

I. Summary of Discussions and Accomplishments

This year, COPE discussed several topics related to campus, including updates to classrooms, faculty/student housing, single-use bathrooms, study spaces, and the progress/future of Framework 3.0. We also discussed procedures that influence changes to the physical environments on campus, such as long-term sustainability plans and transparency to university procedures. Specifically, COPE was able to:

- Resolve undergraduate questions to Student Life about overages for swipes on undergraduate meal plans: Abby Hertzfeld explained procedures for students overages on “swipes,” specifically, how overages are attached to students’ credit cards, and how this system seems to be working for many of our undergrads. Further, she mapped out procedures, such as regular meetings with undergraduate representatives, of how Student Life consistently considers student feedback of campus dining experiences.
- Ask to publish the name of campus constituents on the University Naming Committee (UNC): Brandon Lester, Senior Associate General Counsel Associate Secretary for the Board of Trustees, agreed to that, in the spirit of transparency, names of the member of the UNC should be published. We learned that the UNC is comprised of faculty, staff, and university administration.
- Locate deferred maintenance plans in each college (and building): Peter Calamari of FOD provided the committee with documentation and access to deferred maintenance plans for campus buildings, scorecards for FOD’s responses to maintenance requests, and costs for the removal of chalk from campus sidewalks.

II. Invited Guests

The Chair and/or COPE Committee met with the following guests throughout the year:

- Chris Potter, University Space Governance Committee (USGC) [Chair]
- Jeremy Gabbis, Director of Planning, Projects and Space Management in Student Life [Chair]
- Abby Hertzfeld, Senior Director of Dining Services in Student Life [Chair]
- Rebekah Gayley, Assistant Director of Facility Planning from Planning, Architecture, and Real Estate (PARE) [Committee]
- Stephanie Orr, Director, Learning and Collaborative Environments Office of Technology and Digital Innovation (OTDI)[Committee]

- Peter Calamari, Associate Vice President, Operations, and Brett Garrett Senior Director of Operations, FOD [Chair and Committee]
- Brandon Lester, Senior Associate General Counsel Associate Secretary for the Board of Trustees [Chair]

III. Goals for AY 26-27

In our last meeting on April 24th 2026, we identified several topics to address for the coming academic year:

- Discuss options for overages on meal plans for undergraduate students without credit cards
- Identify housing challenges in collaboration with other Senate Committees, and consider housing as it relates to Education for Citizenship 2035 plan
- Committee members will independently research housing costs at peer institutions, and committee will provide a summary of results to bring to the Senate cabinet
- Examine availability and costs of parking on campus; Chair will meet with CampusParc and inquire about COPE creating/contributing to a university-wide survey of parking experiences
- Revisit to OSU sustainability plans from 2020 and register what changes have been instituted and what make suggestions about changes need to be prioritized and/or occur
- Identify updates needed for classrooms, referencing the strategic plan, AI Fluency initiative, and what OSU' peer institutions are doing

IV. Meeting Minutes

- *See attached document*

COPE Meeting Minutes AY 2025-26

COPE meeting #1

Minutes: 9/19/2025

In attendance: Chris Cade, Susan Cole, Ivy Hammond (Recording Secretary), Jared Gardner (Secretary of Senate), Jaime Swartzwelder, Jonathon Von Gray, Casey Orthban, Nick Kawa, Scott Potter, Aidyn Jones, Carolyn Presley, Tory Hogan, Daniel Roberts (Chair and recorder)

1. Introductions

2. Overview of AY 2024-25 COPE charges

- Chair reported out from Senate Cabinet meeting on 9-12-2024; met with Chris Potter, University Space Governance Committee (USGC)
- Committee supports that [Framework 3.0](#) guest speaker is invited to a COPE meeting, for a deeper dive on progress of Framework 3.0

3. Describe COPE charges for COPE 25-26 and beginning to formulate short and long-term goals for 25-26

- Dining (from Senate and undergrad students)
 - USG reported \$1.50 increase to items, students on Scarlet 14 meal plan find it challenging to afford items within \$8 limit per swipe (at non-traditions dining halls)
 - Traditions dining halls present a bigger time commitment for undergrads eating meals, so the “swipe and go” options seem more amenable to students’ schedules
 - Concerns raised about quality of food at “swipe and go” establishment
- Housing
 - In general, campus and Columbus housing crises, as well as conditions of many dorms
 - “Nothing happening” with north campus dorm Lawrence Tower after its closure
 - Student Life is continually expanding the off-campus lease options, which raises concerns among students about accessibility to campus, as well as high rent costs; this also impacts 2nd years, who are required to live on campus and are on campus meal plans
 - No AC in several South Campus dorms (Mack and Baker mentioned). Window units present hazards in installation and access to open windows on higher floors. Discussion of AC wall units and if those are a possibility?
 - CGS discussed as expanding, allocating for room for graduates’ student; CGS conducting survey with graduate students
 - Housing problems also affect IPC and attracting potential faculty, as well as current faculty and their access to campus for work/research
 - How do the housing concerns align with Pres. Carter’s [Education for Citizenship 2035](#), namely attracting top candidates and competing with peer institutions?
- Deferred maintenance
 - Biological Sciences Building flooded twice, pictures shown display mold and asbestos.
 - Denney Hall: no potable water in the building. Are there plans to have potable water?
 - Framework 3.0: the buildings that were identified, how were the evaluations completed? How did the university prioritize? FOD does have a deferred maintenance list.

- Who's in charge of water? *Engie* operates our systems. OSU leased out operations of electric, chilled water. Is there a need for a water task force?
- Infrastructure changes are a priority for Chris Kobourek, Senior Vice President for Admin and Planning
- Is there the need for a separate Senate Health and Wellness Committee? The Senate is considering a working group.

Action items:

- Chair will meet with Jeremy Gabbis and Dr. Zia Ahmed from Student Life, re: housing and dining concerns
- Committee will work on inviting a speaker on Framework 3.0 (3.5) to a COPE meeting
- Chair will bring issues of dining, housing, and water concerns to Senate Cabinet, to see if it is possible to collaborate with other committees to press the issues.
- USG Rep will conduct 3-question survey on dining services and student costs

COPE meeting #2

Minutes: 10/31/2025

In attendance: Jeff Lakritz, Jonathon Van Gray, Shanna Jaggars, Casey Orthbahn, Aidyn Jones, Jaime Swartzwelder, Chris Cade, Nick Kawa, Susan Cole, Devin Tharpe, Daniel Roberts (Chair and recorder), +Rebekah Gayley (guest)

1. Info from student survey

- USG will send out survey in December, with hopes of receiving results in early January; results will be shared in January COPE meeting.
- Survey will ask undergrads about food quality, locations, service, variety of food, whether food options meet dietary and/or religious accommodations. USG hopes to engage 1500 undergrad students.

2. Chair reports from meetings with Student Life about housing and dining services

- Chair with Jeremy Gabbis, Director of Planning, Projects and Space Management in Student Life, explained concerns with housing; notable only \$200 cost difference between ac and non-ac dorms plans for building for North Campus renovations.
- Chair met with Abby Hertzfeld, Senior Director of Dining Services in Student Life, clarified dining options and various plans; she's interested in hearing results of USG survey

3. Committee comments/questions:

- USG asked about Provost's plan for 100,000 for faculty and if anything about housing included in that figure.

4. Rebekah Gayley visit: Project Manager, 3.0

- Gayley, Assistant Director of Facility Planning from PARE. Framework 3.0 is a “concept and living document”, no funding guarantee with any projects. Every 5-7 years there’s enough change to look at it, refresh it, look broadly to include future/needed projects.
- Framework 3.0 uses a theme of “connections”; example is development of Woody Hayes Dr. with bikeway, and development to handle more foot traffic, bring buildings closer to the street, etc.
- Developments for Innovation campus: graduate students, affordable housing for faculty and staff, too. Negotiated with city to get exception for grad students. Housing shortage.... market will drive this.
- Question from committee: moving lab spaces: Labs can be moved to Innovation campus, so what is needed? Research labs hard to move and more input from researchers would be beneficial.
- Active learning classrooms: ASC got a grant. Agriculture Admin building is an example, chemistry, math, and other core science courses discovering that there are improvements in grades, also retention. Classrooms transitioning from outdated seats with side arms to physically interacting more in the classrooms and working in groups.
- Transport across campus. Looking at how students, staff, and faculty get back and forth across campus. OSU applied for grant from Dept. of Transportation “safe streets for all,” a multimodal plan for safe commuting for bikes, pedestrians, diverse users. Received award letter! Funds could be used for improvements to Woody Hayes Dr.

Action items:

- Committee will continue to investigate why the cost between dorms with ac/without ac has only \$200 price difference. Discuss what this means for attracting students to OSU.
- Chair will follow up on Provost’s plan for recruiting faculty, via Senate Cabinet.

COPE meeting #3

Minutes: 12/5/2025

In attendance: Chris Cade, Scott , Casey Orthban, Shanna Jaggars, Jamie, Nick Kawa, Tory, Susan Cole, Aidyn Jones, Jon Van Gray, Devin, Stephanie Orr (guest)

12-12:30:	Stephanie Orr visit and q&a
12:30-12:35:	Chair report from Senate Cabinet meeting on 11-21-2025
12:35-12:50:	Mapping short-term and long-term committee charges for 2026
12:50-13:00	Wrap-up and discussion

Chair report from Senate Cabinet:

I. *Faculty Consultation in the Dean Appointment/Re-appointment Process* [11:45-12:15]

- **Context:** *Faculty Rule 3335-3-29 requires consultation with the faculty and giving “substantial weight to the faculty” in making dean appointments. On the faculty side, however, there remains much confusion and dissatisfaction about this process.*
- **Guests:**

- Patrick Louchouart, Senior Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs
- Melinda Nelson, Assistant Provost, OAA
- **Pre-Read:** <https://oaa.osu.edu/dean-reappointment-review>

Old Business [12:15-12:30 pm]

- **CESP Update** (Daniel/Yvonne)
 - o Asynchronous Election Day - Next steps?
 - o Digital Accessibility: Update from Senate and OAA (Dan, Faculty Leaders)

COPE meeting #4

Minutes: 1/16/2026

In attendance: Shanna Jaggars, Casey Orthbahn, Scott Potter, Aidyn Jones, Jaime Swartzwelder, Chris Cade, Susan Cole, Devin Tharpe, Daniel Roberts (Chair and recorder)

Old business from 2025

- Learning spaces/study spaces: www.learningspaces.osu.edu. Is it in the OSU app?
- Campus housing (at all levels)
- Naming of buildings on campus
- Study spaces and single-use bathrooms on campus

List of committee short and long-term goals

Short: study spaces for students, updates to classrooms, lists of single-use bathrooms, campus parking spaces available to faculty in garages on S campus

Long: Updates to dorms, housing for faculty and students, Carbon neutrality: chrome-extension://efaidnbmnnnibpcajpcglclefindmkaj/https://si.osu.edu/sites/default/files/CAP_Final_04082020.pdf

Action items:

The Chair will arrange to meet with Peter Calamari from FOD to ask about priorities and transparency around projects; look into parking arrangements for A passes w/ Campus Parc

COPE meeting #5

Minutes: 2/20/2026

In attendance: Shanna Jaggars, Casey Orthbahn, Aidyn Jones, Susan Cole, Jaime Swartzwelder, Devin Tharpe, Daniel Roberts (Chair and recorder), Peter Calamari, Brett Garrett

8:30-9 Visit from Peter Calamari, Associate Vice President, Operations, and Brett

Garrett Senior Director of Operations from FOD with time for questions
9-9:10 Update for. Senate cabinet meeting with Pres. Carter
9:10-9:20 Review of short-term and long-term goals to present in March
9:20-9:30 other requests from the committee

Highlights from FOD presentation:

Priorities for FOD are existing spaces-roofs, generators. General fund buildings and research spaces. Med Center/SL/Athletics are all separate funds.

“Clean and functioning”, with custodial and maintenance costs.

Small portion of FOD funds to “r and r” deferred maintenance

U of Michigan has 25 sq. Ft. Per student, we have 20

Accommodation request process: let ODTI know and SLDS

COPE meeting #6

Minutes: 3/27/2026, 12-1pm, on Zoom

In attendance: Shanna Jaggars, Jeff Lakrids, Chris Cade, Jon Van Gray, Jaime Swartzwelder, Aidyn Jones, Scott Potter, Casey Orthban, Daniel Roberts (Chair and recorder)

Agenda:

- Chair report from Senate cabinet meeting on 3/12:
 - sustainability plan
 - university naming procedures questions
- Action items to address for short term goals
- Discuss items for our last meeting on April 24

Student Rep will meet with Chris Kabourek during week of 3/9/2026 and asked about Bricker Hall.

→ **Action item:** Chair follows up with Brandon Lester about Bricker Hall concerns raised in University Naming Procedure, per request of student rep

CampusParc: availability, costs, appeal process for student who receive tickets, and increase # of spaces for student parking on campus. A. Jones pointed out that parking is included in Framework 3.0 plan for north and northwest campus.

→ **Action item:** Chair will find contact in CampusParc to address discussion points

Student Life/swipe overage coverage for undergrads:

→ **Action item:** Undergrad Rep will follow up with info on survey of undergrad experiences with swipe program

Single-use bathrooms to OSU app

→ **Action item:** Chair will seek contact with OSU app programmers to list info from website on the app

FOD Scorecard: What is the scorecard for 2025? Available in minutes of BoT meeting minutes.

→ **Action item:** Chair will email Peter Calamari for a quick answer.

Look at Peer institutions housing costs

COPE meeting #7

Minutes: 3/27/2026, 12-1pm, on Zoom

In attendance: Susan Cole, Devin Tharpe, Shanna Jaggars, Chris Cade, Jon Van Gray, Jaime Swartzwelder, Aidyn Jones, Casey Orthban, Daniel Roberts (Chair and recorder)

- Report from Chair from Senate Cabinet
- Discuss outstanding action items
- Elections for COPE Chair
- End of year committee report for Senate

Chair shared summary from FOD of expenses to remove chalking and FOD scorecard from Feb. 2026.

Chair reported out on updates from University Naming Procedures, postponement of university-wide Digital Accessibility compliance until April 2027

USG Rep

Rep reported on satisfaction with Buck ID chip, USG is asking for “tap” options that could be used with Apple Wallet.

Reported that Rep learned from Steering that each case for Wexner name on buildings complaints to University Naming Procedures site will be considered individually and taken into larger discussion, and that a conviction is not needed to consider the renaming. Also, no complaints filed on the renaming of Bricker Hall

CampusParc: no updates; Chair will attempt to set up a meeting before the end of the semester. A committee member reported there was a survey about 5 years ago.

→ **Action item:** Committee can develop a survey with or separately from CampusParc

Campus housing:

→ **Action item:** Next year, COPE committee members will do individual research of housing on other Big 10 campuses

PARE

Committee member asked rest of the committee to be stakeholders in group interview for PARE's campus initiatives is AU 26

Who is replacing Chris Kobourek as

→ **Action item:** Chair will email Sara Watson and Jared Garnder

Voting results: Committee elected Daniel Roberts to serve as Chair of COPE for AY 2026-27