

Annual Report for the Council on the Physical Environment (COPE) for the 2023-2024 Academic Year.

Membership of COPE (AY) 2023-2024

MEMBER	SOURCE
Anthony Massari	Faculty Council
Tim Leasure	Faculty Council
Iman Ansari	Presidential
Maria Brunette	Presidential
Judith Zimomra	Faculty Council
Jonathan Van Gray	Faculty Council
Jeff Lakritz	Faculty Council
Rut Bansal	USG
Marie-Therese Aman-Tanon	USG
Sabrina Durso	CGS
Christopher Haritos	IPC

MEMBER**SOURCE****Stacey Copley**

Staff - Steering/USAC

Sunny Zong

Staff - Steering/USAC

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)

Meetings

COPE held eight meetings during the academic year. The meetings were scheduled for the fourth Wednesday of every month from 3:00pm-4:00pm by zoom. We voted and zoom meetings were preferred.

Early in the year, much of meetings was spent disseminating Frame 3.0 information, sharing the results, and hearing concerns from faculty. We elevated a number of issues to administration via PARE, and received feedback that we were able to share back.

A great deal of focus this year was spent on accessibility of the campus to mobility and visual impairment, with interest coming primarily from student advocates. The committee discussed issues with scooters in particular, and their impediment to safe egress and entrance to various buildings on campus. This conversation lead to initiatives mentioned in the following section. Scott Lissner (the ADA coordinator for OSU) visited our meeting during the year and heard from student leadership about this issue.

Concerns over trash pickup in and around RPAC were also heard, and the committee followed up with FOD, RPAC, and have since not heard additional complaints about this issue.

We were also given audience with President Carter to hear about the various issues and concerns of the community.

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.

From concerns about scooter traffic and building egress, as well as concerns with students awareness in traversing the campus, COPE has worked to develop a public outreach videos with Marketing. We have plans this summer to create two different outreach videos, one focused on Scooter Safety and Parking, and the other on student focus when traversing campus (tentatively, titled "Heads Up Buckeyes"). Script writing is underway, as well as focus groups. We have also reached out to OSU cheering to have Brutus be a part of these production efforts. The plan is to integrate these videos into the OSU app.

Again this year, a lot of discussion centered on Framework 3.0, on this end more justifying the discussions and decisions that went into its development. Conveying that we had multiple members involved throughout the development of the document I believe went a long way in addressing peoples concerns and/or not feeling like they had opportunity for feedback.

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A new chair was elected, Maju Brunette will act as chair of the committee for the upcoming academic year. The plan is to move forward with production of the two videos mentioned earlier and to continue advocating for students, staff and faculty about the issues surrounding campus life.