

Annual Report for the Council on the Physical Environment (COPE) for the 2022-2023 Academic Year.

Membership of COPE (AY) 2022-2023

MEMBER	SOURCE	TERM EXPIRES
Kerry Ard	Faculty Council	2023
Jacqueline Gargus	Faculty Council	2023
Margaret Mudge	Faculty Council	2023
Scott Schricker	Presidential	2023
Anthony Massari	Faculty Council	2024
Tim Leasure	Faculty Council	2024
Iman Ansari	Presidential	2025
Rut Bansal	USG	2023
Leslie Aguilar Ramos	USG	2023
Amrita Sen	CGS	2023
Emma Hetson	IPC	2023
Stacey Copley	Staff - Steering/USAC	2025

MEMBER	SOURCE	TERM EXPIRES
Sunny Zong	Staff - Steering/USAC	2025
Scott Potter	SVP Designee, Business & Finance / Designee (Non-Voting)	
Aaron Moore	SVP, Admin & Planning / Designee (Non-Voting)	
Cindy Leavitt	Executive Vice President and Provost / Designee (Non-Voting)	

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Meetings

COPE held seven meetings during the academic year. The meetings were scheduled for the fourth Monday of every month from 10:00am-11:00am by zoom. We voted and zoom meetings were preferred. One meeting was cancelled due to illness of the chair.

One meeting was held with Amy Burgess of Administration and Planning to discuss early on the Framework 3.0 planning initiative and how COPE would interact. COPE had representation of two members on the Framework 3.0 Core team, as well as additional members contributing throughout the planning process via community outreach and stakeholder sessions throughout campus.

The chair participated in monthly meetings of Faculty Cabinet. The Cabinet had a series of meetings with university leaders to discuss specific topics. Additionally the chair had conversation with Jay Kasey twice throughout the year to discuss plans and concerns of the committee.

Initiatives/Resolutions

This year, COPE was not presented any resolutions by its members, however a few different topics and initiatives were addressed throughout the semester.

One issue that arose was concern from faculty outside of the COPE committee about construction activities along the river front associated with the levee system (just south of Woody Hayes specifically at the time). Faculty member raised concerns about the removal of old growth/mother trees from the area, and were concerned about the impact on the local environment to their removal, as well as discussions about when and how removal was completed. This issue was brought to university planning, who shared how they communicate these types of activities and plans. This information was shared with COPE, and we believed the University is doing what they can in terms outreach and construction projects, and even in sharing planned replanting strategies which are considerate of the campus environment.

Additional initiatives were taken up concerning student experiences when on campus for long duration with no where to rest. This is particularly of concern for students who have early classes and evening classes, with nowhere to rest/relax for the duration of the day, as they can not simply go to a dorm and/or walk back to their apartment. This led to broad discussions on how OSU could better cater to students needs between classes and provide a safe place for students who do not dorm to get some way to rest. We looked at models from UCLA where small cubbies for students were created to rest and take a break, and even had a speaker come in to see how that program worked there. We will likely continue to pursue this initiative in future meetings, as there is great interest in students who don't have a home on campus.

A vast majority of our discussion focused on Framework 3.0, which was our opportunity to hear about campus plans, and also advocate for various concerns. Having multiple members engaged on different fronts really did give us a voice throughout the year in the planning.

Committee Meetings

During the year we had two outside presentations. One was from Amy Burgess, Associate Vice President, The Ohio State University, Administration and Planning. This was regarding Framework 3.0, and how the plan will would be used in future campus development. The second was from Marta Nowak, Assistant Professor in Architecture, who worked to develop student refuge spaces in UCLA and shared her experiences in developing and deploying solutions there.

Other meetings focused on Framework 3.0 upcoming and prior discussions talking with the team about plans and sharing progress.

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No new chair was elected, and Anthony Massari will continue as the chair of the committee for the upcoming academic year.