

# **COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS: Meeting Agenda**

## **Date and Attendance**

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

January 12, 2026

Attendance: Kirsten Myers, Matt Couch, Shaun Russell, Gabe Myers, Darren Nealy, Ryan Lovell, Brittany Crall, Sheri Klatt, David Miller, Jack Meyer, Joe Malinger, Aryav Yadapadithaya, Mohamed El Hamahmy, Hanniel Diaz Elizarraga, Mike Abito, Kenneth Madsen, Harpreet Singh, Maia Gardner, Akua Nelson, Jeff Pelletier

Guest Attendance: Josh Bodnar

Absent: Jennifer Wolfe, Jeffrey Liu, Jessica Asante-Tutu, Ashley Swisshelm

## **Old Business**

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (December 1, 2025)
  - a. Motion to approve by Shaun/Seconded by Aryav

## **New Business**

1. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Motion to approve by Darren/Seconded by Shaun
2. BuckID Presentation – Josh Bodnar
  - a. Last year celebrated 30 years of BuckID!
  - b. 60,000 cards and badges annually
    - i. Technology and systems for on-campus meal plans
    - ii. BuckID Cash and Dining Dollars
    - iii. Manages physical security and access control for all of student life
  - c. Began migration from magnetic strip (swipe) to secure NFC (tap)
    - i. Full transition of the OSU Wexner Medical Center onto BuckID (Medical Center BuckID)
    - ii. Completed security camera installations and upgrades in the residence halls (All residence hall are some level of security in place)
  - d. Future Directions
    - i. Investments in security technology
    - ii. Replace BASIS offline hotel locks in South Residential District (locks are over 15 years old - running their course)
    - iii. Continue to evaluate mobile credential technology (moving OSU towards 100% tap)
      1. Working toward getting BuckID in mobile wallets (no timeline for now)

- iv. Duke, Alabama, and others have these systems, and we are learning from those systems

e. Questions

i. Merchant Program

- 1. Always looking for partnerships; with high turnover, this is an on-going process.
- 2. Each month 1-2 merchants are approved; Students interested in merchants untapped, students can reach out with suggestions.

ii. Transition from Brass Keys

- 1. This is a longer process than tap/swipe access.
- 2. As renovations take place, then brass keys will be removed. Renovations should be full-scale for these removals.

iii. What is the vision for the digital BuckIDs?

- 1. Original use was for a visual representation of the physical card, especially for regional campuses
- 2. Beta testing is taking place for digital IDs to access taps

iv. What are the best practices for BuckID acquisition?

- 1. Building in BuckID into professional/graduate school orientations
- 2. Digital BuckIDs will help limit the need to physically come into the office.

v. What happens to the information when swiping/tapping?

- 1. Depends on the system – Student Life holds data for 7 years due to financial transactions like meal plans
- 2. Statistics are through FOD, location tracking that is not kept
- 3. Most data is used for retention information

vi. Would replacement fees increase due to the new technology?

- 1. No, fees would subside with mobile, physical cards would have a fee

vii. Would regional campus merchants grow?

- 1. Regional merchants historically do not do well with sales. Newark tends to give the best numbers, but it still isn't sustainable
- 2. Grubhub partnership has helped a lot – limitation is you have to use the app to place the order

viii. Is there a plan to transition the regional campus students to the tap ID technology?

- 1. Yes, there is less activity on those campuses, but the goal is to have all campuses on this system.

ix. Could folks have both the digital and physical credentials?

- 1. Most likely no, university policies call for everyone to only have one credential for security purposes. Also, the system can only support one form of technology, so that would be an entire overhaul for both systems

x. When will this come out?

1. Unsure, still working out logistics. Goal is to have new students access first with orientation cycle
2. Committees: Issues & Allocations
  - a. Issues – Joe M.
    - i. Last meeting before break – focused on CSA Operating Procedures
      1. Going through to get things up to date – any recommendations will be presented to full council at the end of semester
  - b. Allocations – Gabe M.
    - i. Spring 2 programming funding applications – reviews begin next tuesday
    - ii. Anticipating 500 requests for Spring 2
    - iii. Next meeting focus on guidelines – everyone tasked with review over break.
3. Student Government Updates
  - a. USG
    - i. Concern about Taylor Tower
  - b. CGS
    - i. No updates – first meeting of the semester is Friday
    - ii. Hayes Research Forum – March 6th
  - c. IPC
    - i. First meeting Sunday Night
    - ii. Signature Events – Professional Summit, Drag Show (February)
4. Office of Student Life (Updates from Ryan Lovell)
  - a. Taylor Tower
    - i. Significant water issue on Saturday morning
    - ii. Taylor will be closed for Spring
    - iii. Students are being relocated – options are being offered to stay on campus or opt out of housing contract, monetary options, hotel accommodations to house students who don't have temporary housing.
    - iv. Not every room was impacted by the flood; elevators and infrastructure are water damaged which was more of a concern.
    - v. Not every roommate group will stay together; goal is to student students housed
    - vi. RAs are receiving similar accommodations; RAs will still have their assistantships in some capacity
    - vii. Will there be increased focus on looking at these older residence halls?
      1. Yes and no, we are constantly accessing buildings. We are so large that it is difficult to take buildings offline when folks need rooms.
    - viii. Can these students return for second year housing?
      1. With the second-year requirement, we need to circle back.
  - b. Winter Recess – staff and student staff able to take some time off and close buildings down or limited hours
  - c. Dr. Gladys Gibbs (Student Health Services) has retired!
  - d. Involvement Fair taking place next week

5. Update on Code of Student Conduct
  - a. One meeting last semester – targeted review taking place this semester
  - b. Meetings set for 10 to 11 on Fridays – trying to finish this quickly to present to full-council.
6. Questions Brainstorm for STEP
  - a. Second-year Transition Educational Program
  - b. What is the breakdown of the types of projects are presented?
  - c. What does the communication look like for students and their financial aid?
  - d. What are the opportunities for regional campuses? Is funding an issue?
  - e. How are the STEP classes standardized?
  - f. What are trainings for the STEP mentors?
  - g. How to identify a program as a PDC?
7. Open Floor/Announcements/Questions
  - a. Kirsten will send email updates earlier this week.
  - b. Next Full Council – February 2, 2026
8. Adjournment
  - a. Motion to adjourn by Aryav/Seconded by Gabe