & Rehabilitation Sciences	Yea
<b>College of Nursing; College of Optometry; College of Pharmacy</b>		
Ericka Velez-Bonet.1	Ohio State Nutrition Program	Yea
Annedra Gladney.9	Nursing	
Bryan Remaily.1	Pharmacy	
Austin DeGroff.23	Optometry	Yea
<b>Public Affairs</b>		
Carrington Conerly.2	Public Affairs	Yea
Caroline Fitzpatrick.271	Public Affairs	Yea
<b>Public Health</b>		
Selasi Attipoe.1	Public Health	Yea
Anthony Bowersock.26	Public Health	Yea
Sarah Hyman.62	Public Health	Yea
Brian O'rourke.130	Public Health	Yea
<b>Social Work</b>		
Megan Espana.5	Social Work	Yea
Marie Rineveld.1	Social Work	Yea
Karla Shockley McCarthy.1	Social Work	Yea
Yitong Xin.93	Social Work	

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