CGS Delegate Packet October 1st, 2021

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Delegate Meeting Agenda

Date: 10/1/21
Location: Cartoon Room, Ohio Union

1. CALL TO ORDER
   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: Pick up your placard for attendance

3. GUEST PRESENTATIONS:
   3.1. Dr. Danny Glassmann, Dean of Students &
       Dr. Matt Couch, Director of Student Activities
   3.2. Kyle Strickland
       Senior Legal Analyst at the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race & Ethnicity
       Member of City of Columbus Civilian Police Review Board

4. APPROVAL OF September 3rd, 2021 MINUTES

5. OFFICER REPORT (Review Slides)

6. COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES (Review Slides)

7. Delegate Issues and Concerns

8. NEW BUSINESS
   8.1. Election to Fill a CGS University Senate Vacancy
   8.2. An Act to Establish the CGS Accessibility and Inclusivity Ad Hoc Committee

9. SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS
   9.1. Delegate Issues and Concerns

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS
    10.1. November Delegate Meeting – Friday November 5 @ 3:30pm

11. Adjourn

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Senators Present: Laine Rumreich, Dustin Servello, Madison Dyment, Hannah Jones, Austin Cool, Yan Yuan, Sierra Mayle, Nicholas Klein, Jenna Thomas

Senators Absent: N/A

Executive Committee Members Present: Nick Messenger, Abby Grief, Michelle Scott, Alissa Geisse, Javonte Lipsey, Brandon Free, Carrie Anne Thomas, Caroline Karwisch, Menghang Wu, Robin Gordon, T’Euvyn Page, Sly Worthy Jr., Katie Conner, Brian O’Rourke, Nick Klein, Faith Lewis, Blaise Truesdell, Caroline Fitzpatrick, Sochina Ranjit, Sally Ross

Executive Committee Members Absent: Kameron Rhinehart

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. Collection of name cards.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   3.1. Minutes from July 9th, 2021
      3.1.1. Minutes approved.

4. DELEGATE ORIENTATION (Lead by Nick Messenger.37)
   4.1. What is CGS?
      4.1.1. Main representative body of graduate students at The Ohio State University.
      4.1.2. This is our 66th year! We are the oldest student government org on campus.
      4.1.3. Recognized formally in University governing documents.
      4.1.4. We have 139 delegates, an executive committee, and non-voting members representing all graduate programs proportionally.

   4.2. What do we do?
      4.2.1. Provide a forum to discuss grad concerns.
      4.2.2. We design and hold programs.
      4.2.3. Pass resolutions (formal legislation).
      4.2.4. Build relationships across the university
      4.2.5. Past project examples:
• Stipend increase
• Diversity dialogue series
• Wellness week
• Arts and culture walk

4.2.6. Grant Programs:
• Engaged scholar grant
• Career Development Grant
• Ray travel grant

4.2.7. Hayes research forum.

4.3. What are delegate expectations?
4.3.1. Attend delegate meetings 1st Friday of the month.
4.3.2. Attend chosen cgs committee meeting.
4.3.3. Attend university level committee.
4.3.4. Communicate regularly with your constituents (colleagues in your program).
4.3.5. Follow professional norms (CGS governing documents and code of conduct)

4.4. Committee meetings are where most collaborative work happens.

4.5. We operate under Robert’s Rules of order.
4.5.1. (Refer to back of name cards).
4.5.2. Mistakes are okay.
4.5.3. Most important rule is to wait to be recognized

4.6. What to do if you have a concern:
4.6.1. Decide if it’s a program (events & experiences) or a policy (processes or changes that need to be made within the university).
4.6.2. Resolutions are formal cgs documents that get debated and voted on by the delegate body.

4.7. University Senate
4.7.1. ..... 

4.8.1. None.

5. OFFICER REPORTS

• Nick Messenger – President
• Abby Grieff – Vice President
• Michelle Scott – Treasurer
• Alissa Geisse – Secretary
• Javonte Lipsey - Chief of Staff
• Brandon Free – Parliamentarian
• Carrie Anne Thomas – Strategic Communications
Vice President Report

- Vacancy process – filled 33 seats this summer!!
- Fall elections are happening
- Events coming up --> grad open house
- Senator vacancy – 1 seat, applications will open in September and election will be at October meeting
- Parenting and Pregnant Student Support Committee – seat(s) open, external committee
- Recreational Sports External Committee -- 1 open seat
- Wellness Commission
- Check the website to make sure delegate info is correct
- External Committee Assignments
  - All assignments go through me. Please reach out at grieff.2@osu.edu if you have any questions.
  - All communication regarding reporting back will go through Nick Klein.436

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<td>• September 17th from 1-3pm at the plaza of University Hall</td>
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<td>• Voting on October 1st delegate meeting</td>
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AUTUMN SEMESTER
- September 3  Delegate Body Meeting @ 3:30pm  (Orientation)
- October 1   Delegate Body Meeting @ 3:30pm
- November 5  Delegate Body Meeting @ 3:30pm
- December 3  Delegate Body Meeting @ 3:30pm

SPRING SEMESTER
- January 14  Delegate Body Meeting @ 3:30pm
- February 4  Delegate Body Meeting @ 3:30pm  (Officer Nominations)
- March 4     Delegate Body Meeting @ 3:30pm  (Officer Elections)
- April 1     Delegate Body Meeting @ 3:30pm  (Senator Elections)
- May 13      Delegate Body Meeting @ 3:30pm  (Led by new officers)

★ If you currently have a disability registered with the Office of Disability Services at Ohio State and require accommodations for CGS meetings and events, please email CGS President Nick Messenger at messenger.37@osu.edu and let him know so that we can ensure accessibility!

Treasurer Report

- Ray funding period 2 has completed – 12 applicants were funded!

- Funding approval is taking additional time – plan accordingly for events
  - Please account for 4-10 weeks for approval

- Apply for the Delegate Engagement Fund!
  - Application form:
    - https://cgs.osu.edu/funding-opportunities/delegate-engagement-fund/
Secretary Report

- Career Development Grant funding period 2 is also wrapped up (asked for judging to be done by Sept 6th)
  - In my next report I will give the statistics for what programs are applied/got funded.

- We are changing some of our administrative practices
  - Signing into the laptop when arriving in person
    - (Zoom people, don't worry – Abby will take you down for attendance)
  - Voting using Microsoft Forms

6. COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES

Academic Affairs

- Menghang Wu
- Second year PhD in the department of dance
- Researching focus: critical theory and movements studies

Goals: As the chair of Academic Affairs Committee, Menghang is excited to help graduate students get better educational experience, including research funding, mentorship, school policies, diversity and inclusion.
Arts and Culture

• Robin Gordon (gordon.215@osu.edu)
  • 2nd year PhD student in Arts Administration, Education & Policy
• Committee Goals
  • Foster engagement among graduate students
    • across campus and in the Division of the Arts
  • Identify arts & culture-related issues affecting grad students
  • Provide opportunities to develop & practice advocacy & activism knowledge & skills
  • Support arts-based and arts-related research efforts
• Potential Programming
  • Advocacy Series in collaboration with Government Affairs (Brian O’Rourke) & others
  • Committee, how else might we serve OSU grad students via arts & culture?

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion

Co-chairs: Sly Worthy Jr. and T’Esoyn Page
• Sly: MSW ASAP student
• T’Esoyn: Sport’s Management Master’s Student
Committee Goals:
1. Build lasting partnerships and coalitions with organizations in our same line of work
2. Create a plan to reimagine policing and what that looks like on campus and off campus community
3. Increase efforts to further diversify our graduate programs across campus
4. Create a system where graduate students are allowed to report issues and provide recommendations for our committee

Potential Programming:
• Working on Advocacy series with other committee chairs
• Roundtable Discussions
• Collaborations with other organizations on campus
• Events and programs that our committee decide will help us serve graduate students better

Contact: sorthy.302@osu.edu or page.462@osu.edu
Research and Data Operations

**Katie Conner** (4th year PhD student in Linguistics)
4th year with CGS (3 years as Lx delegate, also last year as chairperson of Ext. Affairs [now defunct])

**Committee Goals**
- Requesting and providing data & analysis to aid in advocacy for graduate students
- Peer benchmarking, OSU data, salient current events, government data, CGS surveys and listening group support
- Supporting both programming as requested, and policy/resolution development and writing as needed

"Historian Lite" - beginning practices of better data collection and archival hygiene
- Centralizing data collection, storage, organization
- Providing consistency across CGS administrations
- "Not reinventing the wheel"

**PLEASE APPLY IF ...**

**Concrete skills** – Qualitative or quantitative data collection and/or analysis skills, interest/experience in archival work, strong organizational skills, experience with FOIA,

**Other traits** – Learning on the fly, not afraid to ask questions, collaborate, or be wrong at times, you are passionate about advocating for graduate students’ mutually aligned interests (regardless of discipline, etc.)

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**GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

**Chair:** Brian O’Rourke (3rd year PhD student in the College of Public Health)
- 2nd year with CGS. Kicking, biking, triathlon-ing (currently half marathon-ing)

**Committee Goals:**
1) Help graduate students become advocates for issues on the university, local, state, and federal levels
   - See advocacy series below!
2) Develop infrastructure to keep track of ongoing issues and legislation that are relevant to graduate students
   - Fall 2021: Critical Race Theory legislation, Redistricting, Election Reform legislation
   - Election Outreach (OH-15 special election), Policing in Columbus
3) Create avenues for direct input with decision-makers at all levels of governance
   - Create relationships with local and state representatives

**Potential Programming:**
1) Advocacy Series: Year-long sequence of internal and external events to give graduate students a ‘toolbox’ to be advocates for causes they are passionate about
   - Collaboration with Arts and Culture, ED&A, and likely other committees
2) How else could this committee serve the graduate student community?

**Contact:** orourke.130@osu.edu
Graduate Student Affairs

- **Kam Rinehart**
  - Second year master degree student
  - Studying Agricultural Communication Education, & Leadership

- **About the Committee:**
  - Advocate for all issues and concerns that graduate students have in relation to graduate student life
  - We will work this year to create more opportunities for graduate students across campus
  - Work in partnership with other committees to address issues brought forward by students
  - Host joint events with IGC to bring together graduate and professional students
  - Plan and host events to celebrate Graduate Student Appreciation Week
  - Plan and host events to allow graduate students the opportunities to meet and interact with campus leadership
  - Plan and host other events and activities that the committee members are interested in

- **Upcoming Event:**
  - GGS & Graduate School Open House will be held on Friday, September 17, from 1-3 pm.
  - President Johnson and College Deans will be present to meet and speak with graduate students.
  - Light refreshments will be served.
  - [Link](https://duu.zoom.us/j/42440806758?pwd=Q0ZTc1pPR2RFUm52SE RNUnF1Y2tBQT09)

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**Health, Wellness, and Safety**

Faith Lewis, Masters of Public Health (MPH) 22'

**Interests:** Disease Prevention, Racial Justice and Healing, Trauma, Community Empowerment, Sexual Assault and Relationship Violence, Substance Use, Mental Health and Emotional Wellness, Health Education

**HWS Mission:** To ensure a healthy, safe, and balanced lifestyle for all graduate students.

- Promote the Nine Dimensions of Wellness (emotional, career, social, spiritual, physical, financial, intellectual, creative, and environmental)
- Collaborate with other campus entities to program for graduate students and research issues related to student health and well-being.
- Merge Public Health and Social Justice
- Support COVID Response and Prevention Efforts

**Ideas:** Community Town Hall & Assessment, Know Your Rights Seminar, Wellness Expo, Painting Thru It: A Series, Wellness Topic Podcast
Housing and Family Affairs

Blaise Truesdell
- 5th year Ph.D. in Chemistry
- Research area: Electrochemical Catalysis

About the Committee
- Advocate for the inclusion and overall quality of life of graduate students with families
- Address issues related to family housing and childcare.
- Host family-oriented events and programming
- Work to improve the graduate student experience of student caregivers who juggle parenting, other family care, work, student involvement, and academic studies.

Committee Goals
- Bring costs of childcare down for students
- Especially for single parents, parents of multiple children, and international students
- Develop a long-term plan for affordable student family housing
- Replacement for Buckeye Village

Membership Wellness

PURPOSE:
To provide internal resources and supports so that (1) CGS can function more effectively and (2) members can enjoy their experience

Goals:
- Improve internal policies and practices
- Increase organizational knowledge
- Develop sense of belonging, inclusivity, and accessibility within CGS culture as a whole

Projects: Delegate(s) of the month; professional development; social events; creating/reforming Code of Ethics, grievance procedure, advocacy flow chart; listening sessions; educational presentations

About the Chair:
Caroline Fitzpatrick, 271, 3rd year MPA/MSW
Delegate for John Glenn College

Right: Atlas the bulldog rests his heavy head in his mother’s hand; “I am so sleepy,” he sighs.
International Student Affairs

Sochina Ranjit
- Second year master’s degree student at the College of Veterinary Medicine.
- Research area: Drug discovery and antibiotic resistance.
- International student from Kathmandu, Nepal

Committee goals:
- Advocating for any issues concerning international graduate students at Ohio State.
- Making information and resources for international students more available and accessible as well as creating programming opportunities to expand and share resources for international graduate students.
- Collaborating with other committees, for example to advocate and promote equity for international graduate students in Ohio State policies and lawmaker at all levels of government.
- Planning events for international graduate students to celebrate holidays and festivals.
- Creating a support system for international students to help with their transition to being students at Ohio State and to help them have a better university experience.

Sustainability & Environmental Responsibility

Sally Ross
- 3rd yr. doctoral student in SENR
- Research focus: Environmental justice and equity; Race, gender, class & climate change

Committee goals:
- Advocates for the advancement of sustainable, economical, and environmentally friendly policies, procedures, and actions within CGS and across OSU.
- Support waste reduction, energy consumption, and water conservation, and environmentally responsible actions.
- Develop a graduate student policy platform to provide input to Ohio State as it pursues its goal of carbon neutrality by mid-century.

Potential Programming
- Research symposium for graduate student research
- Seminar related to climate change, environmental hazards, disaster response
- Campus-to-community outreach programming about sustainability initiatives
Ray Travel Award

• The Ray Travel Award provides funding for graduate students committed to service to travel and present their own research at conferences
• Committee members help by judging applications
  • 4 funding periods
  • Gain experience in judging and critiquing

*Career Development Grant*

• The Career Development Grant provides funding for graduate students to prepare for their future careers.
  • This includes conferences, professional membership costs, portfolio builders etc.

• Committee members help by judging applications
  • 4 funding periods
  • Represent your program/college via judging,
    • (The more diverse our judges, the less biases)

• Pretty low-commitment committee! :)

Chair: Alissa Geisse
PhD Candidate in Evolution, Ecology, & Organismal Biology
(Behavioral genetics)
Procedure for Considering Legislation

- Author’s Rationale (Up to 2 minutes)
- Question and Answer/Informal Consultation Period (Up to 10 minutes)
  - Be recognized by chair before speaking
  - No debate is allowed
  - I would like to ask the maker of the motion if they will accept the following modification...
- Chair States the Question—opens the floor for debate
  - The question is on the adoption of the resolution...
- Debate (Up to 10 minutes)
  - Be recognized by chair before speaking
  - Debate should be based on the merits of the resolution and directed toward the body, not the authors.
  - No member may speak more than twice on a given question
  - No member may speak again while another member who has not spoken desires the floor
  - I move to amend the motion by inserting/deleting the following...
  - I move to extend the time for debate by ___ minutes
- Chair Puts the Question—opens voting
  - The question is on the adoption of the resolution...

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1. Resolution 2021-019: Support of The Ohio state University’s sars-cov-2 vaccine mandate.

7.1.1. Questions/Comments:
  - O’Rourke.130: Amend line 44 – Add Ohio University
  - Shay.767: Clarify the further resolution at the bottom, that says we support a mask mandate throughout academic year, why not just fall? Following CDC guidelines that shows a full year is probably necessary.
  - Bohnert.14: line 94 Are you aware of any extra schools that are following this practice?
  - Dejesus.59: This is in support of what has already come down from our administration. Correct this is not saying we are trying to add anything extra, just that we support everything that the university has done to this point
  - Sengupta.60: Should we include something on access to hybrid/online learning? This would probably be a separate resolution.
  - Karwish.2: add University of Cincinnati
  - Ferera.55: Oregon State University, Oregon University, Syracuse - add to line 94

7.1.2. Debate:
  - Bohnert.14: Thankful for the resolution and very supportive of line 94.
  - Jay.761: Voice a support, we already passed res 2021-017 so it makes sense that we would vote to pass this.

7.1.3. Voting
  - 68 yeas, 1 nay, 2 abstain

7.2. Act – 009: An Act to Remove the 40% Rule for the Ray Travel Award.

7.2.1. Questions/Comments:
  - Gordon.215: there’s a language change to from “to remove” to “temporarily remove” We want to remove it
  - JohnDoe.1: What makes it “competitive” That we are being specific to 40%
  - Connor.280: does the ray funding roll-over?
- Bisht.9: Budget is 60k this year, does this changing change how we fund ppl?
  - Fitzpatrick.271: Will this effect the awards for those we just judged?
    - No. This is a done deal.
- Ross.1655: Whereas -> Whereas
- Seth.64: Is this unfair for people that will be applying in the spring
  - No, we look at them individually and as a whole
- Truesdell.27: Are there any other grants that have a percentage cut off?
  - We will follow up.
- Seth.64: Suggestion, could we divide the budget by 4?
  - We could, but there is variability year to year.
  - Fitzpatrick.271: How many apply each session?
    - Has been fluctuation especially because of COVID-19.
- Gordon.215: line 10 that -> than

7.2.2. Debate
- Clay. : Speak in support
- Sebul.1: Speak in support

7.2.3. Voting
- 69 Yeas, 0 Nays, 2 Abstain.

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8. SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS

8.1. Delegate Issues & Concerns

8.1.1. Zachariadou.1: last year it was decided that election day should be a day that students have off to vote, can we do something to allow students to have that day off.
• We will forward to HR.

8.1.2. Fitzpatrick.271: Students in my program want the core content to be offered online.
  • The college decided to have all programs 75% in person. That may be why that cannot meet this request.
  • Neuroscience program was able to petition to the graduate school to have online learning.

8.1.3. Davidson.130: Professors were able to choose what they wanted to teach first, thereby choosing all the online assignments, leaving graduate students only to teach in person.

8.1.4. O'Rourke.130: The website is not up to date
  • We have a ticket in to fix this.

8.1.5. Gordon.215: Are we seeing disinfectant wipes or masks available for pickup in buildings?
  • No. Also most sanitizers are empty.
  • Nick will send an email to facilities to see who's job it is to get the supplies

8.1.6. Alan.#: How do we think testing requirements to move forward, being that even high vaccinated areas are still increasing in covid rates?
  • I think we will have to know more following the vaccine mandate date. Right now if your vaccinated, you are testing.

8.1.7. Day.764: I am concerned that there are no repercussions for people (regarding vaccination) until spring semester.
  • We are considering what the consequences will be for not meeting the October 15th guidelines, but some could be limited/no access to OSU resources like wifi Carmen etc.

8.1.8. Cabanelasbermudas.1: someone in my dept has outside funding, somehow the grad school messed up and she has no health insurance and no access to her money.
  • Nick will be looped into the situation and put some urgency.

8.1.9. Geisse.1: Many people are switching from PhDs to MSs. Mostly due to advisor-mentee relationships.
  • Maybe put on academic affairs committee.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

9.1. Next meeting is October 1st, 2021 @ 3:30 pm in Cartoon Room.

10. Meeting adjourned at 5:53 pm.
ACT 2021-010

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE AD HOC INTERNAL ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE

Authors: Caroline Fitzpatrick, Membership Wellness Chair

Section 1. The purpose of this act is to establish the Ad Hoc Internal Accessibility Committee of the Council of Graduate Students (CGS) in accordance with Article 9 Section 2 of the CGS Constitution.

Section 2. This ad hoc committee is established solely to revise CGS bylaws to increase accessibility and inclusivity within CGS policies and procedures.

Section 3. This ad hoc committee will examine ways to integrate technology and other accessibility measures permanently into CGS practices.

Section 4. This ad hoc committee will review the CGS attendance policy.

Section 5. This ad hoc committee will review the Code of Ethics and Values, including incorporating Universal Design for Learning.

Section 6. The interim chair will be Caroline Fitzpatrick and a permanent chair will be appointed by October 22nd, 2021.

Section 7. The CGS Parliamentarian, Chair from Arts & Culture, Chair from Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, Chair of Graduate Student Affairs, and Chair for Health and Wellness will serve as non-voting, ex-officio members.

Section 8. Additional delegate or non-delegate members may be added with the approval of the chair and the Organization and Elections Committee in accordance with Section 7.3.B of the CGS Bylaws.

Section 9. This ad hoc committee will provide recommendations for amendments to CGS’ governing documents to the delegate body in the form of CGS Acts.

Section 10. This ad hoc committee will report back to the delegate body on its work at each delegate meeting.

Section 11. This ad hoc committee will complete its work with a final written report to be submitted prior to the April 2022 delegate meeting.

Approved: Yes/No

Date: ____________

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Nicholas Messenger, President