



Council of Graduate Students
The Ohio State University

Date: September 3rd, 2021

Location: Cartoon Room – Ohio Union

Time: 3:30 pm

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CGS Delegate Packet Sept 3rd, 2021

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1. **CALL TO ORDER** (3:30pm)
 - 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: Attendance Sign-In** (5 min.)
3. **APPROVAL OF July 9, 2021 MINUTES** (5 min.)
4. **CGS ORIENTATION** (30 min.)
5. **OFFICER REPORTS** (15 min.)

<ol style="list-style-type: none">5.1. President, Nick Messenger.375.2. Vice President, Abby Grieff.25.3. Treasurer, Michelle Scott.1445	<ol style="list-style-type: none">5.4. Secretary, Alissa Geisse.15.5. Chief of Staff, Javonte Lipsey.255.6. Parliamentarian, Brandon Free.41
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6. **COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES** (15 min.)

<ol style="list-style-type: none">6.1. Academic Affairs, Meng Wu.48996.2. Arts & Culture, Gordon.2156.3. Research & Data Operations, Katie Conner.2806.4. Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion, Sly Worthy.30 And T’Euvyn Page.4056.5. Government Affairs, Brian O’Rourke.1306.6. Graduate Student Affairs, Kam Rinehart.2286.7. Health, Wellness, & Safety, Lewis.2365	<ol style="list-style-type: none">6.8. International Student Affairs, Ranjit.56.9. Strategic Communications, Carrie Anne Thomas.40516.10. Graduate Caucus, Nick Klein.4366.11. SERC, Sally Ross.16686.12. Membership Wellness, Caroline Fitzpatrick.2716.13. Housing and Family Affairs, Blaise Truesdell.27
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7. **NEW BUSINESS** (40 min)
 - 7.1. A Resolution Supporting Ohio State’s COVID-19 Vaccine Requirement
 - 7.2. A Resolution to Suspend the 40% for the Ray Travel Award
8. **SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS** (15 min.)
 - 8.1. Delegate Issues and Concerns
9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** (5 min)
 - 9.1. October Delegate Meeting – October 1 @ 3:30pm
10. **Adjourn** (~5:30pm)



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

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. Carmen log-in

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. Minutes from June 6th, 2021

- 3.1.1. Minutes approved.

4. OFFICER REPORTS

4.1. President (Messenger.37 – presented by Abby Grieff.2)

- 4.1.1. HR is keeping Nick updated with the Workday issues.
- 4.1.2. In the Fall they should have a means of reporting issues for graduate students.
- 4.1.3. We are not anticipating mask or vaccine requirements as of now.
- 4.1.4. Currently working with OIA to work with international grad students making sure they can be accommodated for if they have to arrive up to 3 weeks late.

4.2. Vice President (Grieff.2)

- 4.2.1. Nick and I have been having conversations about how to have communications done.
- 4.2.2. We will be starting power point slides during our meetings. If you have any ideas on how we can make these meetings more accessible, please reach out to us.
- 4.2.3. We are filling our vacant seats via mass emails. If anyone has any questions, please contact Abby Grieff.2.
- 4.2.4. I sent an email to our delegates and senators about university and senate committees. This is a way for graduate student voices to be heard on these university committees. There's a very short application, you may mark down a preference.
- 4.2.5. We will be having delegate and senator orientation as we get closer to the Fall. We will get communication out for that as the time approaches.
- 4.2.6. All of the meeting dates are in my report, put these in your calendar.
- 4.2.7. We will be having Fall elections to fill any remaining vacancy seats.

4.3. Treasurer (Scott.1445)

- 4.3.1. The Ray Travel Grant period 2 closes August 1st.
- 4.3.2. Travel restrictions will be lifted July 1st, encourage people to apply.
- 4.3.3. Give yourself plenty of time if you need to make purchases.

4.4. Secretary (Geisse.1)

- 4.4.1. Career Development Grant period 2 closes August 1st.

- 4.4.2. Looking for people to join the Career Development Grant Committee. You can join and still apply. You do not need to be a delegate to be on the committee.

4.5. Chief of Staff (Lipsey.25)

- 4.5.1. I am on the search committee for the Vice President for Institutional Equity. Interviews were conducted and we have some semi-finalists. I will keep you updated about that process, if you have questions please email me.

5. COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES

5.1. Academic Affairs

5.2. Arts & Culture

- 5.2.1. The Arts & Culture committee is looking forward to re-animating the campus. We want a diversity of committee members, again you do not need to be a CGS delegate to join.

5.3. Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

- 5.3.1. Met with past chair, looking for people to join the committee.

5.4. Government Affairs

- 5.4.1. The budget for state of Ohio has changed. College athletes can profit of their name.
- 5.4.2. A bill with nothing to do with vaccinations was passed with an amendment that prohibits emergency vaccine (like COVID) mandates for public schools and universities in Ohio.
- 5.4.3. There are many bills going on that has to do with Critical Race Theory, this is something very relevant that is worth getting involved in, if you're passionate about this or other government affairs please apply.

5.5. Graduate Student Affairs

- 5.5.1. Currently working on a welcome back to campus event.

5.6. Graduate Caucus

- 5.6.1. This is a new role occupied by Nick Klein that connects the dialogue between CGS and the University Senate.

5.7. Health, Wellness, & Safety

- 5.7.1. Doing the transition process now.

5.8. Internal Student Affairs

- 5.8.1. Continuing projects from the previous chair and working on transitions.

5.9. Strategic Communications

- 5.9.1. Looking for people interested in social media and graphic design to join.

5.10. SERC

5.11. Research and operations

- 5.11.1. Katie is currently onboarding people! If you like archival and research work, or know someone who does, please reach out.

5.12. Membership and Organizational Wellness

- 5.12.1. Our goals is to increase feelings of belonging as well as inclusivity to make our CGS atmosphere better as a whole.
- 5.12.2. Committee reports will have links to what the committee is doing.
- 5.12.3. There will also be links for an "idea form" as well as a "concern form". They can be anonymous or not.
- 5.12.4. Looking at the data from our wellness survey.

5.13. Housing & Family Affairs

- 5.13.1. We will be doing a lot of work focusing on affordability of childcare this year.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.1. None.**

7. SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS

7.1. Delegate Issues & Concerns

- 7.1.1.** It seems that the new onboarding process in work day for TAs and Gas are a lot more difficult. If people were GAs in the past, you can go through a job change in work day. However, if not there will be many steps and clicks and DocuSigns. The university has acknowledged that this is not the best process, and we are hoping changes will be made.
- 7.1.2.** There are issues with the health insurance for some grads where there is a disconnect between doctors and pharmacies. This is being worked through as we speak
- 7.1.3.** Students want to push for clarification on administrative hierarchy. It seems that there is always confusion on who to contact, who reports to who, and what each job's specific responsibilities are. Workday can tell you who reports to who within your college, and this goes all the way up to the president.
- 7.1.4.** We are still not sure on President Johnson's stance on unionization efforts. We will pursue this.
- 7.1.5.** Concerns for graduate students that need to travel abroad to complete research and dissertation work was expressed.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 8.1. Next meeting is September 3rd, 2021 @ 3:30 pm.**

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 9.1. Meeting adjourned at 4:32 pm.**