



The Council on Student Affairs

Annual Report 2025 – 2026

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I. Council on Student Affairs

Purpose

The Council on Student Affairs (CSA) is broadly responsible for overseeing the student experience from a co-curricular perspective. CSA serves as the principal link between students, the student governments, the faculty, and administration to encourage a sense of community and improve the quality of student life on campus. The best interests of all students are at the forefront of the Council's mission. CSA's primary responsibilities include:

- Administer and create regulations pursuant to the Rules of the University Faculty, the bylaws, and the statutes, insofar as they pertain to the quality of student life
- Approve policies that govern the registration, rights, privileges, and obligations of student organizations, such as fraternities and sororities, student publications, and student governments
- Initiate reviews of any issue that is relevant to the student co-curricular experience
- Initiate recommendations and review proposals regarding policies that may affect student life quality
- Review, allocate, and administer the Student Activity Fee
- Review and update the Student Code of Conduct
- Advise the Senior Vice-President for Student Life on the services, programs, and administration of the Office of Student Life
- Advise other university departments and administrative units regarding proposed changes within those departments and units that may affect student rights and responsibilities

Overview

This year, CSA heard from various departments and organizations throughout the university and asked many questions in order to best serve students. Additionally, CSA completed and approved the carryforward for the year and was able to approve additional emergency funding later in the year. Lastly, CSA worked on our Targeted Code of Student Conduct review and will be presenting within the upcoming school year to complete the review. CSA had 14 meetings.

The Issues Committee worked on scheduling meetings based on an initial form sent out to all members. We had different departments and organizations throughout the university come and present on their area to Full Council, and the Issues Committee was the point of contact. Additionally, they discussed various advocacy issues and worked on updates to the CSA Operating Procedures.

The Allocations Committee gathered, reviewed, and implemented changes for the Student Organization Registration and Funding Guidelines. They also completed important work in

administering the approximately 4.6 million generated from the Student Activity Fee (SAF) and approving Programming Funds requests during the academic year.

Council on Student Affairs Membership

Students (Voting)

- Jessica Asante-Tutu, USG
- Jack Meyer, USG (Issues Co-Chair)
- Aryav Yadapadithaya, USG
- Hanniel Diaz Elizarraga, USG
- Jeffery Liu, USG
- Kirsten Myers, CGS (Council Chair)
- Gabe Myers, CGS (Allocations Chair)
- VACANT, CGS
- Ashley Swisshelm, IPC
- Joe Malinger, IPC (Issues Co-Chair)

Student Life Staff (Voting)

- Darren Nealy
- David Miller

Faculty (Voting)

- Dr. Harpreet Singh
- Dr. Mike Abito
- Dr. Jennifer Wolfe
- Dr. Kenneth Madsen
- Dr. Shaun Russell (Council Vice Chair)
- Dr. Mohamed El Hamahmy

Non-Voting Members

- Dr. Melissa Shivers, SVP OSL
- Ryan Lovell, AVP OSL
- Akua Nelson, CSA Secretary (Fall 2025)
- Maia Gardner, CSA Secretary (Spring 2026)
- Dr. Matt Couch, CSA Administrator
- Jeff Pelletier, Ohio Union and Student Activities Director
- Sheri Klatt, CSA Fiscal Coordinator
- Britany Crall, CSA Business Manager

- Phil Yackee, Rec Sports Committee Chair

Allocations Only Members

- Haya Alsammerai, OUAB
- Lillianna Stafford, SL Student Employee (Fall 2025)
- Matthew Swearingen, Student Org Rep
- Summer Shigley, Student Org Rep
- Brooke Olson, OSL Staff

Issues Only Members

- Rayvon Braziel, USG
- Braxton Glover, USG

Code Review Committee Members

- Hanniel Diaz Elizarraga, USG
- Matthew Swearingen, USG
- Jessica Asante-Tutu, USG
- Kirsten Myers, CGS
- Gabe Myers, CGS (Co-Chair)
- Joe Malingier, IPC
- Dr. Jasmine Abukar, Faculty
- Dr. Jennifer Wolfe, Faculty
- Kelly Smith, Student Conduct Director
- Dr. Jennifer Whetstone, COAM Coordinator
- Anne Schira, Legal (Non-voting)
- David Ingram, Legal (Non-voting)
- Peter Carrera, CGS (Co-Chair – Non-voting)

II. Issues Committee

This year the Issues Committee focused on several topics including, but not limited to, the simple syllabus, student housing, and the CSA Operating Procedures. Leaders from each University department in charge of these areas were invited to CSA Full Council or Issues meetings. These discussions lead to better understanding of challenges faced by students and aid in gaining additional insight into how the University is making efforts to better address these issues. These conversations allowed CSA Issues to highlight areas that could be improved upon and relay feedback back to the OSU student body.

The Issues Committee met 8 times during the 2025-2026 school year, with a total time of around 12 hours.

Reports Heard by the Full Council

The Council routinely hears reports from various University entities and committees based on the interests of the Council and the need for input on various Student Life policies. The Council heard reports from the following entities:

- OSU Police – 10/20/25
- Student Life Strategic Plan – 11/3/25
- Student Health Services – 12/1/25
- BuckID – 1/12/25
- Student Advocacy Center – 2/16/25
- Counseling and Consultation Services – 3/2/26
- Dining Services – 3/23/26
- OUAB – 4/20/26

III. Allocations Committee

The CSA Allocations Committee is charged with administering the distribution of the Student Activity Fee (SAF). The SAF costs between \$37.50 to \$40.00 a semester per student and typically generates roughly \$4.6 million a year. As laid out in the [2025-2028 SAF Review](#), funding was distributed between various beneficiaries, including the Ohio Union Activities Board, Discount Ticket Program (D-Tix), Student Organizations, Signature Events, Student Governments, Buck-I-SERV, and Pay It Forward. For regular meetings, the Allocations Committee met 13 times during the 2025-2026 school year, with a total time of around 20 hours. To review Programming Funds requests and appeals, the Allocations Committee met 62 times from the 2025 Fall 1 funding window to the 2026 Summer funding window, with a total time of around 62 hours.

Undergraduate, graduate, and professional student organizations may submit Programming Funds and Operating Funds applications to be reviewed by the CSA Allocations Committee according to the CSA Student Organization Funding Guidelines. For Programming Funds, Active student organizations could apply for up to \$3,000/year for their programs, while Active - Established student organizations could apply for up to \$4,500/year for their programs. For Operating Funds, Active and Active – Established student organizations could apply for up to \$500/year to help cover operational and administrative costs.

The CSA Allocations Committee reviewed 1,921 Programming Funds requests during 2025-2026, representing a 27.64% increase from the 1,505 requests received during 2024-2025. Of these, 1,376 Programming Funds requests were approved either initially or through the appeals process, representing a 71.63% approval rate. Approved requests totaled \$853,156.88. Of this, a total of \$416,755.48 was distributed as of May 15, 2026.

The CSA Fiscal Coordinator reviewed 885 Operating Funds requests during 2025-2026, representing a 5.95% decrease from the 941 requests received during 2024-2025. Of these, 533 were approved, representing a 60.23% approval rate. Approved requests totaled \$136,438.51. Of this, a total of \$116,677.42 was distributed as of May 15, 2026.

In addition to reviewing Programming Funds and Operating Funds Requests, the CSA Allocations Committee also spent time reviewing and revising the CSA Student Organization Registration and Funding Guidelines. During this review, the CSA Student Organization Registration Guidelines and CSA Student Organization Funding Guidelines were split into separate documents. The CSA Student Organization Funding Guidelines were approved by the CSA Allocations Committee on April 2, 2026, and by the Full Council on April 6, 2026. The CSA Student Organization Registration Guidelines were approved by the CSA Allocations Committee on April 13, 2026, and by the Full Council on April 20, 2026. A summary of changes for both documents can be found below. The request and

audit forms in the Student Organization Management System were also changed to align with changes to both Programming Funds and Operating Funds requirements.

Highlights of CSA Student Organization Registration and Funding Guidelines Changes

- Reformatted documents and split registration and funding into separate documents
- Added additional context already used by Ohio Union and Student Activities when reviewing student organization registration and constitutions to the Registration Guidelines
- Clarified rules on Columbus campus student membership requirements for student organizations
- Allowed all student organizations to restrict membership by student classification (graduate, professional, and undergraduate student)
- Specified that the use of specific naming affiliations to colleges and sub-entities of the University may be subject to unit approval
- Exempted the student governments from being required to follow the constitution template format for annual registration. Aside from the dissolution requirement, student governments are still required to meet all other content requirements for their constitution.
- Clarified that items with an open flame are not purchasable using Operating Funds or Programming Funds
- Allowed Operating Funds requests to be submitted for June 1-May 31 each academic year instead of July 1-April 1
- Changed the request deadline for Summer Programming Funds requests from April 15 to April 1
- Required Operating Funds and Programming Funds requests to be itemized, with all unique items delineated in separate budget lines
- Updated expense categories for Operating Funds and Programming Funds to better categorize fundable and non-fundable expenses
- Made rules around using Programming Funds for hybrid and online programs explicit in the Guidelines
- Added new types of non-fundable programs and amended the names/descriptions of current ones
- Added additional rules regarding collaborative Programming Funds requests between multiple student organizations
- Updated audit requirements for both Operating Funds and Programming Funds
- Readded information on Signature Funding removed in a previous Guidelines review

IV. Code of Student Conduct Review

During the Fall 2025 semester, CSA created and charged a Code of Student Conduct Review Committee to update language within the Code of Student Conduct. This review occurred earlier than the review scheduled for the 2027-2028 academic year to address issues that have arisen since the 2022-2023 review. Some of these issues were: changes recommended following an external review of the University Conduct Board in 2024-2025; changes recommended by Student Conduct regarding UCB quorum and UCB to improve the timeliness and completion of cases; changes regarding concurrent charges and disorderly or disruptive conduct made by a 2024-2025 CSA Code of Student Conduct Review Committee; improving transparency regarding the ability of students to carry pepper spray in response to a USG resolution; grammatical and technical updates to Academic Misconduct section (postponed during the 2022-2023 review); and changes related to artificial intelligence (AI) prevalence in plagiarism cases prompted by COAM.

The Code of Student Conduct Review Committee held 6 meetings as a group, totaling over 8 hours, throughout 2025-2026 to review and update the Code before submitting it to CSA. The Code of Student Conduct Review Committee approved the revisions on February 27, 2026. CSA approved the revisions on March 2, 2026. After receiving feedback from the University Senate Steering Committee and the Provost's Office, CSA approved an altered version of the revisions on March 23, 2026. After further deliberation by the Steering Committee, it was determined that more consultation should occur between CSA and the student governments regarding the revisions to the Code of Student Conduct during the 2026-2027 academic year.

Highlights of the Code Review Changes:

- UCB membership levels increased to improve timeliness of case completion and member retention
- UCB prompt review quorum requirements updated to ensure that students who prefer full hearings are able to complete them in a timely manner, especially at the end of the semester and over the summer, initiated by UCB
- Clear language added to ensure that prohibited conduct related to weapons do not prohibit the possession of personal safety chemical deterrents such as pepper spray, initiated by USG
- Jurisdiction language added with the Code to ensure that protection of student's 5th amendment right when concurrent criminal and Code cases occur, initiated by CSA's 2024-2025 CRC
 - Changes focused on ensuring student options are expanded and protected while still allowing them to resolve the university's Code processes

- Added a reference to the Faculty Rules’ definition of disruptive conduct for additional transparency and clarity toward understanding what is disruptive or disorderly
- Adjusted language within Academic Misconduct surrounding plagiarism to ensure proper attribution and citation of content produced using artificial intelligence, initiated by COAM
 - All changes ensure and maintain that instructors of courses define within their syllabus the ability to determine how artificial intelligence is used within their classes
- Made readability/grammar changes within academic misconduct to improve clarity of section, originally completed but unable to be implemented by CSA’s 2022-2023 CRC
- Added clarifying examples within the “Academic activities” definition used in the Code to highlight graduate level requirements as well as a minor change clarifying student employment cannot be held while students are suspended or dismissed from the university, initiated by the Graduate School

V. Resolutions and Motions Passed

A Motion to Redistribute the Student Activity Fee Carryforward

Approved 9/22/2025

A Motion to Approve Revisions to the Code of Student Conduct

Approved 3/2/2026

A Motion to Approve Revisions to the Code of Student Conduct

Approved 3/23/2026

A Motion to Revise the CSA Student Organization Funding Guidelines

Approved 4/6/2026

A Motion to Approve Emergency Funding for Buck-I-SERV

Approved 4/6/2026

A Motion to Revise the CSA Student Organization Registration Guidelines

Approved 4/20/2026