

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY SENATE ANNUAL REPORT COVER SHEET

Executive Summary

Period: 2024-2025

Current Committee Chair: Peter Carrera.55

Incoming Committee Chair: Kirsten Myers.2377

Committee Members: Please see page 3 of the report, there are 18 voting members, 5 subcommittee-only members, and 7 non-voting members

Number of Meetings: The Council on Student Affairs has 16 Full Council Meetings, 8 Issues Sub-Committee Meetings, and 80 Allocations Sub-Committee Meetings

Do you have Bylaws? Yes, see attached

Briefly describe the key accomplishments of your committee this year:

Finalized and implemented the 2025/2026-2027/2028 SAF review. Redistributed 2024/2025 Carryforward. Completed a targeted Code of Student Conduct review for implementation next year.

Please reflect on the goals set for this committee identified in the prior Annual Review and describe how they were addressed:

We achieved our goal of completing a 3-year Student Activity Fee Review. Advocacy toward achieving a Student Living Wage and a University-wide Land Acknowledgement did not progress as desired.

Please indicate key goals this committee wants to accomplish in 2025-2026.

The primary goal for the upcoming year is to complete a Code of Student Conduct Review to update the Code based on changes identified during this year's targeted update as well as recommended changes from the university conduct board's program review.

Did you consult with any other Senate Committees? Are there other committees with which you feel this committee should connect in 2024-2025?

CSA interacted closely with COAM, Steering, and Rules. Next year CSA will interact with the same committees.

Please see below all meetings outside of the ~80 small group Allocations Subcommittee meetings.

Date	Start	End Building	Room	Status
9/9/2024 Mon	3:30 PM	5:00 PM Ohio Union	Sphinx Centennial Leadership Suite	Details Pending
9/16/2024 Mon	3:30 PM	5:00 PM Ohio Union	Ohio Staters, Inc. Founders Room	Details Pending
9/16/2024 Mon	3:30 PM	5:00 PM Ohio Union	Sphinx Centennial Leadership Suite	Details Pending
9/23/2024 Mon	3:30 PM	5:00 PM Ohio Union	Sphinx Centennial Leadership Suite	Details Pending
9/30/2024 Mon	3:30 PM	5:00 PM Ohio Union	Ohio Staters, Inc. Founders Room	Details Pending
9/30/2024 Mon	3:30 PM	5:00 PM Ohio Union	Sphinx Centennial Leadership Suite	Details Pending
10/7/2024 Mon	3:30 PM	5:00 PM Ohio Union	Sphinx Centennial Leadership Suite	Details Pending
10/14/2024 Mon	3:30 PM	5:00 PM Ohio Union	Sphinx Centennial Leadership Suite	Details Pending
10/14/2024 Mon	3:30 PM	5:00 PM Ohio Union	Student-Alumni Council Room	Details Pending
10/21/2024 Mon	3:30 PM	5:00 PM Ohio Union	Sphinx Centennial Leadership Suite	Details Pending
10/28/2024 Mon	3:30 PM	5:00 PM Ohio Union	Ohio Staters, Inc. Founders Room	Details Pending
10/28/2024 Mon	3:30 PM	5:00 PM Ohio Union	Sphinx Centennial Leadership Suite	Details Pending
11/4/2024 Mon	3:30 PM	5:00 PM Ohio Union	Sphinx Centennial Leadership Suite	Details Pending
11/18/2024 Mon	3:30 PM	5:00 PM Ohio Union	Sphinx Centennial Leadership Suite	Details Pending
11/25/2024 Mon	3:30 PM	5:00 PM Ohio Union	Ohio Staters, Inc. Founders Room	Details Pending
11/25/2024 Mon	3:30 PM	5:00 PM Ohio Union	Sphinx Centennial Leadership Suite	Details Pending
12/2/2024 Mon	3:30 PM	5:00 PM Ohio Union	Sphinx Centennial Leadership Suite	Details Pending
12/9/2024 Mon	3:30 PM	5:00 PM Ohio Union	Ohio Staters, Inc. Founders Room	Details Pending

12/9/2024 Mon	3:30 PM	5:00 PM Ohio Union	Sphinx Centennial Leadership Suite	Details Pending
1/13/2025 Mon	3:30 PM	5:00 PM Ohio Union	Sphinx Centennial Leadership Suite	Details Pending
1/27/2025 Mon	3:30 PM	5:00 PM Ohio Union	Ohio Staters, Inc. Founders Room	Details Pending
1/27/2025 Mon	3:30 PM	5:00 PM Ohio Union	Sphinx Centennial Leadership Suite	Details Pending
2/3/2025 Mon	3:30 PM	5:00 PM Ohio Union	Sphinx Centennial Leadership Suite	Details Pending
2/10/2025 Mon	3:30 PM	5:00 PM Ohio Union	Ohio Staters, Inc. Founders Room	Details Pending
2/10/2025 Mon	3:30 PM	5:00 PM Ohio Union	Sphinx Centennial Leadership Suite	Details Pending
2/17/2025 Mon	3:30 PM	5:00 PM Ohio Union	Sphinx Centennial Leadership Suite	Details Pending
2/24/2025 Mon	3:30 PM	5:00 PM Ohio Union	Ohio Staters, Inc. Founders Room	Details Pending
2/24/2025 Mon	3:30 PM	5:00 PM Ohio Union	Sphinx Centennial Leadership Suite	Details Pending
3/3/2025 Mon	3:30 PM	5:00 PM Ohio Union	Sphinx Centennial Leadership Suite	Details Pending
3/17/2025 Mon	3:30 PM	5:00 PM Ohio Union	Sphinx Centennial Leadership Suite	Details Pending
3/24/2025 Mon	3:30 PM	5:00 PM Ohio Union	Ohio Staters, Inc. Founders Room	Details Pending
3/24/2025 Mon	3:30 PM	5:00 PM Ohio Union	Sphinx Centennial Leadership Suite	Details Pending
3/31/2025 Mon	3:30 PM	5:00 PM Ohio Union	Sphinx Centennial Leadership Suite	Details Pending
4/7/2025 Mon	3:30 PM	5:00 PM Ohio Union	Ohio Staters, Inc. Founders Room	Details Pending
4/7/2025 Mon	3:30 PM	5:00 PM Ohio Union	Sphinx Centennial Leadership Suite	Details Pending
4/14/2025 Mon	3:30 PM	5:00 PM Ohio Union	Sphinx Centennial Leadership Suite	Details Pending
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Guests included:

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- Ohio State University Dept. Of Public Safety, Police Chief Dennis Jeffrey and Monica Moll
- Center for the Study of Student Life, Erica Regan
- Student Health and Wellbeing, Ryan Lovell
- Counseling and Consultation Services, Mickey Sharma
- Student Life Conference and Event Management, Matthew Doyly
- Student Life Financial Management, Dan Huffman
- Student Organizations and Ohio Union, Jeff Pelletier
- Housing and Residence Education, Dining Services, Zia Ahmed
- Off-Campus and Commuter Student Services, Dilna Cama
- Sustainability, Tom Reeves



The Council on Student Affairs

Annual Report 2024 – 2025

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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 completed and approved the 2025/2026-2027/2028 Student Activity Fee Review, distributing the Student Activity Fee for the next three years. CSA also completed a Targeted Code of Student Conduct review, with updates to be implemented during the 2025/2026 AY. Lastly, CSA updated its Procedures, bringing them in line with current operational practices and ensuring transparency in the manner in which CSA operated. CSA had 16 minutes

The Issues Committee worked on issues within the Department of Public Safety, Student Health and Wellbeing, Counseling and Consultation Services, Student Life Financial Management, Student Life Conference and Event Management, Housing and Residence Education, Off-Campus and Commuter Student Services, and Sustainability.

Allocations gathered, reviewed, and implemented changes for Student Organization Guidelines and procedures. They also completed important work in administering the 4.5M

Student Activity Fee (SAF) and approving Programming Funding requests for the entire year.

Council on Student Affairs Membership

Voting Student Members	Affiliation
Peter Carrera	CGS (CSA Chair)
Kirsten Myers	USG (Allocations Chair)
Sunny Saini	USG (Issues)
Amay Kamath	USG
Bobby McAlpine	USG
Jack Meyer	USG
Abraham Haikal	USG
Krutant Mehta	CGS
Ashley Swisshelm	IPC (Issues Vice-Chair)
Sahana Prabhu	IPC (Allocations Vice-Chair)
Non Voting Members	
Dr. Melissa Shivers	Senior Vice President for Student Life
Dr. Danny Glassman	Dean of Students and AVP for Student Engagement and Support
Akua Nelson	CSA Secretary
Dr. Matt Couch	Associate Dean of Students
Elizabeth Rowles	CSA Fiscal Coordinator
Brittany Crall	OSU Business Manager
N/A	OUC, chair
Phil Yackee	Rec Sports, chair

Student Life Staff (Voting)	
Lorraine Pennymann	OSL, (CSA Vice-Chair)
David Miller	OSL

Faculty Members (Voting)	
Jennifer Wolfe	Faculty, Vice-Chair
Adam Fromme	Faculty
Mike Abito	Faculty
Harpreet Singh	Faculty
Deborah Gryzbowski	Faculty
Kenneth Madsen	Faculty

Allocations-only Members (Voting)	
Shruv Shah	OUAB
Peter Conser	Student Org Rep
N/A	Student Org Rep
Brooke Olson	OSL Staff

Issues-only Members (Voting)	
Jeremy Lavoie	USG
Satvik Gupta	USG

II. Issues Committee

This year the Issues Committee focused on several topics including, but not limited to, the newly formed Chase Center, Public Safety, Student Wellness, as well as Residence Life. 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 on how the University is making efforts to better address these issues. These conversations allowed CSA Issues to highlight areas that could be improved on and relay feedback back to the OSU body.

The Issues subcommittee met 8 times during the 2024-2025 school year, with a total time of around 14 hours. Additionally, the co-chairs met separately on a weekly basis.

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:

- Salmon P. Chase Center for Civics, Culture, and Society, Lee Strang
- Ohio State University Dept. Of Public Safety, Police Chief Dennis Jeffrey and Monica Moll
- Center for the Study of Student Life, Erica Regan
- Student Health and Wellbeing, Ryan Lovell
- Counseling and Consultation Services, Mickey Sharma
- Student Life Conference and Event Management, Matthew Doyly
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- Student Organizations and Ohio Union, Jeff Pelletier

Reports Heard by Issues Subcommittee

- Housing and Residence Education, Dining Services, Zia Ahmed
- Off-Campus and Commuter Student Services, Dilna Cama
- Sustainability, Tom Reeves

III. Allocations Committee

The CSA Allocations Committee is charged with administering the distribution of the Student Activity Fee, which generates roughly 4.5 million/year and covers. As laid out in the 2022-2025 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, as laid out in the 2022-2025 SAF Review: [2022 April SAF Review.docx](#).

Undergraduate, graduate, and professional student organizations may submit programming and operating applications received and reviewed according to CSA's Student Activity Fee distribution guidelines. For 2023-2024, New & Re-Established Student Organizations could apply for up to \$3,000/year for their programs while Established Student Organizations could apply for up to \$4,500/year. Student Organizations could also apply for Operating Funds up to \$500/year to help cover administrative costs. Prior to the 2023-2024 funding year, the Allocations Subcommittee identified multiple areas in the Programming and Operating application process with room for improvement through hearing directly from multiple student organization leaders and lived experience reviewing applications. Many changes were drafted and passed during a Full Council vote. Below are the changes for 2024-2025:

1. Separated the funding and registration portions into different sections of the guidelines
2. Organizations must follow a provided constitution template at the time of their registration
3. Renamed registration types to Active, Active-Established, Inactive, and Unregistered
4. Added Chapter-Based Community Organizations guidelines and requirements
5. Changed Center Cohort Programs to just Cohort Programs and clarified requirements
6. Changes to Operating Funds allowing subscriptions that assist the entirety of the club
7. Clarification and updated service trips for Programming Funds and what can be funded
8. Added study tables to non-fundable programming
9. Added details regarding Programming Fund audits and the process for reimbursement

The group reviewed 1502 Programming requests during Fall 2024 and Spring 2025, representing a 10.52% increase from the 1359 received during 2023-2024. Of these, 1149 were approved, either initially or through the appeals process, to host a Student Activity Fee-supported event. Approved requests totaled \$882,217.69, of this a total of \$410,104 were distributed. The group also oversaw 936 operating fund requests at a total of \$246,741.42. Of these, 325 were processed with a total of \$76,326.82 being distributed. The 3-4 small groups for Programming Funds met weekly during review periods. The entire

Allocations committee met biweekly to review appeals, funding requests, the Student Organizations Guidelines review, and other related information.

IV. Student Activity Fee Review 2025/2026-2027/2028

The most current [Student Activity Fee \(SAF\) Review may be found here](#) and here:



2025-2028 SAF
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2025 - 2028 SAF Review.docx

CSA created and charged a Student Activity Fee Committee to distribute the SAF for the 2025/2026-2027/2028 academic years as part of CSA's role as the sole administrative body for any student activity fees. The 2022-2023 SAF committee had a major goal of ensuring that unused SAF funds from Covid would be used to improve the student experience at OSU. Over the past three years this was extremely successful as the \$2.2 million surplus was nearly completely spent done (based on estimations) by the end of 2024-2025.

This year's SAF committee had a challenging goal as it had to oversee the change of distributing on average \$5.28 million annually (due to the surplus) to a base SAF revenue amount of \$4.55 million. Necessarily, this meant that overall funds distributed to beneficiaries would decrease. Nonetheless, the committee was committed to ensuring that funds would be distributed as well as possible and that additions over the past several years would continue if proven beneficial.

To this end the committee created its primary goals:

- Helping beneficiaries maintain their pre covid budgets
- Protecting beneficiary funding: Student Organization Line
 - By extension the Staffing: Student Org Coach Coordinator, RR: Student Org Coaches
- Limiting and stopping the gradual increase of fixed expenses
 - Over the past 10 years Staffing and other fixed expense beneficiaries increased significantly

CSA gathered all budgetary information for the past three years and planned budgets for the next year for all beneficiaries. Based on this information CSA began to distribute funds.

In accordance with CSA's procedures OUAB received 50% of total SAF revenue. After this some beneficiaries received flat reductions in the budget compared to the 2022/2023-2024/2025 budgets, while the majority received proportional reductions based on either their total budget or the difference between their 2022-2025 budget and their pre-covid budget occurred. Language was added to limit the total number

of full-time staff paid by the Staffing beneficiary line to 11. CSA considered all targeted beneficiary funding requests and blanketly denied all except those whose beneficiaries adjusted their budgets to incorporate them into their standard budgets. The SAF committee met with all Signature Funding applicants. 28 applications were received, 17 were repeat applicants and 11 were new. 14 of the repeat and 5 of the new applicants were funded. Funding amounts were determined in a way to (1) sustain repeat applicants to previous funding levels as much as possible given the decrease in funding and (2) best support new beneficiaries in the most crucial aspects of running their event or operation.

The Student Activity Fee review committee held 7 meetings a group, as well as 12 meetings with various student organizations and university departments, totaling over 20 hours, throughout 2024-2025 to review and distribute the SAF before submitting it to CSA. For full details please see the SAF Review on CSA's website.

V. Code of Student Conduct Review

The most current [Code of Student Conduct](#) may be found [here](#).

CSA created and charged a Code of Student Conduct Review Committee to update language within the Code of Student Conduct due to conflicting language between the Code and parts of University Rules. The purpose of the update is to improve the accuracy of the code, refer to defined language in other parts of the Rules, and to improve student outcomes for conduct processes. The committee created language to update the Code and made recommendation to the University Rules committee regarding language outside of the Code that related to student conduct. The University Senate and Rules committee gave feedback regarding CSA's recommendation regarding non Code language after which CSA voted to withdraw all recommendations. CSA kept all language updates for the Code of Student Conduct and votes to submit it to the University Senate for update. However, upon realization that a program review was being conducted on the University Conduct Board (UCB), CSA voted to make changes from this year permanent during the 25-26 AY after considering recommended updated made by UCB. The Code of Student Conduct Review Committee held 9 meetings as a group, totaling over 15 hours, throughout 2024-2025 to review and update the Code before submitting it to CSA.

Highlights of the Code Review Changes for implementation AY 25-26:

- Added language ensuring students are able to request administrative decisions in line with current UCB practices
- Added languages allowing students to request postponement of a hearing if necessary, if their desire is to complete a hearing as opposed to completing an administrative decision
- Added language referring to relevant University Rules sections

VI. Resolutions Passed

A Resolution to Redistribute the Student Activity Fee Carryforward

Approved 10/6/2025

A Resolution to Distribute the Student Activity Fee 2025/2026-2027/2028

Approved 4/21/2025; Approved 4/28/2025

A Resolution to Update the Council on Student Affairs Procedures

Approved 4/21/2025; Approved 4/28/2025

A Resolution to Update the Allocation Committee's Student Organization Guidelines and Procedures

Approved 4/28/2025