

# COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS

## ANNUAL REPORT 2014-2015

### PURPOSE

The Council on Student Affairs is broadly responsible for overseeing the student experience from a co-curricular perspective. Primary responsibilities include:

- Allocation and administration of the Student Activity Fee
- Review of the Student Code of Conduct
- Administrate rules and regulations surrounding student organizations
- Initiate reviews of any issue that is relevant to the student co-curricular experience
- Advise the Vice-President for Student Life on the services, programs, and administration of the Office of Student Life
- Keep the best interest of all students at the forefront of the Council's mission

### MEMBERSHIP

There are 18 voting members of the Council on Student Affairs.

#### *Ten Students*

- Michelle Bennett, Chair      USG
- Noel Fisher                      USG
- Josh Ahart                        USG
- Connor Hooper                USG
- Vacant                              USG
- David Gorenz                    IPC
- Divya Bekal                      IPC
- Michael Bowman                CGS
- Morgan Schunn                 CGS
- David Bowers                    CGS

#### *Six Faculty*

- Jason Hedrick
- Hannibal Hamlin
- Elizabeth Black
- Linda Lord
- Laurie Katz
- Maureen Donovan

#### *Staff Members*

- Bowen Marshall
- Shane McCrory

#### *Non-voting Members*

- Dr. D'Andra Mull
- Dr. Javaune Adams-Gaston
- Doug Koyle
- Matt Couch
- MacGregor Obergfell
- Asegai Daniel
- Jacquelyn Daugherty
- Rachel Cohen (OUC Chair)
- Kyle Mohler (URSC Chair)

## **REPORTS AND PROGRAM REVIEWS**

The Council routinely hears reports from various University entities in addition to conducting a review of departments within the Office of Student Life through a process known as “Program Reviews.”

### *Reports*

- Ohio Union Activities (OUAB)
- Recreational Sports
- Student Legal Services
- STEP
- First Year Experience (FYE)
- Buckeyes Careers
- Student Wellness
- Code of Student Conduct
- Neighborhood Services and Collaboration

### *Program Review*

- Dining Services
- Facilities Operations and Development
- BuckID
- Risk and Emergency Management

## **ISSUE SUBCOMMITTEE**

The Issues Subcommittee devoted a large portion of time this year to addressing student safety issues at Ohio State. The subcommittee spent the year meeting with different entities at Ohio State that focused on student safety. They drafted a report listing their findings and suggested that Ohio State University should hire more uniformed police officers. Further, the subcommittee drafted a resolution charging the Issues Subcommittee of CSA for the 2015-2016 school year to further refine and study the recommendations with a goal of putting forth a resolution to send to University Senate, if deemed necessary. Additionally, the resolution charged student governments to maintain and develop further focus on safety education and programming. This resolution passed unanimously through the Council on Student Affairs.

## **ALLOCATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

The Allocations Subcommittee met on the alternating weeks that the Full Council did not meet. For programming funds for the 2014-2015 academic year, the subcommittee received 645 applications from 348 different organizations, and issued approximately \$440000. The majority of these applications (458) and organizations (238) were undergraduate. More graduate organizations applied than professional organizations (127 to 60). About two thirds of the applications received and money issued this year occurred during the spring windows (425 applications and \$313851). For the year, 533 of 645 applications were approved, and 379 audits were submitted for reimbursement. Compared to last year, the subcommittee received a

significantly fewer amount of requests (645 to 883), but received applications from roughly the same number of unique organizations (348 to 345), approved a similar amount of programs (533 to 548), and issued a similar amount of money (within \$500 of last year's reimbursements).

379 organizations submitted 445 operating funds requests for the year, with the vast majority of those being undergraduate organizations (269 organizations and 322 requests). 80% of these requests were approved, with the majority of denied requests being duplicates or requests that exceeded \$200. Approximately \$55000 in operating funds was approved. Compared to last year, we saw very comparable numbers: 445 applications to 440 last year; 379 organizations to 368 last year; \$55000 to \$53000 last year.

### **STUDENT ACTIVITY FEE ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATION**

This year the Council on Students Affairs reviewed the allocation of the Student Activity Fee. An Ad Hoc Committee was established by CSA Chair, Michelle Bennett to review the fee. The Ad Hoc committee was comprised of undergraduate, graduate, and professional students. Each committee heard from all of the beneficiaries of the Student Activity Fee and made decisions after much deliberation. The allocation of these dollars will be for the 2015-2018 school years.