



Delegates Present: Aaron Argall, Ada Barach, Om Prakash Bedant, Jessica Blackburn, Anthony Bowersock, John Bundschuh, Eli Bohert, Steph Charles, Katherine Conner, Adam Culiver, Robert Dahlberg-Sears, Todd DeRose, Kendra Dickinson, Ty Drayton, Madison Dymont, Meaghann Dynes, Story Edison, Yelena Erez, Caroline Fitzpatrick, Austin Gerlt, Jahmour Givans, Annedra Gladney, Robin Gordon, Paul Gregor, Keira Hambrick, Jordan Hartman, Nathaniel Heiden, Christian Hines, Gregory Jameson, Ellia La, Yifan Li, Ho-chieh Lin, Xinyue Lu, Alan Lujan, Charles Mace, Zari Mahmoudi, Benjamin McKinley, Emma McNamara, Krutant Mehta, Benjamin Mertus, Alexander Milder, Dominique Nagasawa, Aviva Neff, Wanderson Novais Pereira, Shane O'Neil, Brian O'rourke, Felipe Pacci Evaristo, Jaychandran Padayasi, Maritza Pierre, Bryan Remaily, Lauren Riley, Morgan Ross, Mary Sagatelova, Ashweta Sahni, Erik Scaltriti, Michelle Scott, Shouvonik Sengupta, Karla Shockley Mccarthy, Prabhjot Singh, Daniel Smith, Swetha Rajasekaran, Kye Stachowski, Garrett Tatum, Jenna Thomas, Ekaterina Tikhonyuk, Ana Maria Velasquez Giraldo, Ericka Velez-Bonet, Brett Wedding, Menghang Wu, Yitong Xin, Christina Zachariadou

Delegates Absent: Ali Asghari Adib, Luke Andrejek, Selasi Attipoe, Rob Barry, Polina Berezina, Yu-Chun Chang, Fouad Choueiry, Kacey Clark, Jacob Compaleo, Carrington Conerly, Paul Consiglio, Robert Cremins, Archit Datar, Riley DeBacker, Austin DeGroff, Benjamin Duran, Megan Espana, Steph Fanelli, Bethany Frick, Colby Gregg, Jenna Greve, Sarah Haines, Lindsey Hernandez, Morgan Heyde, Sarah Hyman, Shontiera Johnson, Ashwin Kane, Noor Khalayleh, Pouya Kousha, Javonte Lipsey, Madeleine Lomax-Vogt, Doricka Menefee, Madison Mize, Laura Neese, Kelsey Pinckard, Rosie Rabati, Marie Rineveld, Armando Roman, Melika Shahhosseini, Kumar Somnath, Goran Stevanovski, Matthew Stuckey, Greyson Teague, Jamie Utphall, Derek Walton, Andrew Wilson, Megan Zib

Senators Present: Tyler Beauregard, Gala Korniyenko, Laine Rumreich, Dustin Servello

Senators Absent: Aaron Beczkiewicz, Shahwar Ali, Akshay Asaithambi, Conner Sarich, Utkarsh Shah

Executive Committee Members Present: Katherine Conner, Caroline Fitzpatrick, Abigail Grieff, Kathryn Holt, Javonte Lipsey, Madeleine Lomax-Vogt, Nick Messenger, Aviva Neff, Teuvyn Page, Wanderson Novais Pereira, Sochina Ranjit, Cameron Rhinehart, Michelle Scott, Carrie Anne Thomas, Leila Viera de Jesus Gemelli

Executive Committee Members Absent: Brandon Free, Jenna Greve, Conner Sarich, Melika Shahhosseini

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)

4.1.1. Covid-19 & Au-21

- Reactivation of campus is looking like 75% in person 25% online.
- The indoor masking and social distancing requirements are still up in the air.
- You can report your vaccination status via BuckMD – this helps OSU's vaccination data.
- Anticipating no vaccine requirements on campus.
- Unclear of what the international travel restrictions will be in the fall, especially for high-risk countries.

- 4.1.2. We received another round of covid aid from the federal government that totaled over 100 million dollars. 57.2% of this must be distributed to students. Last time this happened the university proactively distributed this money to students that had a FASFA on file. Since graduate students do not usually have

a FASFA on file, as well as other categories of students being ineligible, how will they distribute money this time around?

- They are supposed to get back to us and I will follow up on this conversation.
- 4.1.3. Dean Bertone will be retiring December 2021.
- 4.1.4. Dr Melissa Julian from the University of Chicago will be taking over for Bruce McPhearon on August 1st.
 - Abby and I have reached out to meet with her to get to know her a little more.
- 4.1.5. CPD hired a new police chief: Elaine Bryant.
- 4.1.6. State Legislation on the restriction of teaching Critical Race Theory in state institutions was introduced.
 - There is not any indication of how far this will go as far as being passed.
- 4.1.7. Matching fee authorization.
 - This has been extended to some students that need extra time to finish their PhDs due to roadblocks caused by Covid-19.
- 4.1.8. Caps and gowns.
 - We have started these discussions and feel positive that they are moving forward to a few solutions.
- 4.1.9. Workday.
 - There are numerable issues with this that are affecting both faculty and graduate students concerning pay, email access, etc.
 - We sent a joint letter from University Senate Leadership to pull together and start solving pay issues and problems.
- 4.1.10. Organizations and Elections committee.
 - Every member of the exec committee will serve on this.
 - We hope that this increases transparency and internal housekeeping.
 - This will be chaired by VP Abby Grieff.2
- 4.1.11. **Questions:**
 - How often should we be tested if we have not reported our vaccination status?
 - You test weekly unless you report that you are vaccinated, in that case you test monthly.

4.2. Vice President (Grieff.2)

- 4.2.1. If you are a new delegate and we spoke and you are assuming the summer seat, you are now able to vote.
- 4.2.2. We will be filling open seats. If you notice your department is not represented please encourage grads to reach out and apply to be a delegate.
- 4.2.3. I will start serving on the Commission on Mental Health alongside Dr. Shivers and the Senior VP for Student Life Group. If there is anything that you feel passionate that I can advocate for you in that space, please reach out to me!
- 4.2.4. Thank you for participating in the Carmen discussions, will continue to have conversations over PhD regalia.

4.3. Treasurer (Scott.1445)

- 4.3.1. We will be voting on our budget act today.
- 4.3.2. The next funding period for Ray Travel Grant is now open until August 1st!

4.4. Secretary (Geisse.1)

- 4.4.1. From now on, I will be posting the meeting packets and any legislature to be reviewed and voted for at the top of our Carmen page. This is so delegates have easy access to materials.
- 4.4.2. I will be announcing winners of the Career Development Grant by mid-June.
- 4.4.3. All new people are added to Carmen – contact me if you still can't access it.
- 4.4.4. I'm updating the website, if you see something that needs updated please reach out to me.

4.5. Chief of Staff (Lipse.25)

- 4.5.1. I am on the search committee for the Associate Vice President for Institutional Equity. We are currently in the review status. I will keep you updated about that process, if you have questions please email me!

5. COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES

5.1.1. Academic Affairs

5.1.2. Arts & Culture

- Robin will be using When2Meet to organize her committee as well as a survey to pool important topics for discussion.

5.1.3. Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

- We are working on our transitional period right now!

5.1.4. Government Affairs

- There is a new election reform bill out, it seems like it will makes things harder to vote then easier.
 - House Bill 322 – Critical Race Theory.
 - There's another Bill 337 – that will do the same thing, but it adds in teaching, advocating, and promoting. It also explicitly includes state agencies. Stay tuned for updates.
- 5.1.5. **Graduate Student Affairs**
- We have been having transition meetings.
- 5.1.6. **Health, Wellness, & Safety**
- We have been gathering information and devising our plan for the fall.
- 5.1.7. **Internal Student Affairs**
- 5.1.8. **Strategic Communications**
- 5.1.9. **SERC**
- 5.1.10. **Research and operations**
- Katie is currently onboarding people! If you like “bending the administration to your will via the use of data” you should definitely join!
- 5.1.11. **Membership and Organizational Wellness**
- Caroline is working on analyzing data from the Climate Survey!
- 5.1.12. **Housing & Family Affairs**

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. Act 008 – Budget for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year

- 6.1.1. Michelle has worked hard to figure out how much money we have, and proposed a new budget for us.
- 6.1.2. We have a lot of carry forward, therefore more money to spend this year.
- 6.1.3. Total income right now is 424K.
- 6.1.4. Most things from last-years budget have roughly been doubled.
- 6.1.5. Grant Funding has substantially increased, we hope that this directly benefits graduate students.
- 6.1.6. **Questions:**
- Do you think we will be able to carry forward a larger percent then 10%, in case we can't spend that down?
 - We're still waiting to see.
 - Are there any restrictions on these funding lines?
 - Besides restrictions on grants as they are (like funding travel expenditures only, etc), we cannot donate money, we cannot give money to any one person (besides via grants), can't buy alcohol, tobacco, firearms, and we cannot move money around.
- 6.1.7. **Debate**
- None
- 6.1.8. **Voting**
- 38 Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 Abstain.

6.2. ERJC Report.

- 6.2.1. An ad hoc committee had constructed a report on equity and racial justice at Ohio State, this will be used to inform our advocacy for the following year/period.
- 6.2.2. Incoming committee chairs are instructed to read this and incorporate it in their own planning.
- 6.2.3. Motion to fully adopt the report.
- 6.2.4. **Questions/Comments**
- Friendly amendments to the (fabulous, comprehensive, and well-researched) EJRC report:
 1. In the "Increasing Black Enrollment..." section, may I suggest changing "minority" to "minoritized" throughout?
 2. Page 16, item 4, first sentence is "Black faculty continuously represent less than 10% of PhDs"--the meaning is unclear to me. "Represent" as in mentor less than 10% of PhDs? Or only 10% of Black faculty have a doctorate? Or only 10% of doctorate-having faculty at OSU are Black?
 - Change to: "Less than 10% of PhDs are Black faculty (Edwards & Ross, 2018), presenting a barrier to Black faculty achieving tenured track positions."
 3. Page 46: Typo in title; change "Waving" to "Waiving"

4. Page 62: capitalize the word Black in the phrase "non-black" in line 6.

5. Acknowledgements - Counsel to Council

- On page 32 it states "the community enrollment question should no longer require students to disclose felony convictions, behavioral misconduct, and any form of criminal history as a stipulation of admission." How would this affect people who are convicted of sexual assault, and how would the university make aware convicted abusers on campus?
 - In regard to sexual assault, people who are applying to universities are mostly drug offenders exclusively.
 - We looked at what offenders applied to OSU (undergrad/grad) and of all of those admissions there was just one sexual offender.

6.2.5. Debate

- None

6.2.6. Voting

- 38 Yeas, 2 Nays, 0 Abstain.

7. SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS

7.1. Delegate Issues & Concerns

7.1.1. Is there an established date for which we will find out how the university is going to open?

- Not yet. We are expecting maybe an email from President Johnson in July.

7.1.2. The school of music is getting a new building, which is great! But it came to light in a recent faculty meeting that there is a space issue where some GTAs may not have space in this building.

- Messenger.37: Please send me an email with bullet points of specific problems and I am going to cast this out to the offices involved in that project.

8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

8.1. Next meeting is July 9th, 2021 @ 3:30 pm.

9. Meeting adjourned at 5:53 pm.