



**CGS Delegate Packet November 8, 2019**

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## Demographic Report Survey – Council of Graduate Students

**To:** Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
**From:** Demographic Report Ad Hoc Committee  
**Date:** 11/01/2019  
**Re:** 2019-2020 CGS Demographic Report

Hello CGS Delegates,

This year the Council will be publishing a demographic report in spring semester 2020. We are asking every officer, delegate, senator, and committee representative to complete this survey. **The survey will be live from Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> through Sunday, November 24, 2019.**

**Please complete the survey online at [go.osu.edu/CGSdemographics](https://go.osu.edu/CGSdemographics)**

This survey (and the subsequent report) is an important step in understanding the diversity of our governing body and in identifying how CGS and The Ohio State University can become as welcoming an environment as possible. Additionally, this survey serves to provide transparency and a deeper portal of understanding of the CGS governing body in contrast to the graduate student body at The Ohio State University. We believe students have the right to know how they are being represented and by whom.

The questions in the survey will allow us to collect pertinent demographic information to better understand the various identities that make up CGS.

**Please feel free to contact the Demographic Report Ad Hoc Team if you have any questions, concerns or feedback:**

- DaVonti' D. Haynes, Treasurer - haynes.242
- Andrea Davis, Diversity & Inclusion Chair - davis.5688
- Jack Brandl, Chief of Staff - brandl.8

## **Special Announcements**

The Second-Year Transformational Experience Program invites you to attend the **2019 Fall Dr. Javaune Adams-Gaston STEP Expo on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**. The Expo will be held in the Archie Griffin Ballroom in the Ohio Union. Past participants will be displaying posters about their STEP Signature Projects and engaging with the university community around the academic and personal transformations they've experienced as a result of their participation. Students will be presenting in one of six hour-long sessions beginning at 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM, 1:30 PM, 3:00 PM, 4:30 PM and 6:00 PM.

We'd also like to invite you to consider volunteering to serve as a STEP Expo Reviewer. As a reviewer, you will be assigned to interact with five or six identified students using some guiding prompts focused around how the STEP Signature Project has been transformational. If you're interested in volunteering, you can submit your availability [here](#) and our STEP team will follow-up with additional details. If you're unable to formally volunteer, we invite you to drop-in whenever it is most convenient for your schedule to interact informally with our student presenters.

Please feel free to forward this opportunity to others in your units/departments who may have an interest in attending the event or serving as a reviewer. We will have our largest-ever number of student presenters at the event, so we appreciate whatever support you can provide to make this a successful event. You can contact Beth Fines ([fines.2@osu.edu](mailto:fines.2@osu.edu)) directly with any questions about serving as a reviewer.

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The Council of Graduate Students (CGS) is proud to announce the release of its 2019-2020 Buckeye Diversity Dialogue Series lineup.

The **Buckeye Diversity Dialogue Series** provides opportunities for Ohio State graduate students, faculty, staff, and community leaders to have intentional conversations about relevant issues of equity, diversity, inclusion, social justice, and much more.

These conversations are designed to be an informal gathering, over lunch, to allow participants to learn from and educate one another. Although each event has a theme, the goal is to encourage participants to determine where the conversation goes.

The Buckeye Diversity Dialogue Series is meant to be a catalyst for discussion on difficult topics, as it relates to diversity and social justice.

**This program is only open to graduate students at The Ohio State University.** Due to the nature of the conversations, each event will be limited to 10-15 graduate students, registration is on a first come first serve basis. **Students can register online at [go.osu.edu/buckeyedialogue](https://go.osu.edu/buckeyedialogue)**

Lunch will be provided for each participant, in partnership with [Student Life Dining Services](#).



Council of Graduate Students  
The Ohio State University

## Delegate Meeting Agenda

Date: November 8, 2019

Location: Moritz College of Law, RM 348

Ohio Union Rm 2088A | 1739 N. High Street | Columbus, OH 43210 | (614) 292-4380 | [cgs@studentlife.osu.edu](mailto:cgs@studentlife.osu.edu)

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** (5 min.)
3. **Dr. Alicia Bertone, Dean of the Graduate School – Q&A Forum** (45 min.)
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (5 min.)
  - 4.1. **Minutes from October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2019**
5. **OFFICER REPORTS** (15 min.)

5.1. President, Stephen Post.144	5.4. Secretary, Sarah Light.109
5.2. Vice President, Libby Bauman.193	5.5. Chief of Staff, Jack Brandl.8
5.3. Treasurer, DaVonti' Haynes.242	5.6. Parliamentarian, Rania Khamees.5
6. **COMMITTEE CHAIR UPDATES** (15 min.)

6.1. Academic Affairs, Kevin Ingles.27	6.8. International Student Concerns, Eshan Estiri.1
6.2. Arts & Culture, Kathryn Holt.351	6.9. Marketing & Communications, Priscila RodriguezGarcia.2
6.3. Delegate Relations, Conner Sarich.6	6.10. Senate Advisory, Blake Szkoda.1
6.4. Diversity & Inclusion, Andrea Davis.5688	6.11. SERC, Carly Larosa.15
6.5. Government Relations, Maddy Lomax-Vogt.2	6.12. External Collaborations, e alexander.979
6.6. Graduate Student Affairs, Mark Pauley.66	6.13. Housing and Family Affairs, James Uanhoro.1
6.7. Health, Wellness, & Safety Alec Clott.1	
7. **SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS** (15 min.)
  - 7.1. **Delegate Issues and Concerns (15 min.)**
8. **NEW BUSINESS** (80 min.)

8.1. Clint Woods Resolution	8.3. Grad/Prof Student Life Resolution
8.2. Buckeye Village Resolution	8.4. Grants Funding Resolution
9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** (5 min)
  - 9.1. **December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – Full Body Delegate Meeting | Location: Moritz RM348**
    - 9.1.1. President Drake as Guest
10. **Adjourn** (~6:30pm)



**Present:** e alexander, Pranav Ambardekar, Jacky Anderson, Luke Andrejek, Ali Asghari Adib, Selasi Attipoe, Tyler Beauregard, Aaron Beczkiewicz, Jessica Blackburn, Andrew Borst (ALT), Mary Byrne, Qiuchang (Katy) Cao (ALT), Yu-chun Chang, Steph Charles, Jorge Clavo Abbass, Alec Clott, Katherine Conner, Paul Consiglio, Robert Dahlberg-Sears, Archit Datar, Amanda Deighen, Ty Drayton, Benjamin Duran, Story Edison, Kat Ellis, Ehsan Estiri, Brandon Free (ALT), Elizabeth Galko, Jahmour Givans, Lindsey Lawson, Kathryn Holt, Audrey Hungerpillier, Sarah Hyman, Kevin Ingles, Jeffrey Kast, Gala Korniyenko, Pouya Kousha, Arsh Kumar, Carly Larosa, Yifan Li, Ruonan Lin, Stephen Lo, Madeleine Lomax-vogt, Emily Lundstedt, Raven Lynch, Lucas Magee, Tori Magers, Matthew Maynard, Rohit Mukherjee, Aviva Neff, Kate Ormiston (Connor Mahler), Alejandro Otero Bravo, Tricia Oyster, Ryann Patrus, Mark Pauley, Miguel Pedrozo, Maritza Pierre, Kelsey Pinckard, Avi Pokala, Ken Poland, Zxeltzin Reyes, Isaac Reynolds, Marie Rineveld, Priscila Rodriguez Garcia, Ashweta Sahni, Conner Sarich, Erik Scaltriti, Lena Schreiber (ALT), Michelle Scott, Sarah Scott, Utkarsh Shah, Melika Shahhosseini, Karla Shockleymccarthy, Ryan Slechts, Aaron Snelgrove, Kye Stachowski, Lindsey Stirek (ALT), Jorge Torres Espinosa, James Uanhoro, Jennifer Valdez, Mitch Vicieux, Leila Vieira, Derek Walton, Sarah Walton, Chris Wiegman, Daniel Williams, Yu Lun Wu, Piao Yang, Soroush Zamanian, Megan Zib

**Absent:** Om Prakash Bedant, Richard Broshious, Min-Seok Choi, Austin Cool, Leah Demko, Coralie Farinas, Jenna Greve, David Hibler, Kara Johnson, Lauren Howard, Jungmin Lee, Ho-chieh Lin, Eric Loria, Shruthi Shetty, Preeti Singh, Sundeep Siripurapu, Nithya Sivashankar, Blake Szkoda, Nicole Tchorowski, Philip Tice, Taylor Tomu

**1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 3:41 pm**

**1.1. Statement of Purpose**

- 1.1.1. To effectively advocate and program to ensure that The Ohio State University graduate student experience the best it can be.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**2.1. Carmen log-in**

**3. MENTAL HEALTH TASK FORCE UPDATE (Stephen Lo.208)**

**3.1. Suicide and Mental Health Task Force: Implementation Team Update**

- 3.1.1. This task force was charged in 2018 by President Drake to assess and evaluate mental health and suicide resources at OSU and compare prevention resources with other universities.
- 3.1.2. This task force compiled a 40 page recommendation document that outlines the current status of mental health resources on campus. The implementation team is focused on following through on the short- and long-term recommendation goals set forth in this document.
- 3.1.3. Buckeye PAL program was created as a warm line (support network for anyone to call in and talk to someone about any issues they are struggling with). This program is available 8pm-midnight when Counseling & Consultation Services (CCS) is closed.
- 3.1.4. STAR (Stress, Trauma, and Resistance) is a program in collaboration with the Wexner Medical Center to employ a case worker and care provider to work one day a week at CCS to interact with students who are survivors of trauma.
- 3.1.5. There is an ongoing effort to create a culture of care by including mental health statements in syllabi, creating a Faculty Network to disseminate information about resources and services, streamlining the withdrawal and re-enrollment processes for students struggling with mental health issues, and distributing resource cards to faculty, staff, and students.
- 3.1.6. REACH suicide prevention training and online suicide screenings have been expanded and are being more heavily utilized by the campus population.
- 3.1.7. JED Campus recently did an on-campus audit of the services and resources available on campus and we will receive a report of this audit soon.

- 3.1.8. In collaboration with Digital Flagship, a mental health wellness app is in the works. This app will be rolled out in the spring. They are looking for grad students to provide feedback about the app.
- 3.1.9. The number of counselors has increased by 50% at CCS and some departments are now employing in-house counselors.
- 3.1.10. SMART LAB will teach stress management and resiliency strategies. In-person appointments are available on weekdays and are free for all students. There is also a six-week Stress Control program hosted by the OSU Psychological Services Center that is free for all students to attend.
  - Conner.280 asked whether the implementation team has considered adding in-house counselors within the Graduate School itself. Lo.208 responded that this idea was considered but rejected. One other feasible option is to push for some counselors that would work specifically with grad students within CCS.

#### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

##### **4.1. Minutes from September 6, 2019**

- 4.1.1. Shah.1285 to approve the minutes.
- 4.1.2. Motion was seconded by Beauregard.13.
- 4.1.3. Minutes approved.

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

##### **5.1. President (Post.144)**

- 5.1.1. An emergency fund has been established for graduate students at \$20,000/year for the next five years. There is still work ongoing to clarify the policies and application processes. The Graduate Student Affairs committee is putting together a working group that will make recommendations to the Graduate School about policies to determine who is eligible to receive the funds and what they may be used for.
- 5.1.2. The issue of student leave that was brought up at a previous meeting has referred out to the Graduate Compensation & Benefits Committee and this committee will make recommendations to Dean Bertone and the Graduate School about updating the current policy.

##### **5.2. Vice President (Bauman.193)**

- 5.2.1. 105/146 delegate seats are currently filled. Please encourage interested parties to petition to become a delegate in departments still lacking representations.
- 5.2.2. The Hayes Forum Committee is currently accepting nominations for faculty judges.

##### **5.3. Treasurer (Haynes.242)**

- 5.3.1. There is a special meeting at **4:30pm on October 24<sup>th</sup> in the Senate Chambers** to discuss changes to the GE requirements. Please inform other grad students who have GTA appointments to share feedback about how these changes will impact graduate students.
- 5.3.2. Ty Bender, our new Deputy Treasurer, has started and will be helping CGS to complete audits of university offices and programs related to CGS.
- 5.3.3. As of last month, CGS has spent about \$58,000. About half of this number went to grants. Delegate outreach grants have been awarded to 6 people so far this year.
  - Shah.1285 asks why our technology budget is already up to almost \$7000. Haynes.242 clarifies that this is because our monthly website fee increased by 500% with no warning over the summer. We are in negotiations with Student Life to rectify this problem and to investigate if any other student orgs have been affected.
- 5.3.4. Funding period 3 of Ray closes November 1<sup>st</sup>. 11 people were awarded in funding period 2.

##### **5.4. Secretary (Light.109)**

- 5.4.1. The Career Development Grant application window for the third funding period closes November 1. There will be a meeting of the committee at **4:30pm on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> in 134 Biomedical Research Tower (BRT)** to discuss the application and judging process and talk about any updates or changes that would make the grant more successful. All delegates are welcome to attend and anyone who has thoughts to share, please send via email.

- 5.4.2. A survey will be going out to all delegates asking for feedback about the organization, layout, and user-friendliness of the CGS website. Please respond with any comments or opinions you have. There will be a focus group meeting at **4pm on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> in the CSG Offices** to discuss the specific changes that should be prioritized as we try to clean up the website.

**5.5. Chief of Staff (Brandl.8)**

- 5.5.1. There are meetings scheduled with IPC and USG to begin the process of collaboration across student government bodies on issues that affect us all. Any concerns that may be relevant to these conversations should be sent to Brandl.8.

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

**6.1. Arts & Culture (Holt.351)**

- 6.1.1. There is ticket lottery going live next week for the Columbus Symphony's Performance of the Nightmare Before Christmas on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. All graduate students are eligible to apply for two free tickets.

**6.2. Delegate Relations (Sarich.6)**

- 6.2.1. Starting next month, we will be hosting informal happy hours after delegate meetings.  
6.2.2. At the end of the semester, the committee will be hosting a holiday party for all delegates.

**6.3. Graduate Student Affairs (Pauley.66)**

- 6.3.1. The working group that is putting together recommendations about the emergency fund is accepting feedback until next Wednesday, the 9<sup>th</sup>.

**7. SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS**

**7.1. Delegate Concerns**

- 7.1.1. Mukherjee.110 has been meeting with Arts & Sciences Dean as part of the Dean-Student Advisory Board about experiences with online teaching and learning. Any relevant feedback should be sent via email.
- 7.1.2. Shah.1285- Senate Research Committee is revamping the policies about Research Misconduct. Issues or feedback should be sent via email.
- 7.1.3. Pinckard.6- Lots of grad students feel that they don't have a faculty member they can talk to about issues they may have without the fear that these conversations will get back to their advisor and cause problems. Suggests that it would be a good idea to have a program that pairs students with faculty from other departments with whom they can discuss issues. Post.144 agrees with this sentiment and points out that this issue will be addressed by the resolution to be discussed later in the meeting.
- 7.1.4. Sarich.6 asks whether the delegate body would like to establish a GroupMe. The general consensus is that we are doing a pretty good job with communication so far. We have the ability to utilize discussion boards and calendar on the Carmen page.
- Galko.2 suggests that GroupMe might be good for social purposes.
  - Pauley.66 says that maybe a closed Facebook page might be better because you can check in as often as you like, and you won't be constantly bombarded with notifications.
  - Williams.6571 asks why Slack was abandoned last year. Delegates simply did not use it for communication.
  - The executive committee will discuss this issue further and make a decision soon.
- 7.1.5. Shah.1285- Suggests that CGS might consider getting a Reddit presence because it affords more space and flexibility for discussion on hot issues.
- 7.1.6. Lomaz-Vogt.2- Reminds all delegates that voter registration closes October 7<sup>th</sup>. Information about your district and voting locations can be found on the Franklin County Board of Elections website.
- 7.1.7. Dahlberg-Sears.1- There is a concern that grad teaching lounges and office areas are in bad shape and asks whether there is a system in place to assess the state of the facilities. Post.144 answers that currently, these assessments are made by departments and there is no centralized system where information can be found.
- 7.1.8. Kousha.2 asks whether there has been forward progress about issues of student safety brought up at the last delegate meeting.
- Post.144 answers that there are meetings planned with Jake Casey to discuss this.



## 8. NEW BUSINESS

### 8.1. Senator Elections (Bauman.193)

- 8.1.1. Ballots are passed out. All eligible voting members of the delegate body are asked to participate in voting. Ballots are collected.
- 8.1.2. Salha Sassi.4 is elected to fill the vacant Senate seat.

### 8.2. Resolution 1920 AU-003: A Resolution Calling for the Creation of the Position of Graduate Student Ombudsperson at the Ohio State University

- 8.2.1. Pauley.66 moves to extend initial presentation time by 5 minutes in order to more clearly explain the resolution. Motion passes.
- 8.2.2. The language for this resolution was taken from the letter of support CGS received from the Graduate School (included in the meeting packet) as well as the University Rules and previous resolutions that established the position of faculty ombudsperson.
- 8.2.3. **Questions:**
  - Drayton.18 asks whether this position is open to only current OSU faculty or candidates outside OSU.
    - Pauley.66 clarifies that as constructed, the resolution states that a current OSU employee would be preferred. Post.144 also adds that this position is at 50% appointment.
  - Dahlberg-Sears asks whether there is language to guarantee that the vacated responsibilities of the person who becomes ombudsperson will be filled by another faculty member or new hiree.
    - Pauley.66 clarifies that lines 48-49 somewhat address this now but this can be further clarified by the search committee that will select this person.
  - Shockley McCarthy.2 asks what is meant by a “informal impartial mediator”.
    - Post.144 clarifies that this language is intentionally vague and the technicalities of this issue will likely be determined in collaboration with Vice Provost McPheron.
  - Uanhoro.1 motions to extend discussion by 3 minutes. Motion passes.
  - Uanhoro.1 asks whether we can extend this position to also be available to post-docs.
    - Pauley.66 points out that there is no exclusionary language that would not allow post-docs to also utilize this resource.
  - Pierre.77 asks for clarification about the language in Lines 47 and 48- this person “will no longer be affiliated with their prior department/unit”.
- 8.2.4. Shah.1285 moves to discuss the resolution.
- 8.2.5. Motion passes.
- 8.2.6. **Discussion:**
  - Givans.2 proposes an amendment to strike the word “faculty” from Line 55.
    - Amendment passes.
  - Larosa.15 proposes an amendment to strike the words “will no longer be affiliated with their prior department/unit” from Lines 47-48
    - Edison.22 brings up that language in Line 27-28 (“free from any ties to students’ academic programs”) is also related to this issue of impartiality
    - Clott.1 asks that if, for example, the appointed ombudsperson is from Sociology, would Sociology students be unable to use this resource?
    - Drayton.18 says that the undergrads have a system with 2 ombudspeople to avoid such a problem.
    - Amendment passes.
  - Uanhoro.1 points out that emeritus faculty may not be eligible for this position.
    - Light.109 points out that current faculty would be most familiar with current university rules and policies, which is an important component of the position.
  - Shahhoessini.2 asks whether we should amend the current resolution to include language about a vice-ombudsperson
    - Lomnax-Vogt.2 says that in her previous experiences with this position as an undergrad, impartiality was not a problem. Any person who goes out of their way to apply for this position will take this issue of impartiality very seriously.
    - Sarich.6 points out that during the hiring process, potential conflicts of interest



will be taken into account.

- Beauregard.13 points out that the point of this resolution is to keep the momentum going that was already established by the Graduate School with their letter to CGS. We do not need to spell out every small detail in this resolution as there will be further discussions and decisions made by the search committee.
  - Slechta.3 agrees and warns that if we make too many changes to the resolution as written, we run the risk of contradicting ourselves.

8.2.7. moves to vote on the act.

8.2.8. Motion seconded by Kousha.2

8.2.9. Motion passes.

8.2.10. Resolution is voted on.

8.2.11. Resolution passes.

## **9. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

8.1 Next meeting is November 8th, 2019 @ 3:30pm, Room 348 Drinko Hall

8.2 Advertise BucklExperience!

## **10. Meeting adjourned at 5:18pm.**

## November 2019 Treasurer Report – Council of Graduate Students

**To:** Council of Graduate Students, Delegates

**From:** DaVonti' D. Haynes, Treasurer

**Date:** 11/01/2019

**Re:** Treasurer's Report November 2019

Hello CGS Delegates,

As we close out week 12 of the autumn semester, I hope you all are doing well and taking care of yourselves, mentally, physically, and emotionally. This can be a very stressful time of the semester balancing your academic, professional, personal, and social lives. If you're ever in need of any support, be sure to check out OSU's Counseling and Consultation Services (CCS) [ccs.osu.edu // 614-292-5766] or reach out to a friend/family member. I wish you all the best as we began to wrap up autumn semester 2019, Go Bucks!

### **CGS Budget**

As of 10/30/2019 CGS has allocated out \$70,029.98. A more detailed list of expenses by category is attached. **Please see the below note regarding the high technology cost you will see.**

I want to reiterate that I highly encourage Committee Chairs to take full advantage of their budgets, this has been an issue in the past. According to CSA operating procedures we are required/expected to spend most of our funds in a given year, if we don't those funds are subject to revocation by CSA, so let's avoid that.

### **Delegate Outreach Grant**

The same applies as above. Please take advantage of the Delegate Outreach Grant, you may request up to \$200.00 per event. We will try to spread those funds out across departments and colleges, to ensure everyone has the chance to use this grant. **Remember all delegate outreach grant requests must be sent to Jack Brandl.8 AND myself (haynes.242).** As of today, we have awarded six delegate outreach grants.

Please remember there is a **three week requirement for submitting Delegate Outreach Grants**, to ensure we have proper time to review them, make a decision, and forward them on to Teresa so she can then forward them on to the business office for processing.

### **Ray Travel Award**

The Ray Committee will be meeting next week, during this meeting we will be taking a holistic look at the Ray program and determining some best practices to apply to the program in the future to ensure it's more efficient and effective for graduate students, the committee, and our full time staff members who assist with it.

**Funding period III applications were due on November 1<sup>st</sup>** to support conference travel between January 1<sup>st</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup>. Applications are currently out for review.

**Funding period IV window will open on December 15<sup>th</sup>** to support conference travel between April 1<sup>st</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Buck-I-Experience**

**The Buck-I-Experience application deadline was extended, the new deadline to apply is November 9<sup>th</sup>.** This program is a joint initiative sponsored by the three student governments, Council of Graduate Students (**CGS**), Inter-Professional Council (**IPC**), and Undergraduate Student Government (**USG**) at The Ohio State University.

The program was created to grant the wishes of students on the Ohio State University Columbus campus; who are suffering from debilitating conditions or special circumstances and may not normally be able to enjoy the Buckeye Experience, by attending football and basketball games, OUAB events or participating in other Ohio State traditions.

You can self-nominate or nominate someone at [go.osu.edu/buckiexperience](http://go.osu.edu/buckiexperience). This can be any Columbus campus student (undergrad, grad, or professional).

Please help up advertise this program, marketing materials are on Carmen.

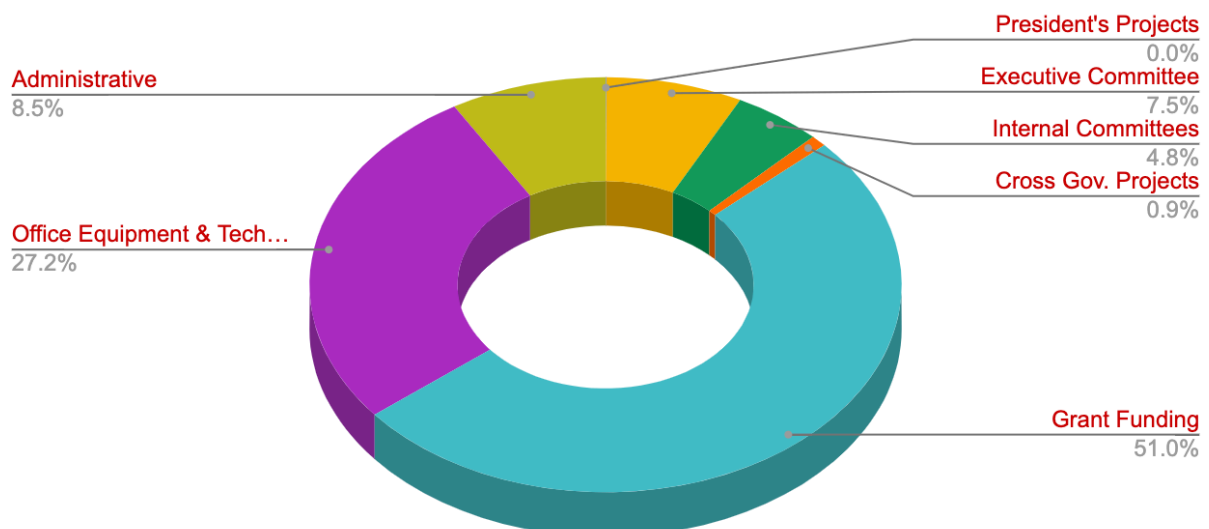
### **Website Charge Update**

After speaking with our advisor, Kerry Hodak, about this issue to discussed it with her supervisor, Dr. Matt Couch (Senior Director of Student Activities and Associate Dean of Students) who informed her that they will work on fixing this issue as we should not have been charged the rate we were being charged by SLIT. Good news: we will be getting our money back. Bad news: I'm not sure how long it will take, but they'll get tired of me pestering them, so hopefully it'll be sooner rather than later.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

PEACE, LOVE, and BLESSINGS,  
DaVonti' D. Haynes (haynes.242)

### **Council of Graduate Students FY 20 Expenses (as of 10/30/19)**



<b>Council of Graduate Students</b>		
<b>FY 2020 Budget</b>		
<b>July 2019 - June 2020</b>		
	<b>FY20 Budget</b>	<b>FY20 Expenses</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
<b>President's Projects</b>		
Discretionary	\$2,000.00	\$19.00
Inauguration	\$500.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL PRESIDENT'S PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>	<b>\$19.00</b>
<b>Vice President's Projects</b>		
Hayes	\$29,000.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL VICE PRESIDENT'S PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$29,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Executive Committee</b>		
Retreat	\$3,000.00	\$1,128.50
Awards & Recognition	\$750.00	\$0.00
MarCom	\$7,500.00	\$1,000.00
Executive Discretionary	\$6,000.00	\$1,877.24
<b>TOTAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b>	<b>\$17,250.00</b>	<b>\$4,005.74</b>
<b>Internal Committees</b>		
Grants Admin	\$500.00	\$0.00
Arts & Culture	\$2,000.00	\$390.00
Delegate Outreach Grant	\$3,200.00	\$1,000.00
Diversity & Inclusion	\$18,000.00	\$0.00
International Concerns	\$2,000.00	\$1,200.00
Ray Travel Grant	\$500.00	\$0.00
Ray Award Receptions	\$3,000.00	\$0.00
Health, Wellness, and Safety	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
SERC	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Org. & Election	\$500.00	\$0.00
Government Affairs	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Committees - Other	\$4,500.00	\$0.00

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<b>TOTAL INTERNAL COMMITTEES</b>	<b>\$38,700.00</b>	<b>\$2,590.00</b>
<b>Cross Governmental Projects</b>		
Buck-I-Experience	\$4,000.00	\$474.88
<b>TOTAL CROSS GOVERNMENTAL PROJECTS</b>	<b>\$4,000.00</b>	<b>\$474.88</b>
<b>Grant Funding</b>		
Career Development	\$14,000.00	\$6,300.00
Global Gateway	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
Ray Travel Award	\$45,000.00	\$21,000.00
<b>TOTAL GRANT FUNDING</b>	<b>\$69,000.00</b>	<b>\$27,300.00</b>
<b>Office Equipment &amp; Technology</b>		
Copier	\$500.00	\$0.00
Equipment	\$400.00	\$261.81
Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$280.23
Telephone	\$1,000.00	\$239.84
Technology	\$9,000.00	\$13,790.50
<b>TOTAL OFFICE EQUIPMENT &amp; TECHNOLOGY</b>	<b>\$11,900.00</b>	<b>\$14,572.38</b>
<b>Administrative</b>		
Meeting Refreshments	\$9,274.00	\$1,368.38
Organizational Development	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00
Travel	\$8,000.00	\$0.00
Parking Passes	\$3,000.00	\$2,199.60
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	<b>\$24,274.00</b>	<b>\$4,567.98</b>
<b>Encum</b>		
Career Development	\$500.00	\$500.00
Ray Travel Award	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00
<b>TOTAL Encum</b>	<b>\$16,500.00</b>	<b>\$16,500.00</b>
<b>OVERALL</b>		
	<b>\$213,124.00</b>	<b>\$70,029.98</b>

**TO:** The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
**FROM:** Sarah Light, Secretary  
**DATE:** 11/1/19  
**RE:** Secretary's Report

The application window for the third funding period of the Career Development Grant closed today. Judging will take place over the next several weeks and winners will be notified hopefully by the end of the month.

Early next semester, DaVonti' and I will be hosting an informational session about all of the grants offered by CGS. This will be a great opportunity for anyone interested in applying to learn more about the judging process and how to craft a successful application. There will be two sessions offered: **Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 12pm** and **Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm** (location TBD).

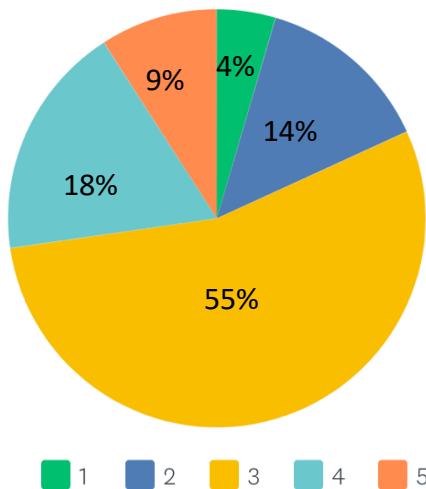
The results of the website feedback survey are included below. We may be transitioning to a new online platform soon, so we are holding off on making any large-scale structural changes. However, in the meantime, I will be focused on making the information currently on the website easier to access by re-thinking the organizational scheme and trying to reduce the redundancy of information.

All the best,

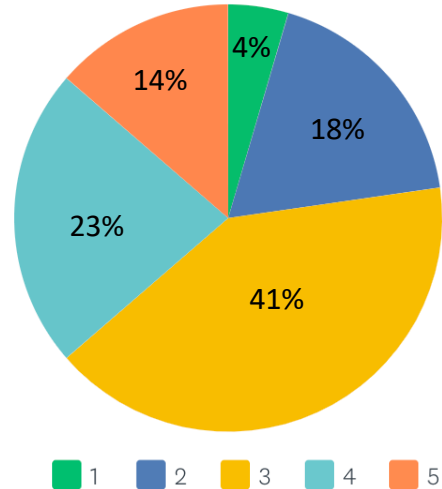
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## CGS Website Feedback Survey Results

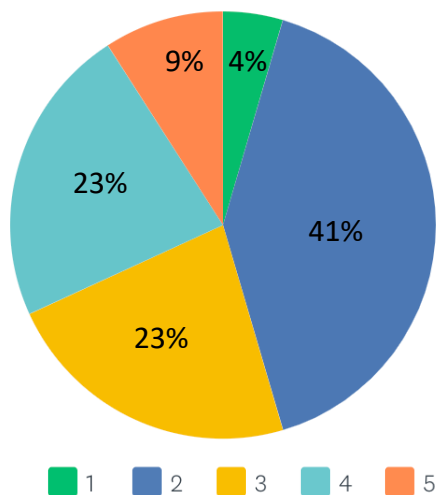
How would you rate the layout of the CGS website from 1-5 with 1 being terrible and 5 being excellent?



How would you rate the organization of the CGS website from 1-5 with 1 being terrible and 5 being excellent?



How easy is it to find the information you are looking for on the CGS website?  
1= very difficult and 5= very easy?



What kind of information do you typically visit the CGS website to find?

Information about CGS operations- meeting dates, contact info, committees, etc.

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Information about CGS funding sources

8

Delegate packets and meeting minutes

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Please list the pages that you visit frequently on the CGS website.

1. Leadership Tab
2. Funding Opportunities
3. Hayes Forum
4. Committees
5. Get Involved
6. Archive
7. Events

What parts of the CGS website do you find helpful/easy to navigate?

- Exec page
- All
- Hayes
- Funding deadlines
- Main navigation bar
- News
- Events

Are there any pages you have visited that contained incorrect or outdated information?

- Incomplete records in archive
- Ray travel award
- Committee information
- Main page announcements
- Delegate information
- Hayes Forum

What problems do you see with the current CGS website?

#### **Organizational**

- Information hard to find
- Generally, not intuitively organized
- Information is repetitive and found in multiple places
- Some pages out of date or incomplete – specifically delegate information & committee information

#### **Aesthetic**

- Visually dense
- Not a lot of images
- Not able to see tab subheadings when hovering over the main navigation bar
- Margins too large
- Site looks terrible when not in full screen
- Font too small for subheadings on left side

#### **Other**

- CGS mission not prominently displayed
- No search function
- Lower half of home page is static

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
FROM: Libby Bauman, Vice President  
DATE: 11/1/19  
RE: Vice President's Report

## Vice President Report

### Hayes Forum

- Judge applications are still open. Nominate a professor here:  
<https://cgs.osu.edu/secure/hayes/judge/nominate.aspx>
  - Areas of need: Humanities, the Arts, Business, Math and Physical Sciences
- Abstract submissions are open now until November 22. Submit an abstract here:  
<https://cgs.osu.edu/secure/hayes/>

### Committees

- The **kindness committee** is seeking a CGS representative. If you are interested or know someone who would be a good fit, please send me an email.

### Delegate Petition Process:

- See departments that still need Delegates by scrolling to the bottom of this page:  
<https://cgs.osu.edu/leadership/delegates/>
- The petition process for open Delegate seats is now open. Interested applicants may complete the petition form: <https://cgs.osu.edu/posts/documents/delegate-election-petition-form.pdf>
- Encourage your friends to petition if their department needs a Delegate!

### External Committee Reports:

- OUAB: the board would like ideas on how to collaborate with grad students for events. Contact OUAB CGS representative Megan Espana.5 with ideas!
- Student Health Insurance Committee: behavioral health was the number one category for diagnosis in 2018-2019; student health center pharmacy is expecting to pipeline more generics in 2020

**To:** Council of Graduate Students, Delegate Body

**From:** Stephen J. Post, President CGS

**Date:** 9/27/19

**RE:** President's Report

Hello All! Crazy to think we only have 5 weeks left before the end of the Autumn 2019 semester. Make sure you are on track to accomplish your academic, professional, and personal goals! While I know we are all very busy, this **November 8<sup>th</sup> Delegate Meeting** is very important as we have **Dean of the Graduate School, Dr. Alicia Bertone**, coming in as our guest. This will be a 45 minute Q&A-style forum where the Dean will be open to answering questions about how the Graduate School is supporting us and working to solve certain issues. Please come with questions and issues that you hope to raise to the Dean in preparation for this meeting!

### **Graduate Ombudsperson Update**

Since passing the Graduate Ombudsperson resolution, I was able to speak with the President and the Provost about the position. They are cautiously optimistic about creating such a position, and wanted to ensure that this person would be solving a specific problem for graduate students; I assured them it did and cited the many anecdotal concerns that have been raised to CGS regarding the student/faculty/advisor relationship. I raised this issue in Senate Steering to have it formally referred out to Graduate Council, the Council on Student Affairs, and the Graduate Compensation, and Benefits Committee. We are in the process of receiving feedback and answering questions before putting together the formal University rule change. We hope to have this rule change ready for a full University Senate vote at the first meeting of the 2020 calendar year.

### **Buckeye Village Statement**

On Monday, October 28th, Ohio State University announced they will be relocating all Buckeye Village residents into the privately-owned University Village complex. The Exec Committee put out a timely statement expressing our disappointment in the University's decision to close Buckeye Village with no plans for replacement. We do have a resolution up this Friday to support claims made in this statement. I urge you to read the statement we put out and looking over some of our media coverage here: [The Lantern](#), [WOSU](#), [The Dispatch](#), [NBC4](#), [Columbus Underground](#), [Columbus Business First](#), and/or [Reddit](#). I look forward to the discussion to be had on Friday

### **Ohio State names Vice President for Student Life, Melissa Shivers**

Melissa Shivers, a recognized leader in student affairs with experience at several flagship public research universities, has been named the next vice president for student life at Ohio State. President Michael V. Drake announced the appointment, effective Jan. 6 and pending Board of Trustees approval. Shivers currently serves as vice president for student life at the University of Iowa. She is also an adjunct associate professor of educational policy and leadership studies and served as interim associate vice president for diversity, equity and inclusion. [Read more »](#)

## Resources

Please begin to familiarize yourself with the [CGS.OSU.EDU](http://CGS.OSU.EDU) website so that you have easy access to any necessary resources and know where to point fellow grad students when they ask for more information! Additionally, the CGS Carmen page is updated to provide delegates access to any info, documents, or other resources you may need.

Please follow CGS on social media via our pages on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [Linkden](#). This will allow you to stay up-to-date with programming, event/meeting reminders, and other great resources that we encourage you to share on these platforms. Our handles are @CGSOSU.

We are in the thick of the semester, and I want to make sure you are all taking care of yourselves mentally, physically, and socially. Check out the resources at the [Student Wellness Center](#) to make sure you are keeping balanced in this busy time!

Always feel free to reach out to me with any concerns via email at [post.144@osu.edu](mailto:post.144@osu.edu)!

Go Bucks,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen J. Post". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line crossing through the middle of the name.

**TO:** The Council of Graduate Students  
**FROM:** Kevin Ingles, Delegate, Chair – Academic Affairs  
**DATE:** 11/08/2019

There are no updates for this month.

The next AAC meeting is Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>.

**TO:** The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
**FROM:** Kathryn Holt, Arts and Culture Chair  
**DATE:** 11/01/2019  
**RE:** Committee Report

The first Arts and Culture lottery was successfully completed for the Columbus Symphony Orchestra's *Nightmare Before Christmas*. We had 145 entries, and gave a total of 14 tickets to 8 grad students. We are working on the lottery for November, which will be to the Department of Theatre's production of *Midsummer Night's Dream* on November 22. Keep an eye out for that link!

The committee met on October 17, and divided into working groups to address the following projects for the remainder of the year: ticket lotteries, pop-up performances, website and social media, symposium, Hayes Forum, 15<sup>th</sup> and High, and happy hours/gallery/art walk events.

Our first priority for the remainder of the semester is planning a symposium for spring. We decided on the theme of Arts and Wellness, and the symposium working group is in the process of creating a call for proposals, which will be sent out in early November.

We will hold our next meeting on November 14.

**TO:** Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
**FROM:** Conner Sarich, Chair of Delegate Relations Committee  
**DATE:** 11/8/2019  
**RE:** Committee Report

The first CGS Happy Hour of the year will take place at Formaggio after our delegate monthly meeting. Drinks are half price there and CGS can purchase food if we work up an appetite during the meeting.

This year we will be having a CGS Winter Party. It will be on 12 / 6 / 19 so save that date. Our committee will be working on getting more details for the event. Plan on good food, good drinks, and a good time.

Conner Sarich  
Sarich.6@osu.edu



**TO:** The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates

**FROM:** Andrea Davis, Diversity and Inclusion Committee Chair

**DATE:** 11/1/2019

**RE:** Committee Report

The Diversity and Inclusion Committee had our first meeting on October 15, 2019 in the CGS office. At that meeting we updated our committee's purpose and goals, as well as discussed the following projects:

1. CGS Buckeyes Diversity Dialogue Series
  - a. The Council of Graduate Students' Buckeyes Diversity Dialogue Series provides opportunities for Ohio State graduate students, faculty, staff, and community leaders to have intentional conversations about relevant issues of equity, diversity, inclusion, social justice, and much more.
  - b. These conversations are designed to be an informal gathering, over lunch, to allow participants to learn from and educate one another. Although each event has a theme, the goal is to encourage participants to determine where the conversation goes. The Buckeye's Diversity Dialogue Series is meant to be a catalyst for discussion on difficult topics, as it relates to diversity and social justice.
  - c. D&I's role is to provide facilitators for these programs
2. Revamping the Diversity and Implicit Bias Awareness Program
  - a. The Council of Graduate Students, in partnership with the Office of Student Life, Student Activities and OUAB Grad/Prof announces this year's program for graduate and professional students as well as postdoctoral scholars on diversity and implicit bias awareness. This is a great opportunity to dive into material that will enhance self-awareness, advocacy, and leadership competencies. You will learn to understand the challenges, consider possible solutions and discover how to begin addressing the problem of underrepresentation.
  - b. Those who complete the program will receive a certificate.
  - c. Requirements
    - i. Complete Open Doors I and II Training
      1. Open Doors program is an awareness and educational program out of The Ohio State University Office of Student Life Multicultural Center. The program is designed to create a more inclusive campus by increasing participants' knowledge about

bias, its effect on the campus community, how to address bias and how to best support those experiencing bias.

2. Attend an Implicit Bias Workshop
3. Attend an Identity Workshop

3. Spring Diversity and Inclusion Campaign

- a. Will include a campus-wide photoshoot similar to [this one](#)
- b. Will also include a video (loosely based off of Apple's D&I video) that will be shot across campus

The committee is still in the process of choosing our permanent meeting times and duration of those meetings but that will be figured out in the next two weeks.

If there are any questions about any of the above items, please feel free to reach out!

Andrea Davis  
davis.5688@osu.edu

**TO:** The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
**FROM:** Madeleine Lomax-Vogt, Chair Government Relations Committee  
**DATE:** 10/31/2019  
**RE:** Committee Report

The Government Affairs committee is continuing to work with External Collaborations to prepare information regarding graduate student unionization.

We have also contacted local, state and federal elected officials and local political candidates about the closure of Buckeye Village. We will continue to work with them until the issue is resolved.

Government Affairs is also looking to increase the dialogue between graduate and professional students and state and local elected officials by organizing lobbying days at the Statehouse and at Columbus City Council. Our first focus will be on higher education funding, but we are interested in expanding beyond that to issues relevant to the graduate student population (affordable housing, family leave guarantees, etc).

Chair Lomax-Vogt is working with President Stephen Post and OSU on understanding the implications of HB 249 (currently in Committee). HB 249 would enable a victim to sue a university if abused by a university doctor.

**TO:** The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
**FROM:** Mark Pauley; Delegate, Chair – Graduate Student Affairs  
**DATE:** 11/08/2019  
**RE:** Secretary's Report

Delegates,

Please find the pertinent updates for the Graduate Student Affairs Committee since our last delegate meeting on 10/04/2019 below:

- Two committee meetings were held during this intervening period of time
- Tasks have been shared with those working groups within our committee that have current projects
  - Roles are being allocated within those individual working groups by the relevant individuals involved
  - Much of the day-to-day has been passed off to these groups to ensure that every Delegate is playing as large or as small of a role as they desire
  - Projects currently being worked on include, but are not limited to: resolving administrative issues with the Registrar's Office (collaborative project with IPC and USG), planning a series of iterative mental health events for the entirety of spring semester, and breaking down the issues with the mandatory "U Got This" training

I thank you for your attention and look forward to addressing any comments, questions, or concerns you all may have. Please direct anything to Pauley.66@osu.edu, or to any member of my committee and we will be happy to work with you.

**TO:** The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
**FROM:** Alec Clott, Chair of Health, Wellness, & Safety Committee  
**DATE:** 11/1/2019  
**RE:** Committee Report

**Goals:** The Health, Wellness, & Safety committee aims to ensure the physical and mental well-being of all graduate students. Specifically, through a combination of research, university partnerships, and outreach initiatives the committee is focused on creating and promoting an environment of health, safety, and education throughout the university and outside committee.

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The HWS committee recently met on November 1, 2019. This was the HWS' second meeting of the semester. At this meeting, we focused on creating an agenda for this years upcoming **Graduate Wellness Fair**.

In the past, the Fair has been a catered table-event where all relevant OSU organizations are invited to host a table and grad students are encouraged to come through and learn about the resources available to them. Last year the event was held in the Performance Hall of the Union.

At this point in time, we are narrowing down the following for event details:

Location: We are looking to hold the event in the RPAC or other campus-affiliated location.

Time/Place: We are intending to hold the event in early April, on a Tues, Wed, or Thurs.

Tables/Representatives: As with past years, we will invite the following organizations to represent themselves at the event –

Counseling and Consultation Services	Career Counseling and Support Services
Student Health Services	Student Health Insurance
Student Wellness Center	Psychological Service Center
RUOK Buckeyes	CGS
SMART Lab	Multicultural Center
Rec Sports	Student Legal Services

Food/Prizes: As with past years, we will hold a raffle for prizes and cater the event.

If you are interested in assisting with the event, please feel free to reach out to Alec Clott.1.

Best,  
Alec Clott

**TO:** The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
**FROM:** Ehsan Estiri, Chair of International Student Concerns committee (ISC)  
**DATE:** 10/1/2019  
**RE:** Secretary's Report

To remind the body, the followings are our programs for the 2019-20 educational year. You can track our progress on the right column.

Programs	Progress
<b>1. Docunight:</b> Documentary film series with 9 documentary films.	Organized: the first film-showing was last night☺  Tell your constituents about the program.
<b>2. International Student Orientations:</b> How to improve international student orientations.	Limited progress.
<b>3. OSU Writing center:</b> ISC's committee members are concerned about the quality of services provided by OSU's Writing Center to graduate international students. We decided to speak with the director of the center, inform them about our concerns, and discuss the ways the center can improve its services.	Conversations with the center have started.
<b>4. Office of International Affairs:</b> The committee believes there are multiple areas in which OIA can improve services they provide to international students. These include walk-in services, tax consultancy, and CPT. Again, the committee will be in touch with OIA to discuss these issues.	No progress at this point☹

**October 2019**

**Name:** Blake Szkoda

**Committee(s) you are on:** CGS Executive Committee, CGS Senate Advisory Committee (Chair), Senate Council on Academic Affairs, Graduate Council (governing board of the Graduate School), Senate Council on Academic Affairs/Graduate School Sub-Committee

**September Meetings Attendance Record:**

**CGS Delegate Meetings**

Cannot go to CGS delegate meetings due to meetings of my lab at the same time

**University Senate**

October 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting: attended

**CGS Executive Committee**

October 25<sup>th</sup> Meeting: attended

**CGS Senate Advisory Committee**

No meetings held (these will be on an as needed basis)

**Senate Council on Academic Affairs**

October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting: attended

**Graduate Council**

September 30<sup>th</sup> meeting: attended

**Senate Council on Academic Affairs/Graduate School Sub-Committee**

October 7<sup>th</sup> meeting: attended

October 24<sup>th</sup> meeting: attended

**Summary of important activities from your committees, and anything important that you feel should be added to the CGS agenda/that delegates should know about:**

This report will also serve as my Senate Advisory Committee Chair's report. I have nothing to add to the agenda, please review the other individual senator reports as you are able. I wish you all a good discussion on the upcoming resolutions at the Nov 8<sup>th</sup> meeting!



**TO:** The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates  
**FROM:** Carly LaRosa, SERC Chair  
**DATE:** 9/27/2019  
**RE:** SERC Report

## **Resolution 1920-AU-004**

Several of our members have authored **A Resolution Requesting Additional Information and Transparency Regarding the Recent Hiring of Mr. Clinton Woods by The College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences** (Resolution 1920-AU-004).

The goal of this resolution is to ask Dean Kress for additional information about the creation of the role of Director of Strategic Partnerships, and why Clint Woods was chosen for this role over the other applicants. We also would like to ask for transparency moving forward, as Woods works to establish partnerships with external organizations and the university.

For a more detailed explanation of why the hiring of Clint Woods is so controversial, please see the following:

[The Columbus Dispatch – Former EPA official connected to loosening air pollution regs hired for new Ohio State post](#)

[The Columbus Dispatch – Editorial: Ohio State should not embrace new hire’s policy past at EPA](#)

[The Lantern – Hire of former Trump EPA Administrator raises student concerns](#)

## **Establishment of a Subcommittee on Food Waste Reduction**

We have recently established a subcommittee to reduce food waste, with the goal of establishing a list of best practices. Any students who are interested in getting involved in this subcommittee should contact Utkarsh Shah.1285.

TO: The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates

FROM: Coralie Farinas, Senator, Plant Pathology, CFAES

DATE: 11/01/2019

Committee(s) I serve on: CAFR - Academic Freedom and Responsibility

Summary of important activities from CAFR:

The Committee met this month to discuss the '04' rule for administrators. This rule was developed for any student or university employee to file a complaint against faculty member (or administrator who hold faculty appointments). It is now under revision to prevent abusive complaints against a member that is hierarchically above you (ex: Dean). The committee discussed the risk of the revision, namely, would that prevent complaint mechanism to arise from the bottom up?

We also discussed a sexual misconduct case raised by the students of the anthropology department. Dr. Deanna Grimstead was found guilty twice by the University of sexual misconduct but is still allowed contact with students. Among others, the students ask for Dr. Deanna Grimstead to be banned from all Ohio State campuses. The case is at Hearing at the moment. CAFR might get involved if a complaint is filed.

If found guilty of misconduct, under the Title IX for example, the faculty member's right is protected and cannot be fired. There is a mismatch between protecting a faculty right, but preventing the above situation from happening at the same time.

**Name and Senate Seat:** David Hibler, Public Health

**Committee(s) you are on:** University Research Committee

**Oct Meetings:**

**University Senate meeting:**

- **Secretary's Report #374**

- *Ben Givens, University Senate Secretary*

- *Acknowledgement of indigenous peoples day*

- **Welcome to the Wex!**

- *Johanna Burton, Director, Wexner Center for the Arts*

- Changing role of the Wex

- Community place, Continuing focus on social justice, promoting access and diversity

- Developing online collaborative archive

- **The Shared Values Initiative: Values and Ethics Survey**

- *Gates Garrity-Rokous, Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer, Office of University Compliance and Integrity*

- Sending values and ethics survey to over 100,000 members of the OSU community.

- 4 areas of focus:

- Shared values
      - Robust Sharing of Ideas & Concerns
      - Disciplined decision making
      - Trusted Leaders

- Response rates are highest for staff and faculty, very low for students.

- **Perspective on the Health Science Colleges**

- *Harold Paz, Executive Vice President and Chancellor for Health Affairs*

- Chancellor for Health Affairs is a new position

- At an inflection point in health care and health education as a nation.

- What can we do to identify models that are better at achieving outcome for people in a more affordable way and to engage universities in this way?

- OSU is one of only two Universities that have all 7 health science colleges represented.
  - A cross disciplinary approach is needed.
- Look at big data and analytics to identify what patients need before they become patients.
  - 5 determinants of health: Genetics, Healthcare, Social, Behavioral, Environmental.
- **Announcements**
  - **Night on the Oval to kick off Time and Change campaign**
    - **Looking for 1 million unique participants for campaign.**
    - **Where are we as a university:**
      - **Highest ever grades test score and diversity of entering freshman class.**
      - **More sponsored research expenditure than ever before, over 900 million, and rated #7 in commitment to teaching.**
      - **Focus on increases lower SEC, and first-generation student representation. Focus on students graduating with lower debt.**
  - President Drake is now a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and will be sending out a survey to help him vote.

#### **University Research Committee**

- **Next meeting 11/7/19**

**Name and Senate Seat:** Gala Korniyenko, City and Regional Planning, College of Engineering

**Committee(s) you are on:** CGS Housing and Family Affairs committee (HFA), Senate Committee

Member of COPE: <https://senate.osu.edu/committees/physical-environment>

**October Meetings Attendance Record:**

**CGS Delegate Meeting**

October 4th Meeting: Attended

**University Senate**

October 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting: Attended

**COPE**

October 1th Meeting: Attended

**Summary of important activities from my committees, and anything important that I feel should be added to the CGS agenda/that delegates should know about:**

**The Senate meeting** was mainly reports: Secretary's, Executive Vice President and Chancellor's for health affairs, and presentation on a new exhibition at the Wexner Center for the Arts. The President M. Drake asked faculty and senators to promote and disseminate the OSU survey on shared values and ethics. The survey closed for all groups on Tuesday, October 29, 2019. I hope you had a chance to answer the questions especially in the context of promoting values of diversity, inclusion and affordability at the OSU, and the closure of the only University operated and owned affordable housing for graduate students with families.

**Housing and Family Affairs committee (HFA)**, where James Uanhoro is the chair, we have finished work on the benchmarking document of OSU's peer universities' housing programs for families of graduate students with children. James and the President of CGS Stephen J. Post wrote a Statement about the closure of Buckeye Village without replacement. This is a huge loss for the campus and we have to mobilize our efforts, maybe form a task force to address the issue of affordable housing for graduate students with families. I personally disseminated the statement among Knowlton community: students, faculty and staff, and sent the letter to our senator's committee COPE. I will keep you all posted on the development.

**COPE (physical environment):**

We put Buckeye Village closure on the agenda for the next meeting.

In addition we are working on the Campus Open Space. We are creating a starter list of favorite and least favorite campus spaces. We are also thinking about agenda/goals for public space such as key links, walking distance to/from space, functionality etc. I have compiled photos from West and Central campus, and provided the video materials that capture campus open spaces from 1965<sup>th</sup> to nowadays. Also, I made some suggestions about creating quiet spaces inclusive for neurodiverse population. You are welcome to contribute (send me photos or ideas to [korniyenko.1@osu.edu](mailto:korniyenko.1@osu.edu)).

**Name and Senate Seat:** Utkarsh Shah, Chemical Engineering

**Committee(s) you are on:** SERC, Senate Research Committee

**Oct Meetings Attendance Record:**

**CGS Delegate Meetings**

CGS Delegate meeting was attended.

**University Senate**

Oct 17<sup>th</sup> Meeting: Attended Senate meeting.

**SERC**

Drafted resolution requesting information and circumstances of hiring of Mr. Clinton Woods by CFAES.

**Senate Research Committee**

No meeting was held.

**Summary of important activities from your committees, and anything important that you feel should be added to the CGS agenda/that delegates should know about:**

N/A

Fellow Delegates,

The last month has been a slow month for the University Senate. At the October Senate Meeting, the Senate heard from Wexner Center Director Johanna Burton on the Wexner Center and its event program, Vice President and Chief Compliance Officer Gates Garrity-Rokous on the shared values initiative, and Executive Vice President and Chancellor for Health Affairs Harold Paz for a Perspective on Health Science Colleges.

Unfortunately, the shared values and ethics survey was scheduled to close on October 29, so hopefully you took the time to participate and ensure that grad student voices were heard. Questions to Chancellor Paz primarily focused on health equity.

The Council on Academic Affairs approved new graduate certificates in Mechanical Design & Simulation, Environmental Public Health Risk Assessment, and College and University Teaching. The Council also approved changing the name of the “Planning and Zoning Fundamentals for Professionals” certificate to “Municipal Planning and Zoning Fundamentals.” The certificates will now need to get additional approvals “upstream” (i.e. at the state level) before they will become available to students. Several new undergraduate programs and changes to existing programs were also approved.

I attended both the University Senate and the Council of Academic Affairs meeting, in addition to the October delegate meeting.

Feel free to reach out with any questions.

Regards,

Ryan Slechta



**Name and Senate Seat:** Chris Wiegman, Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

**Committee(s):** University Senate Committee on Intellectual Property, Patents and Copyright (IPPC)

**October Meetings Attendance Record:**

**CGS Delegate Meetings**

October 4<sup>th</sup> - Attended

**University Senate**

October 17<sup>th</sup> - Attended

**IPPC**

October 24<sup>th</sup> - Attended

**Summary of important activities from your committees, and anything important that you feel should be added to the CGS agenda/that delegates should know about:**

Nothing to add to the agenda.

**RESOLUTION 1920-AU-004**  
**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND TRANSPARENCY REGARDING THE**  
**RECENT HIRING OF MR. CLINTON WOODS BY THE COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL, AND**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES**

Sponsors: Executive Committee

WHEREAS air pollution is a serious public health issue in Columbus<sup>6</sup>, and particularly for low-income and African American communities, which was shown by CFAES faculty<sup>7</sup>; and

<sup>7</sup> College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences, “Low-income, black neighborhoods still hit hard by air pollution” <https://cfaes.osu.edu/news/articles/low-income-black-neighborhoods-still-hit-hard-by-air-pollution>

43 WHEREAS Mr. Woods was previously employed by the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), a group that  
44 lobbies on behalf of corporate interests, often at the expense of the environment. Mr. Woods served as the Director of the  
45 Energy, Environment and Agriculture Task Force during his time at ALEC<sup>8</sup>; and  
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47 WHEREAS while external partnerships can be of great mutual benefit to both parties, such partnerships must not  
48 compromise the independence of the research conducted at Ohio State; and  
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50 WHEREAS Mr. Woods has previously demonstrated a willingness to overlook scientific consensus in favor of advocating  
51 for corporate interests, which have had tangible effects in terms of public and environmental health; and  
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53 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the university's stated values of integrity, transparency, and  
54 trust<sup>2</sup>, the Council of Graduate Students requests from Dean Cathann Kress a more detailed explanation of the role of the  
55 Director of Strategic Partnerships, and why the position was newly created; and  
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57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we ask that Dean Kress explain why Mr. Woods was hired, and what qualities of Mr.  
58 Woods set him apart from the approximately 30 other applicants<sup>9</sup>; and  
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60 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in light of Mr. Woods's previous work, the Council of Graduate Students requests a  
61 detailed mechanism by which any interested stakeholders may be informed about any existing, pending, or intended  
62 external partnerships to ensure such partnerships are in the interest of the OSU community and resources, and coincide  
63 with the university's stated sustainability goals; and  
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65 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to The Ohio State University President  
66 Michael V. Drake, Executive Vice President and Provost Bruce McPheron, Dean of CFAES Cathann Kress, and Director  
67 of Strategic Partnerships for CFAES Clinton Woods.  
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76 Stephen J. Post, President

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<sup>8</sup> The Columbus Dispatch, "Editorial: Ohio State should not embrace new hire's policy past at EPA"  
<https://www.dispatch.com/opinion/20191018/editorial-ohio-state-should-not-embrace-new-hires-policy-past-at-epa>

<sup>9</sup> The Columbus Dispatch, "Former EPA official connected to loosening air pollution regs hired for new Ohio State post"  
<https://www.dispatch.com/news/20191012/former-epa-official-connected-to-loosening-air-pollution-regs-hired-for-new-ohio-state-post>

**RESOLUTION 1920-AU-005**  
**A RESOLUTION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ASSISTANT DEAN OF STUDENT/ DIRECTOR OF GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL STUDENT LIFE WITHIN THE OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE AT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY**

Sponsors: Executive Committee

WHEREAS, the fundamental values and goals of The Ohio State University nurture the growth of every student<sup>1</sup>; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Graduate Students has submitted proposals and participated in conversations with the goal of improving the graduate/professional student experience at The Ohio State University; and

WHEREAS, universities across the United States are grappling with an increase in graduate/professional students' concerns and demands for additional services and support systems<sup>3 4 5</sup>; and

WHEREAS, graduate/professional student representation at the University and in the Office of Student Life continues to remain inadequate to meet the growing needs and concerns of graduate and professional students; and

WHEREAS, the Senior Director of Student Activities and Associate Dean of Students, who acts as the advisor to Undergraduate Student Government, currently serves on the Office of Student Life leadership team; and

<sup>1</sup> Office of Academic Affairs, “Mission, Vision, Values and Goals” <https://oaa.osu.edu/mission-vision-values-and-core-goals>

<sup>3</sup> The Chicago Maroon, “Committee on Grad Education Report Shows Increasing Dissatisfaction Among Grad Students” <https://www.chicagomaroon.com/article/2019/4/20/committee-grad-education-report-shows-increasing-d/>

<sup>4</sup> Inside Higher Ed, “Mental Health Crisis for Grad Students” <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/2018/03/06/new-study-says-graduate-students-mental-health-crisis>

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43 WHEREAS, the graduate/professional student enrollment at The Ohio State University has continuously increased over  
44 the past five years and support for graduate/professional students has not followed this trend; and  
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46 WHEREAS, the graduate and professional student enrollment at The Ohio State University currently accounts for 21  
47 percent of the University total enrollment, with 14,593 total students, and 23.7 percent of the Columbus campus  
48 enrollment with 14,573 students; and  
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50 WHEREAS, other Big Ten and peer institutions, with smaller graduate/professional student populations, currently employ  
51 full time professional staff in roles equivalent to that of an Assistant Dean of Students/Director of Graduate and  
52 Professional Student Life, who is responsible for advocating for, representing, and supporting graduate/professional  
53 students within the context of student life; and  
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55 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Graduate Students officially recommends that The Ohio State  
56 University hire additional full-time staff dedicated to the support of graduate/professional students within the Office of  
57 Student Life with experience and expertise of working with graduate/professional student populations; and  
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59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of Graduate Students supports the creation of the Assistant Dean of  
60 Students/Director of Graduate and Professional Student Life position within the Office of Student Life, reporting to the  
61 Associate Vice President/Dean of Students, dedicated to graduate/professional students and the graduate/professional  
62 student experience; and  
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64 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Assistant Dean of Students/Director of Graduate and Professional Student Life  
65 position be filled by the start of the 2020-2021 academic year; and  
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67 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Council of Graduate Students and the Inter-Professional Council shall be involved in  
68 the selection process of the individual slated to fill the Assistant Dean of Students/Director of Graduate and Professional  
69 Student Life role; and  
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71 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, effective spring 2021, the Office of Student Life, in collaboration with the Graduate  
72 School, will produce an annual report on the State of Graduate Student Affairs to be made available to the public;  
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74 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to The Ohio State University President  
75 Michael V. Drake, Executive Vice President and Provost Bruce McPherson, Vice Provost for Graduate Studies and Dean  
76 of the Graduate School Alicia Bertone, Interim Vice President for Student Life Molly Ranz Calhoun, Incoming Vice  
77 President for Student Life Melissa Shivers, and Senior Vice Provost Kay Wolf.

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## A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THAT THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY DEVELOP NEW HOUSING FOR STUDENTS WITH FAMILIES

Sponsor: Executive Committee

WHEREAS, Buckeye Village has served as a home for student families in the intervening decades, and for over two decades, the majority of Buckeye Village residents have been married international students<sup>1</sup>; and

WHEREAS, the University completed a project costing in excess of \$300 million exclusively aimed at housing undergraduate students without dependents in close proximity to this decision to demolish 50 units at Buckeye Village<sup>3</sup>; and

WHEREAS, the University's Department of Environmental Health and Safety found elevated lead levels in water in five of 19 units tested by the Department in 2016<sup>4</sup>; and

WHEREAS, the data gained from these sessions emphasize the need for a residential community of students with families, where rental rates are below market level; and

WHEREAS, the University initiated the preliminary procedures to construct a replacement complex for Buckeye Village that would consist of 450 residential units at the northeast corner of Kenny Road and Woody Hayes Drive<sup>6</sup>; and

WHEREAS, in January 2017, the University put out a Request For Proposals for private developers to construct the replacement complex and offer rental rates at most 25 percent below the market rate of apartments within 10 miles of campus<sup>6</sup>; and

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.thelantern.com/2017/02/ohio-state-accepting-proposals-for-new-and-affordable-family-housing/>



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44 WHEREAS, the approach of utilizing private developers failed as private developers could not guarantee the  
45 desired rental rates; and  
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47 WHEREAS, the University proceeded with plans for the Athletics District while systematically reducing the  
48 number of occupants in Buckeye Village; and  
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50 WHEREAS, the University announced on October 28, 2019 that the University will require all current Buckeye  
51 Village residents in 89 units to move out by the start of the 2020-2021 academic year; and  
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53 WHEREAS, the University announced an option for current residents to move to University Village, a private  
54 entity, while maintaining current Buckeye Village rental rate plus a 2-3 percent increase for the next two years;  
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57 WHEREAS, University Village primarily caters to students without dependents, is known for loud parties, lacks  
58 most amenities currently available to Buckeye Village residents, and was rated the 4th worst off-campus  
59 landlord for the 2018-2019 academic year<sup>7</sup>; and  
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61 WHEREAS, the University cannot guarantee that all current Buckeye Village residents will be able to live in  
62 proximity to each other at University Village; and  
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64 WHEREAS, there is no plan from the University to accommodate the housing needs of current Buckeye Village  
65 residents beyond these two years; and  
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67 WHEREAS, there is no plan from the University to accommodate the housing needs of all other students with  
68 families going forward; and  
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70 WHEREAS, on inquiry, the University revealed that it would cost \$65 million for the University to build a 450-  
71 unit replacement complex as a University project<sup>8</sup>; and  
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73 WHEREAS, the University plans to spend at least \$2.4 billion in infrastructure spending in the next five years  
74 alone<sup>9</sup>, and the University has a “stellar” \$5 billion investment pool<sup>10</sup>; and  
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76 WHEREAS, the University’s position, as communicated by a member of Senior Leadership, is that housing for  
77 students with families is not a priority for the University<sup>8</sup>; and  
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79 WHEREAS, key values of the University include: diversity in people and of ideas; inclusion; access and  
80 affordability; integrity, transparency and trust<sup>11</sup>; and  
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82 WHEREAS, the University’s decision to close down Buckeye Village without replacement will  
83 disproportionately affect international students with families, and students with primary responsibility for their  
84 dependents, when the available evidence suggests that these student populations are already strained financially;  
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<sup>7</sup> <https://www.thelantern.com/2019/10/lowest-rated-off-campus-real-estate-companies/>

<sup>8</sup> Communication in public forum by Senior Vice President, Administration and Planning, Jay Kasey.

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.bizjournals.com/columbus/news/2019/08/30/ohio-state-kicks-off-historic-2-4b-in-construction.html>

<sup>10</sup> <https://www.bizjournals.com/columbus/news/2017/11/02/ohio-state-investment-pool-surges-past-5b-with.html>

<sup>11</sup> <https://oaa.osu.edu/mission-vision-values-and-core-goals>

87 WHEREAS, all except one of the University's benchmark institutions currently provide more housing units for  
88 students with families<sup>12</sup>; and

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90 WHEREAS, The Council of Graduate Students is vested with authority to voice graduate student concerns and  
91 needs to the University; and

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93 WHEREAS, the Council of Graduate Students finds that the University: has consistently failed to prioritize the  
94 interests of graduate students with families; is in violation of the University's own mission and values by taking  
95 an action that disproportionately affects marginalized student populations; has broken the trust of current and  
96 previous Buckeye Village residents with the October 28 announcement;

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98 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Graduate Students calls on President Drake and the  
99 Administration to, Develop and invest in constructing new housing for students with families and dependents  
100 within two years.

- 101     • Present a preliminary plan to accomplish this goal by the February 27, 2020 meeting of the Board of  
102       Trustees.  
103     • Extend the rent subsidies for Buckeye Village students until new sustainable housing is constructed to  
104       replace Buckeye Village, if two years is inadequate.  
105     • Form a committee composed of current Buckeye Village residents, students with dependents and other  
106       relevant parties to realize these goals.

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108 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to The Ohio State University  
109 President Michael V. Drake, Executive Vice President and Provost Bruce McPherson, Senior Vice President for  
110 Administration and Planning Jay Kasey, Vice Provost for Graduate Studies and Dean of the Graduate School  
111 Alicia Bertone, Interim Vice President for Student Life Molly Ranz Calhoun, Incoming Vice President for  
112 Student Life Melissa Shivers, and Chair of the University Senate Committee on Physical Environment Jason  
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<sup>12</sup> [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1lrD-p808\\_JMyHn08a-1vBsXJPkyx6qoVWgr8OD0bvsM/edit#gid=0](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1lrD-p808_JMyHn08a-1vBsXJPkyx6qoVWgr8OD0bvsM/edit#gid=0)



**RESOLUTION 1920-AU-007**

**A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE COUNCIL OF GRADUATE STUDENTS SUPPORT FOR INCREASED GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS AND CALLING UPON THE UNIVERSITY TO ALLOCATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS TO SUPPORT INCREASED DEMAND**

Authors: DaVonti' D. Haynes (.242), Treasurer; Ty Bender (.307), Deputy Treasurer; Sarah Light (.109), Secretary

Sponsor: Executive Committee

WHEREAS, the Council of Graduate Students is vested with authority to voice graduate student concerns and needs to the University; and

WHEREAS, the Edward J. Ray Travel Award for Scholarship and Service was created to support graduate students in the pursuit of their scholarly goals by providing financial aid to attend when conferences to present original research; and

WHEREAS, the Career Development Grant was created to encourage and support graduate students as they prepare for placement in their chosen field of study by helping to subsidize the cost of professional and career development activities; and

WHEREAS, the Global Gateway Graduate Student Research Abroad Grant was created to encourage and promote the professional and academic development of graduate researchers by providing financial support that allows graduate students to undertake thesis or dissertation research abroad; and

WHEREAS, the Ray Travel Award, Career Development Grant, and Global Gateway Grant create positive benefits for the graduate student population as a whole by promoting student's academic success, preparedness for the job market, and access to critical professional opportunities, and encouraging outstanding student scholarship; and

WHEREAS, current funding mechanisms and sources for the Council of Graduate Students has place the future of these grants into questions; and

WHEREAS, the Council of Graduate Students currently allocates \$29,000; to these grant programs which accounts for approximately 35 percent of the Council's annual student activity fee budget; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Academic Affairs currently provides \$35,000 annually to support the Ray Travel Award and the Office of International Affairs provides \$10,000 annually to support the Global Gateway Grant; and

WHEREAS, other graduate student concerns, programming, and administrative needs have demanded more funding from the Council of Graduate Students than in prior years, placing a constraint on the Council's ability to add additional funds to the grant programs; and

WHEREAS, there is not consistent and sufficient funding available at the college nor department levels for graduate students; and

WHEREAS, the graduate student enrollment at The Ohio State University has continuously increased over the past five years and funding for these grant programs have not followed this trend; and

WHEREAS, as it currently stands, the Council of Graduate Students is only funding grant applicants at a rate of 20.5 percent for the Ray Travel Award, 25 percent for the Career Development Grant, and 32 percent for the Global Gateway Grant; and

WHEREAS, an educated, experienced, and well-rounded workforce is critical to the success of Ohio's economy and the creditability and reputation of The Ohio State University.

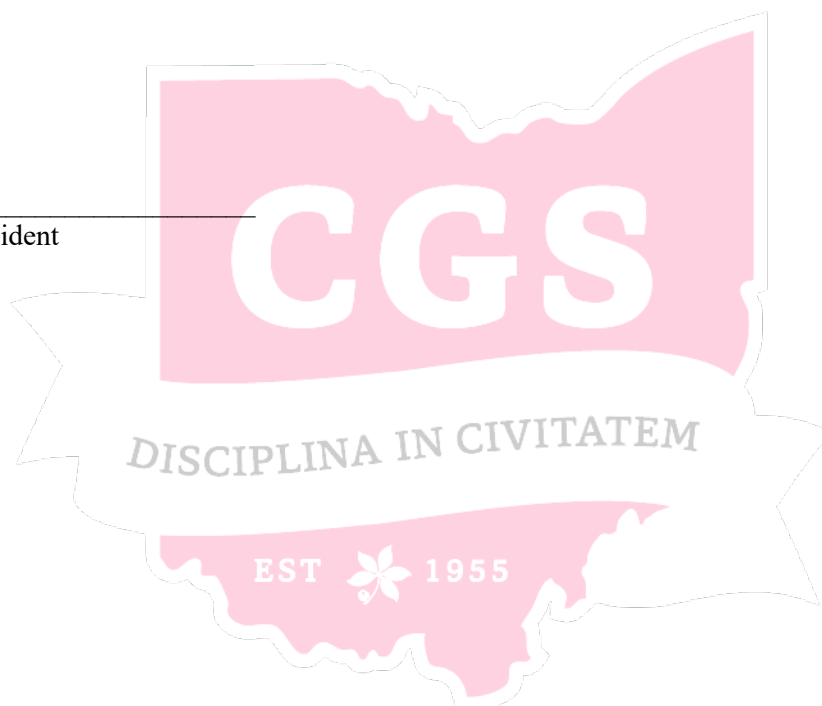
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of Graduate Students officially supports an increase in allocated funding for graduate student grant opportunities from the university,

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55 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of Graduate Students encourages the university to explore opportunities  
56 and funding sources to allocate additional funding to the Council of Graduate Students to administer its current grants  
57 programs at higher acceptance rates,  
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59 BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to The Ohio State University  
60 President Michael V. Drake, Executive Vice President and Provost Bruce McPheron, Vice Provost for Graduate  
61 Studies and Dean of the Graduate School Alicia Bertone, Vice Provost for Global Strategies and International  
62 Affairs, Gil Latz, Vice Provost for Academic Program Randy Smith, Senior Vice President for Research Morley  
63 Stone, Interim Vice President for Student Life Molly Ranz Calhoun, Incoming Vice President for Student Life  
64 Melissa Shivers, Senior Vice Provost Kay Wolf, the University Senior Management Council, and Senate Fiscal  
65 Chair Brian Turner.

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