



Council of Graduate Students
The Ohio State University

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CGS Delegate Packet January 10, 2019

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Special Announcements

Attend CGS's first Winter Party!
January 17th, 8pm, TRISM
Tickets are \$10 ahead, \$15 at the door | First 200 people receive a free drink ticket
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cgs-winter-party-2020-tickets-86245315059>

CGS will be hosting a grants funding workshop for those who are interested in learning more about how to write a successful application for the Career Development Grant or the Ray Travel Award. All interested students are invited to attend.

Monday, January 13th, 5:30pm Great Hall Meeting Room (Union)
Tuesday, January 14th, 12pm, Creative Arts Room (Union)

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**

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

The Health, Wellness, & Safety Committee is hosting a Spring Wellness Event on Wednesday, April 15th in the RPAC (meetings rooms #1 and 2) beginning at 1pm.
More information to come!



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. **Guest Speakers from University Offices** (30-45 min.)
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (5 min.)
 - 4.1. **Minutes from December 6th, 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** (20 min.)
9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** (5 min.)
 - 9.1. **February 7th, 2020 – Full Body Delegate Meeting | Location: Moritz Saxbe Auditorium**
10. **Adjourn** (~5:00pm)



Present: Jacky Anderson (ALT), Luke Andrejek, Ali Asghari Adib, Selasi Attipoe, Tyler Beauregard, Om Prakash Bedant, Jessica Blackburn, Mary Byrne, Qiuchang (Katy) Cao, Steph Charles, Min-Seok Choi, Alec Clott, Paul Consiglio, Austin Cool, Robert Dahlberg-Sears, Archit Datar, Ty Drayton, Benjamin Duran, Story Edison, Micheline Fahrbach, Brandon Free, Elizabeth Galko, Jahmour Givans, Lindsey Lawson, Kathryn Holt, Audrey Hungerpiller, Sarah Hyman, Jeffrey Kast, Pouya Kousha, Carly LaRosa, Jungmin Lee, Yifan Li, Stephen Lo, Madeleine Lomax-Vogt, Eric Loria, Raven Lynch, Lucas Magee, Tori Magers, Aviva Neff, Kate Ormiston (Connor Mahler), Alejandro Otero Bravo, Tricia Oyster, Ryann Patrus, Mark Pauley, Miguel Pedrozo, Kelsey Pinckard, Avi Pokala, Ken Poland, Isaac Reynolds, Priscila Rodriguez Garcia, Conner Sarich (ALT), Erik Scaltriti, Lena Schreiber, Michelle Scott, Sarah Scott, , Utkarsh Shah, Melika Shahhosseini, Shruthi Shetty, Sundeep Siripurapu, Ryan Slechta, Kye Stachowski, Lindsey Stirek, Nicole Tchorowski, Philip Tice, Taylor Tomu, Jorge Torres Espinosa, James Uanhoro, Jennifer Valdez, Mitch Vicieux, Leila Vieira, Derek Walton, Sarah Walton, Daniel Williams, Yu Lun Wu, Piao Yang, Soroush Zamanian, Megan Zib

Absent: e alexander, Pranav Ambardekar, Aaron Beczkiewicz, Andrew Borst, Yu-chun Chang, Jorge Clavo Abbass, Katherine Conner, Amanda Deighen, Kat Ellis, Jenna Greve, Lauren Howard, Kevin Ingles, Arsh Kumar, Ho-chieh Lin, Ruonan Lin, Emily Lundstedt, Matthew Maynard, Rohit Mukherjee, Maritza Pierre, Zeltzin Reyes, Ashweta Sahni, Karla Shockleymccarthy, Preeti Singh, Nithya Sivashankar, Aaron Snelgrove

1. CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order at 3:35pm

1.1. Statement of Purpose

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

2. ROLL CALL

2.1. Carmen log-in

3. President Drake- Q & A

- 3.1. OSU is a member of the Association of American Universities along with 65 other research-intensive universities. Last year, OSU granted more degrees than ever before, and the undergrad graduation rates were also higher than ever. OSU has been working to overcome the gap between tuition costs and the amount of aid a student receives from the state of Ohio.
- 3.2. Recently, OSU created the University Institute for Teaching & Learning. Its original purpose was to provide training for faculty to help them become better instructors. In 2019, this office expanded to also provide services to grad students and 400 grad students participated in programs last year. 575 grad students attended GTA orientation last year. The university is interested in any feedback from students about these programs in order to improve them.
- 3.3. Haynes.242 asked what is being done to improve diversity at the graduate student level and make sure the university is inclusive for these diverse students while they are pursuing their degree.
- 3.3.1. Young Scholars Program is one such one that has been helpful in increasing the numbers of under-represented populations. The best way to push forward systemic change is to diversify the faculty of universities.
- 3.4. Protest group speaks on behalf of Buckeye Village (BV) and they present Drake with a petition with 200 signatures against this move by the university. They want to know what plans are in place to create permanent student housing at OSU. They point out the University Village (UV) rent subsidy is only being offered to current BV residents and BV has not taken new residents for 2 years. There is also no provision for new students beginning at OSU to take advantage of this subsidy at UV.
- 3.4.1. Buckeye Village being torn down and that land being used for other things has been in the plan for 10 years. It was determined that the cost of building new housing to replace Buckeye Village was going to

increase the rent there to a level that was untenable for grad students, even with subsidies provided by the university. The university wants to put together a working group to look at the needs and accessibility issues faced by students with families.

- 3.5. Kousha.2 asks what other kind of support the university is planning to provide for students moving to UV other than financial accessibility. For example, UV is not currently a family-friendly environment.
- 3.6. Givans.2 asks how graduate students can actually bring their concerns to Drake and the central administration.
 - 3.6.1. The ways to go about that are to use the avenues of communication that already exist through student governments. Students can also talk to people in the Office of Student Life, who meet with Drake on a weekly basis. Starting next year, there will also be another senior Student Life admin who will be focused on graduate student concerns in particular.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. Minutes from November 8, 2019

- 4.1.1. Dahlberg-Sears.1 motioned to approve the minutes.
- 4.1.2. Motion was seconded by Givans.2.
- 4.1.3. Minutes approved.

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

5.1. President (Post.144)

- 5.1.1. The graduate ombudsperson position will hopefully be established by the beginning of next academic year. The plans are being presented for approval to the University Senate.
- 5.1.2. Post.144 will be meeting with the fiscal officer from Student Life about the extreme length of the reimbursement process.
 - Uanhoro.1 asked whether it would be possible for money to be given to students up front rather than operating on a reimbursement basis. It's unlikely that the Student Life Business Office would approve that change because their system operates completely on a reimbursement protocol. Teresa and Kerry are meeting with the Business Office next week also to talk about issues with CGS grants specifically to see how this process can be streamlined.
- 5.1.3. Post.144 met with Susan Basso about stipend recommendations (to be finalized at the end of December). Also talked about the GGA issue to make sure those positions remain the same.
- 5.1.4. There may be some changes to the orientation process for graduate students in the future. We may be invited to convocation, for example.
- 5.1.5. Post.144 is working on a mid-year feedback form to gather information about CGS operations from delegates to see where we are meeting expectations and where we are falling short.

5.2. Vice President (Bauman.193)

- 5.2.1. Hayes Forum abstracts have been closed and we were able to get enough judges. Still need judges for the day of the conference so nominate your professors!
- 5.2.2. Delegate petition process is still open.
- 5.2.3. Elections are coming up next semester (first one is officer elections at the March meeting). Encourage your peers to run for these positions because word of mouth is the best way to fill delegate seats.

5.3. Treasurer (Haynes.242)

- 5.3.1. Currently working with the business office to go over all the purchases CGS has made so far this year. There is still some funding left for delegate outreach grants. When you apply, make sure you send the forms to both brandl.8 and Haynes.242.
- 5.3.2. 9 people were selected as BucklExperience winners. The program will run again in the spring.
- 5.3.3. Deputy Treasurer position will need to be filled in the spring

5.4. Secretary (Light.109)

- 5.4.1. The Career Development Grant application window for the third funding period closed November 1 and 12 winners were selected.

- 5.4.2. The CDG committee met at the end of the November and has decided to make some updates and clarifications to the rules and guidelines for the award. Any applicant may only win the CDG once per fiscal year and a maximum of three times per graduate degree.

5.5. Chief of Staff (Brandl.8)

- 5.5.1. There is a cross-governmental implementation committee focused on diversity and inclusion that is seeking interested members.

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

6.1. Delegate Relations (Sarich.6)

- 6.1.1. CGS will be hosting a party open to all grad and professional students on January 17th (location and time to be announced soon).

6.2. International Student Concerns (Estiri.1)

- 6.2.1. There have been complaints about the services offered to graduate students by the Writing Center on campus. The committee is working on communicating with this office but has run into difficulty getting them to see our perspective. Any international students who have had issues or experiences with this, please send these testimonials to estiri.1.

6.3. Graduate Student Affairs (Pauley.66)

- 6.3.1. Michelle met with the Office of Institutional Equity about the “U Got This” sexual harassment training to discuss how it may be problematic. The committee would like to create a feedback survey that can be shared with the delegate body and their constituents.
- 6.3.2. Hoping to have a rep from this office (OIE) attend the January delegate meeting.
- 6.3.3. Pauley.66 and Post.144 met with Administration and Planning to understand the timeline and agreement between OSU and Lyft because the answers received via email about this partnership were not satisfactory. We are still pushing for better answers and data about the long-term feasibility. If you are using this service and are being charged more than the advertised rate, please pass on these experiences to the GSA committee.

6.4. Housing & Family Affairs (Uanhoro.1)

- 6.4.1. If you are interested in being part of the working group, please email uanhoro.1. This group will discuss and make recommendations to the administration about the needs of students with families.

7. SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS

7.1. Delegate Concerns

- 7.1.1. Cool.208 asked whether the undergrad GE requirement changes are going to affect GTA appointments and availability.
- The prediction is that there will not be any major effect. There will be another listening session coming soon and you can also submit feedback online at oaa.osu.edu → GE Implementation Committee.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8.1. Resolution 1920 AU-008: A Resolution Requesting That the Ohio State University Subsidizes the Expenses of Buckeye Village Residents Who Continue into Academic Year 2020-2021 at University Village and Provides Facilities in Line with The University's Key Values

- 8.1.1. Siripurapu.4, author of this resolution, explains that although UV rent will be subsidized for students who are moving from BV, there are other expenses currently covered by BV that will not be included at UV. Also, any future students would be paying the full UV rate and would not receive any university subsidy. The buses currently used by UV are also not accessible for handicapped people or people who may need to transport large items like strollers.
- 8.1.2. **Questions:**
- Cool.208 asks whether the UV expenses listed in Appendix A is the current rate or the subsidized rate?
 - This is the current UV rate. The subsidized rate has not yet been published.
 - Stirek.1 points out that it might fill in the gaps some for the university to provide funding for programs to create the sense of community that is being lost with BV.

- Pauley.66 asks what the plan is for the current BV buses once that route is discontinued.
- Shah.1285 points out that CGS should not be endorsing subsidies going to a private entity. Can we add a statement to this resolution to this effect?

8.1.3. Discussion:

- Holt.351 asks whether this is the battle that we should be fighting because many BV residents are still fighting to keep BV.
 - This resolution was written with the assumption that this move is happening, and we want to protect students when it does.
 - Shah.1285 suggests that we should add a statement expressing that we are not advocating for students to be moved from BV at all.
- Viera.31 points out that the rates listed are not accurate as of this year. Also, when she visited UV for a tour, they advertised that heat, trash, and water will all be covered.
- Patrus.1 points out that the language in Line 34 should be amended to say “not accessible to people with disabilities” rather than “handicap friendly”
 - Motion passes.
- Stirek.1 proposes an amendment to add “Whereas the Buckeye Village Community is being broken up without any attempt to maintain the support and culture of said community” and a final bullet point to Therefore Be It Resolved, saying “create programming funded by the university to support community-building and community services such as day care”
 - Motion passes.
- Shah.1285 motions to amend the resolution to add a clause that states that CGS does not endorse the demolition of BV.
 - Siripurapu.4 clarifies that we have already stated our position on this when we passed Resolution 1920 AU-006 at our last meeting.
 - Motion rescinded
- Beauregard.13 motions to amend the resolution to include a “whereas” clause stating that we are opposed to BV demolition but recognize that the university has decided to move forward anyway and a “whereas” statement stating that CGS does not endorse the university subsidizing a private entity.
 - Estiri.1 suggests adding this language to the end of the resolution instead of the beginning because it is not germane to the main point of the resolution.
 - Motion to amend “does not support” to “opposes” in this amendment.
 - Motion passes.

8.1.4. Estiri.1 moves to extend discussion time by 5 minutes.

8.1.5. Motion does not pass.

8.1.6. Shah.1285 motions to reconsider motion to extend discussion.

8.1.7. Discussion time extended by 5 minutes.

8.1.8. Discussion continued:

- Datar.10 asks what the current status of day care services are.
 - The center is at BV and will stay open after demolition.
- Larosa.15 asks whether there is a transportation plan between UV and this day care center.
 - This is part of the conversation but has not been decided.
- Givans.2 asks why we would want to take a stance on privatization in one clause here rather than in a separate resolution. Motion passes.

8.1.9. Amendments are proposed to fix typos in the resolution and correct the rental rates listed in Appendix A and referenced in Lines 22-26.

8.1.10. Resolution is voted on.

8.1.11. Resolution passes.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

8.1 Next meeting is January 10th, 2019 @ 3:30pm, Room 348 Drinko Hall

10. Meeting adjourned at 5:33pm.

January 2020 Treasurer Report – Council of Graduate Students

To: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
From: DaVonti' D. Haynes, Treasurer
Date: 01/10/2020
Re: Treasurer's Report January 2020

Hello CGS Delegates,
Welcome back! I hope everyone had a great winter break.

CGS Budget Update

As of December 20, 2019 CGS has spent \$103,466.28. A more detailed list of expenses by category is attached. As you review the budget, I would like to highlight a few things:

- 50% of our funding, thus far, has been allocated to grants
- As previously mentioned, the technology cost is extremely high. We will be reimbursed for those cost we're just not sure when those reimbursements will hit our accounts. The Office of Student Life has confirmed that it will occur by the end of the fiscal year.
- Committee chairs are highly encouraged to start spending their budgets down. We cannot carryforward more than 10% of our budget, per University guidelines.

Delegate Outreach Grant name change

To mitigate confusion for graduate students not in CGS and for University purposes we have decided to **rename the Delegate Outreach Grant to the Delegate Engagement Fund**. This name change better aligns with the purpose of the fund. With that being said, please continue to take advantage of the Delegate Engagement Fund, 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 engagement fund requests must be sent to Jack Brandl.8 AND myself (haynes.242)**. As of today, we have awarded 7 delegate engagement fund awards.

Please remember there is a **three week requirement for submitting Delegate Engagement Fund request**, 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. Please use the NEW application form that is now live on the CGS website.

Ray Travel Award

Funding period IV window is currently open until February 1st to support conference travel between April 1st and June 30th. There will be a grant workshop presentation on:

- **January 13th at 5:30-6:30pm in the Great Hall Meeting Room (Ohio Union) and on**
- **January 14th at 12:00-1:00pm in the Creative Arts Room (Ohio Union)**

Please share these dates and times with your departments, as this will be a really helpful way for them to learn about applying for CGS grants and what is expected of them in their applications.

January 2020 Treasurer Report – Council of Graduate Students

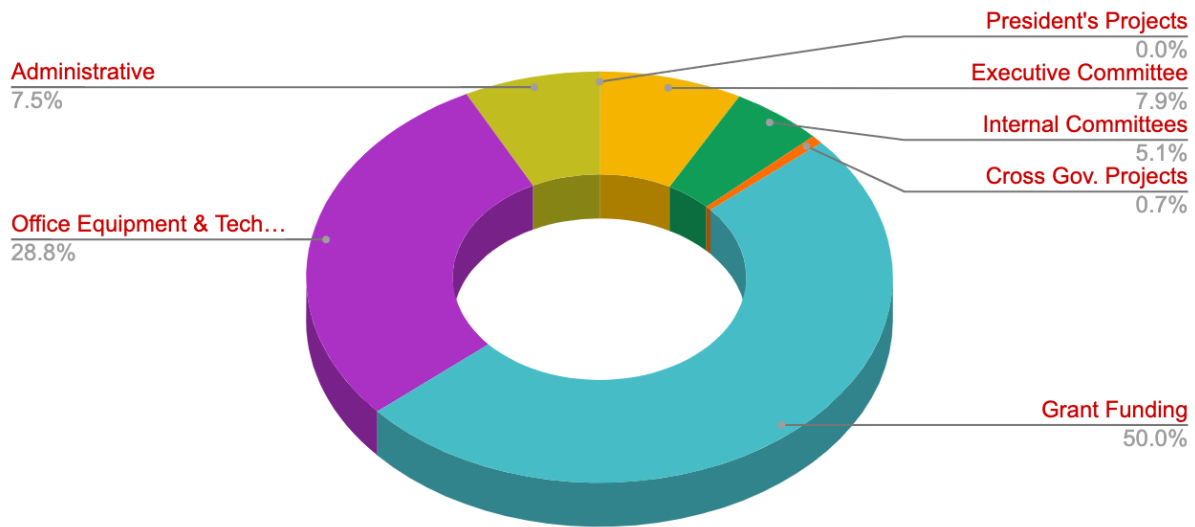
Demographic Report

The 2019-2020 CGS Demographic Report will be released the week of January 27th. Thank you to everyone who completed the survey and thank you to Andrea Davis and Jack Brandl for your work on this.

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

DaVonti' D. Haynes (haynes.242)

Council of Graduate Students FY 20 Expenses (as of 12/20/19)



Council of Graduate Students		
FY 2020 Budget		
July 2019 - June 2020		
	FY20 Budget	FY20 Expenses
EXPENSE		
President's Projects		
Discretionary	\$2,000.00	\$19.00
Inauguration	\$500.00	\$0.00
TOTAL PRESIDENT'S PROJECTS	\$2,500.00	\$19.00
Vice President's Projects		

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Hayes	\$29,000.00	\$0.00
TOTAL VICE PRESIDENT'S PROJECTS	\$29,000.00	\$0.00
Executive Committee		
Retreat	\$3,000.00	\$1,027.33
Awards & Recognition	\$750.00	\$0.00
MarCom	\$7,500.00	\$3,561.88
Executive Discretionary	\$6,000.00	\$2,272.91
TOTAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	\$17,250.00	\$6,862.12
Internal Committees		
Grants Admin	\$500.00	\$162.88
Arts & Culture	\$2,000.00	\$461.00
Delegate Outreach Grant	\$3,200.00	\$1,196.99
Diversity & Inclusion	\$18,000.00	\$1,539.45
International Concerns	\$2,000.00	\$900.00
Ray Travel Grant	\$500.00	\$152.55
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
TOTAL INTERNAL COMMITTEES	\$38,700.00	\$4,412.87
Cross Governmental Projects		
Buck-I-Experience	\$4,000.00	\$579.88
TOTAL CROSS GOVERNMENTAL PROJECTS	\$4,000.00	\$579.88
Grant Funding		
Career Development	\$14,000.00	\$10,500.00
Global Gateway	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
Ray Travel Award	\$45,000.00	\$33,000.00
TOTAL GRANT FUNDING	\$69,000.00	\$43,500.00
Office Equipment & Technology		
Copier	\$500.00	\$0.00
Equipment	\$400.00	\$261.81

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Supplies	\$1,000.00	\$360.73
Telephone	\$1,000.00	\$419.72
Technology	\$9,000.00	\$24,029.00
TOTAL OFFICE EQUIPMENT & TECHNOLOGY	\$11,900.00	\$25,071.26
Administrative		
Meeting Refreshments	\$9,274.00	\$2,704.66
Organizational Development	\$4,000.00	\$1,616.89
Travel	\$8,000.00	\$0.00
Parking Passes	\$3,000.00	\$2,199.60
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	\$24,274.00	\$6,521.15
Encum		
Career Development	\$500.00	\$500.00
Ray Travel Award	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00
TOTAL Encum	\$16,500.00	\$16,500.00
OVERALL		
	\$213,124.00	\$103,466.28

TO: The Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Sarah Light, Secretary
DATE: January 6, 2020
RE: Secretary's Report

11 students were awarded the Career Development Grant during the third finding cycle. The application window for the final funding cycle of the year is now open and will close February 1. This cycle is for activities taking place between April 1 and June 30, 2020. If you are interested in being a judge for this funding cycle, please let me know.

CGS will be hosting an awards ceremony on Monday, April 13th. This event will recognize all winners of the Ray, Career Development Grant, and the Global Gateway Grant over the past year. Additionally, we will be thanking all current delegates, senators, and officers of CGS for their service this academic year and welcoming students who will be taking over these positions. Finally, we will award several CGS awards to recognize students and faculty who have gone above and beyond both within CGS and in the greater OSU community. All current delegates are invited to this ceremony- a formal invitation is forthcoming.

All the best,

Sarah

TO: Council of Graduate Students, Delegates
FROM: Libby Bauman, Vice President
DATE: 1/5/20
RE: Vice President's Report

Vice President Report

Election dates

- Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer)
 - Applications accepted: Delegate meeting February 7-11:59 pm March 4th
 - Election: Delegate meeting on March 6
 - Application link: <https://cgs.osu.edu/get-involved/run-for-office/officer-application>
- Senators
 - Applications accepted: Delegate meeting February 7-11:59 pm April 1st
 - Election: Delegate meeting April 3
 - Application link: <https://cgs.osu.edu/get-involved/senate-application>
- Delegates
 - Applications accepted: March 23-April 3
 - Elections: April 17-April 24
 - Application link: <https://cgs.osu.edu/get-involved/delegate-application>

Senator Vacancy

- We currently have a vacancy for one senator position. If you would like to serve as an alternate for the remainder of the term, please contact me.

Hayes Forum

- Judge applications for day of presentations are still open. Nominate a professor here: <https://cgs.osu.edu/secure/hayes/judge/nominate.aspx>
 - We need judges for the day of presentations on February 28 for the following areas: **The Arts, Business, Humanities, FAES, and Math and Physical Sciences**
- Abstract submissions were extended to December 2 and are now closed

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!

To: Council of Graduate Students, Delegate Body
From: Stephen J. Post, President CGS
Date: 1/6/20
RE: President's Report

Hello All! I hope you all had a restful and relaxing break! At our upcoming **February 7th Delegate Meeting**, we will have the **Provost of The Ohio State University, Dr. Bruce McPherson**, coming in as our guest. This will be a 10-15 minute overview of the President's work and then 20-30 minutes for Q&A where the Provost will be open to answering questions about how this office is supporting us and working to solve certain issues. Please come with questions and issues that you hope to raise to President Drake in preparation for this meeting!

There has not been much movement on any issues as many university officials were traveling over holidays and break.

Grant Funding Issues Update

Myself and DaVonti' will be meeting with Dave Wisely, Chief Financial Officer of Student Life, to try and resolve some of the issues that have been voiced. Many of these issues are out of our control, but fall under Dave's jurisdiction so we are optimistic he will want to help expedite the process and solve any issues. Please let us know if you have any specific questions you would like asked.

CGS WINTER PARTY



Resources

As always, the CGS.OSU.EDU website should be up-to-date so 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.

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!

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 Delegates
FROM: Blake Szkoda, Chair of CGS Senate Advisory Committee
DATE: 1/3/2019
RE: Senate Advisory Committee Chairs Report

Delegates,

Please review the individual reports from your senators enclosed in the packet. Please be advised that Senator elections for the 2020-2021 academic year are coming up in the March/April CGS delegate meeting. Serving in the senate is a wonderful opportunity to advocate for the needs of graduate students on a larger scale than within the CGS meetings. In addition, if anyone is interested in serving as the next Senate Advisory Committee Chair, please let me know. Ideally, this person will be elected as a senator during the coming elections and will have experience as a senator and/or on the CGS executive committee, but these last two qualifications are not 100% required.

In the future, this committee will likely be changing its name from "Senate Advisory Committee" to something along the lines of "The CGS Senators Committee". Additionally, the name "Senate Advisory Committee Chair" name may also be changing to something along the lines of "Graduate Student Senator in Chief". CGS President Stephen Post and I will draft an act for this in the coming months. The rationale for the name change is to more accurately reflect the composition and mission of the committee. If you have any questions/concerns about this name change, please let me know.

Best wishes to all of you for a good start to the semester! If you have any questions for myself or the CGS senators, please don't hesitate to reach out at Szkoda.1@osu.edu.

December 2019

Name : Coralie Farinas

Committee(s) you are on:

Academic Freedom and Responsibility - CAFR

University Senate

No December University Senate Meeting

CAFR Committee

Dr. Anand made an allegation that the Senate Hearing Report from 2017-2018 was deliberately removed from the Senate website and was not replaced until he filed a complaint. Dr. Anand alleged that this removal was due to a finding from hearing that claimed that "There is an overwhelming culture of fear and a sense of non-support among clinical faculty in the candidate's Department and, arguable, the College as a whole."

As part of the discussion it was noted that people involved with the report had stated that the report was removed after a change of servers. It was also noted that this was the only report was missing from the website and later replaced. Several annual reports appear to not be present on the website at all.

By an unanimous vote, CAFR decided to look further into the reason the report was missing from the website. We will ask the past Chair of Hearing (Dr. Steven Lopez) and the Secretary of the Senate (Dr. Ben Givens) for information regarding the report. Specifically, we would like to know:

Who is responsible for maintaining the website?

Who is responsible for uploading the report to the website?

Why was the report missing from the website?

Why was only that report missing from the website?

Did the University Administration or the College of Medicine have any contact with you regarding this report?

Another issue that was brought up by a CAFR member was that self-plagiarism is viewed differently when adjudicating faculty and student cases. Faculty are not punished for self-plagiarism, while students are. With faculty self-plagiarism is in the context of publishing papers. With student's self-plagiarism occurs in coursework. As an example, if a student fails a class and retakes it, they can be sanctioned for reusing some of their previous work in the class.

The second issue was how graduate students can file a grievance if stated procedures are not working. In a previous case from the Anthropology

department, the only recourse for the graduate students was to write a letter to the Provost. Faculty have the ability to file a complaint with CAFR or other Senate committees if they feel that they are not being treated fairly by the existing process.

December 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

No December University Senate Meeting

CGS Executive Committee

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

CGS Senate Advisory Committee

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

Senate Council on Academic Affairs

December 4th meeting: could not attend

Graduate Council

December 9th meeting: attended

Senate Council on Academic Affairs/Graduate School Sub-Committee

December 18th 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:

The graduate school is changing the numbers for the Masters/PhD dissertation research classes. 7999 will denote research for Master's thesis, 8998 will denote pre-candidacy research for dissertation (PhD), and 8999 will denote post-candidacy research for dissertation.

I mentioned this in my last report but it is worth repeating: the CAA continues to be updated on the progress that the general education implementation team is making. All delegates should educate themselves on these changes, and also note that there are (serious, legitimate) opportunities for graduate students to be part of the process via this link:

<https://oaa.osu.edu/general-education>

Specifically, scroll down to the "opportunities to engage" section to find ways to give your comments on the new undergrad GE structure.