

**Council on the Physical Environment (COPE)  
Annual Report 2017-2018 Academic Year**

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The Council met 6 times during the year on a variety of issues. The major topics are outlined below, followed by some recommendations for COPE for 2018-19.

1. *Big Campus Getting Bigger* As we started the year the group identified this theme as one to ask a series of questions. We started the year with a review of Frameworks 2.0 and noted a lack of green open space (not dedicated to sport fields) in the newly developed West Campus plan. This review also allowed the group, with many new members, to get up to speed on current and future campus development projects including: 15<sup>th</sup> & High, Canon Drive, and the Arts District. The theme of a “Big Campus Getting Bigger” focused the group’s attention to issues of transportation (including alternative and mass transit), quality/diversity of open space (including focus on pedestrian experience and outdoor gathering spaces), as well as food resources and healthy options.
2. *On Campus Bike Use & Resources* At the start of the year we had a question from a faculty member about the inclusion of a bike lane on the new Canon Drive. This question along with transportation and parking related issues led the group to want to have a better understanding of current situation and future plans. We were able to meet with a rep from transportation and review current data along with ask questions concerning on-going development of bike services and infrastructure on campus. Beth Snoke, Director of Transportation & Traffic Management visited the meeting.
3. *On-Campus Food Options.* Related to the “Big Campus” discussion the group became interested in the availability and diversity of food options within areas of campus that are

not well connected to and/or served by Dining Services. Some immediate questions were raised about the potential of Food Truck and other private vendors to operate on campus as a means to diversify available options. The council has seen some of this at other institutions and view food trucks and/or alternative offerings as a means of promoting healthy eating, pedestrian vs. vehicular transit demand, as well as offer something “cool” about OSU. We had a presentation of current data and resources from Zia Ahmed, Director of Dining Services.

4. *Outdoor events and space utilization.* Last year, and again this year in relation to our review of Frameworks 2.0, it had come to the attention of COPE that there are unmet needs and demands for a variety of appropriate outdoor spaces for student activities, especially associated with student groups on campus. This remained a point of discussion this year and the council intends to give focus to this issue in the coming year.

*Recommendations for 2018-19 COPE agenda:* The beginning of the 2017-2018 year was spent in some discussions of the overall role and possible areas of focus for COPE in the near term as suggested by the 2016-2017 annual report. Having completed a year of research and surveying of issues the council voiced an want/intention at the end of year to make some solid proposals to University Senate/Faculty Council in the hope of having some lasting influence on the quality of the OSU Campus for all students, faculty and staff. Finally, the council recommended that a secretary be designated to compose official meeting notes; a recommendation it we failed to implement this last year.

For the 2018-2019 year COPE will again be led by Jason Kentner.

The chair would like to thank all guests that gave their time to speak and meet with COPE members. One issue that surfaced, due to a number of turn-overs at the staff/advisor level this year’s committee lacked needed connection to policy and administration staff it needs to function effectively; we hope this would be improved in the coming year. Thank you to all members of this committee who gave up time each month; I look forward to continuing our efforts in the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,

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