

COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS

ANNUAL REPORT 2013-2014

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

MEMBERSHIP

There are 19 voting members of the Council on Student Affairs.

Ten Students

- Michelle Bennett USG
- Jonathan Elder, *Chair* USG
- Noel Fisher USG
- Leah Lacure USG
- Patrick Harrington USG
- Laura Adwalla IPC
- Tony Besse IPC
- Josh Coy CGS
- Jamie Crowsley CGS
- Morgan Cichon CGS

Six Faculty

- Dr. Elizabeth Black

- Professor Maureen Donovan
- Dr. Scott Jones
- Dr. Hannibal Hamlin
- Vacant
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Three Staff Members

- Derek Thatcher
- Sean McLaughlin
- Dr. D'Andra Mull

Three Administrators (non-voting)

- Dr. Javaune Adams-Gaston
- Matt Couch
- Doug Koyle

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

- OSU Votes
- University Career Fair
- Ohio Union Activities Board (OUAB)
- Recreational Sports
- Student Legal Services
- STEP

- Tobacco Free Initiative
- Financial Wellness
- OnPace – Buckeye Careers
- Student Health Insurance
- “Block Owe” Program

Program Reviews

- The Ohio Union
- Residence Life
- Neighborhood Services and Collaboration
- Career Connection
- Counseling and Consultation Services
- Student Conduct

ISSUES SUBCOMMITTEE

The Issues Subcommittee devoted a significant amount of time this year to reviewing a proposal of adding a Fall Break to the University calendar. The subcommittee initially took up this issue through the lens of mental health among the University community. Following a comprehensive review, the subcommittee moved for the Full Council to endorse the addition of a Fall Break – a motion that passed unanimously.

ALLOCATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

The Allocations Subcommittee met on the alternating weeks that the Full Council did not meet. The group reviewed Programming Requests for 883 events from 345 unique organizations. Of these requests, 420 were approved and further submitted an event audit to receive funding. 128 events were granted prior approval to host Student Activity Fee sponsored event however due to not completing their event audits, funding was not processed to the individual organizations. Average funding per event per organization was \$1,044. As a note, different organizations will oftentimes collaborate on events and are permitted to “pool” funding which has an inflationary effect on aggregate program applications.

269 groups also received Operating Funds which are up-to \$250 grants that cover administrative costs for student organizations. Average distribution per organization receiving reimbursement was \$196.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION GUIDELINE REVIEW

The Council approved the recommendations from an ad-hoc committee that reviewed the Student Organization Guidelines in totality and offered suggestions as to how to more effectively govern student organizations. The Office of Student Life maintains daily administrative responsibilities over student organizations and enforces the CSA approved Student Organization Guidelines.

The Council enjoyed a successful 2013-2014 term as University representatives from various constituencies selflessly devoted themselves to ensuring a vibrant community for all students.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Elder
Chair 2013-2014