



Present: e alexander, Pranav Ambardekar, Jacky Anderson, Ali Asghari Adib, Selasi Attipoe, Tyler Beauregard, Aaron Beczkiewicz, Om Prakash Bedant, Jessica Blackburn, Mary Byrne, Qiuchang (Katy) Cao, Yu-chun Chang, Steph Charles, , Jorge Clavo Abbass, Alec Clott, Katherine Conner, Paul Consiglio, Robert Dahlberg-Sears, Archit Datar, Ty Drayton, Benjamin Duran, Story Edison, Kat Ellis, Jorge Torres Espinosa, Brandon Free, Elizabeth Galko, Jahmour Givans, Jenna Greve, Lindsey Hernandez, Kathryn Holt, Sarah Hyman, Jeffrey Kast, Carly LaRosa, Yifan Li, Ho-chieh Lin, Stephen Lo, Madeleine Lomax-Vogt, Eric Loria, Emily Lundstedt, Lucas Magee, Tori Magers, Matthew Maynard, Rohit Mukherjee, Aviva Neff, Kate Ormiston, Tricia Oyster, Ryann Patrus, Mark Pauley, Maritza Pierre, Kelsey Pinckard, Zeltzin Reyes, Isaac Reynolds, Marie Rineveld, Priscila Rodriguez Garcia, Ashweta Sahni, Conner Sarich, Erik Scaltriti, Lena Schreiber, Michelle Scott, Sarah Scott, Utkarsh Shah, Melika Shahhosseini, Karla Shockleymccarthy, Preeti Singh, Ryan Slechta, Kye Stachowski, Lindsey Stirek, Philip Tice, James Uanhoro, Jennifer Valdez, Mitch Vicieux, Leila Vieira, Sarah Walton, Daniel Williams, Yu Lun Wu, Piao Yang, Soroush Zamanian, Megan Zib

Absent: Luke Andrejek, Andrew Borst, Min-Seok Choi, Austin Cool, Micheline Fahrbach, Lauren Howard, Audrey Hungerpiller, Kevin Ingles, Pouya Kousha, Arsh Kumar, Jungmin Lee, Ruonan Lin, Raven Lynch, Alejandro Otero Bravo, Miguel Pedrozo, Avi Pokala, Ken Poland, Shruthi Shetty, Sundeep Siripurapu, Nithya Sivashankar, Nicole Tchorowski, Taylor Tomu, Derek Walton

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 3:31pm

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. GUEST SPEAKER

3.1. Melissa Shivers (Vice President for Student Life)

- 3.1.1. There are about 400 grad/prof students still living on campus. Dining services are still being provided but have been adapted to follow statewide regulations and restrictions.
- 3.1.2. A lot of university staff are still working on campus (housing, custodial, dining services, etc.) and many others are continuing to work from home.
- 3.1.3. There will be a more gradual ramp-up to have everyone return to campus in the fall. Student Life is already making plans to handle this transition in a more organized way than the moveout.
- 3.1.4. Questions:
 - Clavoabbass.1 asked what the current situation for summer hiring is for graduate students. Students who work as GTAs or lecturers don't know what is happening.
 - If you were already offered a GTA position, it will continue into the summer and fall. New positions can't be created until June 30th.
 - New students and faculty may have decided to come to OSU because of the assistantship offers already made and those will continue as planned.
 - Dahlbergs.1 asked what the university is doing to support international students whose livelihoods may be negatively impacted by the campus shutdown.
 - A large number of these students have moved out of the residence halls but those who are still on campus are getting all the support they need. Those who have left may or may not be able to return to campus for the fall semester and the administration is working on a plan to address this.
 - Conner.280 asked about students who may be being paid off of grants but had not hiring

paperwork completed before the hiring freeze. There was concern that stipends and payments might be delayed until the end of the summer.

- There has been no indication that payments will be delayed.
- Singh.996 asked for students who are now unable to conduct planned research over the summer. Will there be an extension of the funding and research timelines for students who are trying to complete their dissertations in the next year?
 - These extensions have already been given to new faculty seeking tenure and the university will work with departments to figure out funding for those students who might be impacted.
- Dahlbergsears.1 asked whether students are still being asked to move out of Buckeye Village by the original stated date.
 - Dr. Shivers did not know but assumes the move-out has been postponed.
- Haynes.242 asked if Dr. Shivers plans to return to CGS in the fall to talk more about Student Life issues and focus on things other than COVID-19.
 - Yes, she does plan to. She would also like to host a listening session centered around graduate students.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. Minutes from March 6, 2020

- 4.1.1. Minutes approved.

5. OFFICER REPORTS (as submitted in Delegate Meeting Packet)

5.1. President (Post.144)

- 5.1.1. A task force of representatives from all 3 student governments is working to address issues related to COVID-19, There is an emergency needs assessment put together by this task force to gather information to help inform their efforts. There is also a survey specifically for graduate students focused mainly on academic issues. Having a lot of responses for both of these surveys is helpful so please fill them out if you haven't already. Additionally, there was a joint letter send to the Ohio Department of Education urging them to relax residency requirements.
- 5.1.2. In general, all CGS events have been cancelled. Some are being moved online where appropriate.
- 5.1.3. All classes are now being offered with a pass/no pass option, including those for graduate students. There is a possibility that you may need to obtain a certain grade in a specific class in order to graduate and those requirements will likely be adapted.
- 5.1.4. There is a hiring pause in effect right now. In general, GRAs and GTAs are exempt from this for the fall semester. There is a possibility that departments may struggle for funding and positions may be cut. For those on grants, we hope that the departments will be able to cover any finding gaps. Grad ombudsperson and new student life positions are now on hold because of the hiring pause. The office of research is trying to obtain stimulus dollars from the federal government to help cover funding where other sources are not available.
- 5.1.5. The student emergency fund is currently being created and we hope it will be active soon.
- 5.1.6. Please fill out the feedback survey about your experience in CGS this year. It will help us make improvements for next year.
 - Clavabbass.1 asked about possible funding cuts across the university.
 - Post.144 reiterated that sponsored or grant-funded positions should not be impacted. Right now, it's unclear how other positions will be affected but this issue will be discussed this week in Grad Council.
 - Slechta.3 asked when the final decision about the possibility of virtual learning next fall will be made.
 - The assumption right now is that the fall semester will be moving forward as originally planned.

- Singh.996 asked what issues the COVID task force has been working on.
 - We are focusing on residency issues, collecting concerns and questions from students, summer employment, basic needs, academic timelines.
- Conner.280 asked about a letter that Yale grad students sent a letter to their administration about extension of funding and leniency for academic timelines.
 - The task force is considering writing a similar letter and the responses to this survey will help us to craft this document.
- Pierre.77 asked for clarification about how the emergency fund will be administered.
 - Application and funding guidelines have not been set yet.

5.2. Vice President (Bauman.193)

- 5.2.1. Senator application materials are on Box and applicants participated in a Q&A session before the meeting. Please use the link to vote. We have 10 candidates and 10 open senator spots.
- 5.2.2. State boards have been making concessions for licensure requirements. We are trying to assess if we still need to take action on this issue.
- 5.2.3. Applications for open delegate positions will be accepted between now and April 10. Voting will happen online between April 24 and May 1.

5.3. Treasurer (Haynes.242)

- 5.3.1. The budget hasn't been updated since March, but we should get a report next week. We are on a spending freeze that may continue into next year. We are working with CSA to ensure that we get to keep the money that didn't get spent because of university closures and cancelled events.
- 5.3.2. We are transitioning the Delegate Engagement Fund applications online next year.
- 5.3.3. Due to growing health concerns about COVID-19 and uncertainties about travel, students who received either the Ray or the CDG in funding periods 3 and 4 will be eligible to use their funds anytime in the next 12 months, even for a different activity than what they wrote their application on. Funding period 1 of Ray has been cancelled.
- 5.3.4. There will be an ad hoc governance review committee to look over our constitution and bylaws and address issues and concerns that were brought up this year. The committee will start in May and work over the summer.
- 5.3.5. National Graduate Student Appreciation Week is happening virtually! We will be conducting raffles via Twitter so encourage your constituents to participate and follow us.

5.4. Secretary (Light.109)

- 5.4.1. Please take the survey on Carmen to indicate your availability for our summer delegate meetings.
- 5.4.2. Applications for the 2020 Global Gateway Grant are currently being judged and winners will be notified by the end of the month. Winners will have a full year to use their travel funding.
- 5.4.3. The application window for the first funding period of the Career Development Grant is now open. Applicants may only apply for non-travel expenses because of current and anticipated travel restrictions imposed by the university.
- 5.4.4. The CGS Recognition & Awards Ceremony has been cancelled. Award winners and grant awardees will still be announced and recognized via social media next week.

5.5. Chief of Staff (Brandl.8)

- 5.5.1. if you want to be a part of the task force, please email Jack. We are working on encouraging the grad school to take a bigger role in university administration and make sure that we are represented just as well as undergrads on important issues, related to and beyond COVID-19.

6. COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES (as submitted in Delegate Meeting Packets)

6.1.1. International Student Concerns (Estiri.1)

- Based on feedback gathered from international students, the committee has catalogued reported issues into 4 categories: residency & documentation, emergency funds, deferral of registration for new students, and extension of research and academic timelines. They will be working with the task force to get traction on these issues.

7. SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS

7.1. Delegate Concerns

- 7.1.1. Dahlbergsears.1 – Are we working to address the issue of continuous enrollment for students?
 - This was discussed in Graduate Council once already and some decisions should be made at the next meeting.
- 7.1.2. Singh.996 – Encouraged students to have conversations within their own departments to address internal issues and concerns and have departments talk to each other about how they are handling funding, timelines, hiring, etc.
 - Carmen discussion board was created to facilitate further discussion.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1. Senator Elections

- 8.1.1. Conducted via Qualtrics survey
- 8.1.2. All candidates were elected:
 - Shawar Ali
 - Akshay Asaithambi
 - Tyler Beauregard
 - Aaron Beckiewicz
 - Jenna Greve
 - Gala Korniyenko
 - Laine Rumreich
 - Conner Sarich
 - Dustin Servello
 - Utkarsh Shah

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

9.1 Next meeting is May 8th, 2020 @ 3:30pm: <https://osu.zoom.us/j/156194749>

9.2 The application for committee chair positions is open now and applications will be accepted until April 10.

10. Meeting adjourned at 4:45pm.