

COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS: Meeting Minutes

Date and Attendance

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

April 20, 2026

Attendance: Kirsten Myers, Gabe Myers, Joe Malinger, Aryav Yadapadithaya, Darren Nealy, Chris Cade, Ryan Lovell, Jeff Pelletier, Brittany Crall, Matt Couch, Sheri Klatt, Harpreet Singh, Kenneth Madsen, Jennifer Wolfe, David Miller, Shaun Russell, Mohamed El Hamahmy

Absent: Jessica Asante-Tutu, Jack Meyer, Hanniel Diaz Elizarraga, Jeffery Liu, Ashley Swisshelm, Mike Abito, Maia Gardner

Old Business

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (April 6, 2026)
2. Motion to approve by Gabe Myers/Seconded by Joe Malinger

New Business

1. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Motion to approve by Gabe Myers/Seconded by Joe Malinger
2. Committees: Issues & Allocations
 - a. Issues (Joe Malinger) – approved all proposed changes for the CSA Operating Procedures to move forward to the full council
 - b. Allocations (Gabe Myers) – 30 requests heard, 26 approved; first round of appeals to be heard April 24, second round May 2-7 if necessary; funding guidelines posted and in effect; registration guidelines approved last week in Allocations, to be discussed today; may be some communications with the Allocations Committee/full council over the summer
3. Student Government Updates
 - a. USG (Chris Cade, new USG president) – Chris and Isaiah Nire now officially in place and senior staff selected
 - b. CGS (Gabe Myers) – Transitions still happening; 70th anniversary event on April 15 went well
 - c. IPC (Joe Malinger) – Had its final senate meeting of the year on 4/19; hosting Inter-Professional Summit for 60 students across the colleges; introduced new VP Megan Dougherty
4. Office of Student Life (Updates from Ryan Lovell):
 - a. Discussed altercation at Lincoln Turf Fields between 2 non-affiliates that tragically resulted in a death; some new safety and security protocols in place until end of the year, then will take a longer look for the months ahead; balance between this being an accessible public university and needing to keep facilities safe; Out of the Darkness Suicide Prevention Walk last Thursday went well; Community Block Party on 4/24, Carnival on 4/23, Reading Day next week,

OUABreakfast on 4/28; Thanks for your service to all those cycling off of CSA, you left it better than you found it.

5. OUAB End of Year Presentation (Camila Gonzalez Espitia):

- a. Over 100 events including Grad/Prof, over 18K attendees, 28 collaborations with other organizations; 11 exec board members, 6 chair positions, 73 general members, 44 new members
- b. Pilot program with OUABonus – partnership with D-Tix to get access to ticketed events in the Columbus area; collaborations with Nike UMove and Google Gemini in AU25 and partnership with NBCUniversal in SP26; advising changes – welcomed Alex Wenglein, farewell Ashley Grayson
- c. Comedy – Open Mic Night, Ego Nwodin, Whose Line, OUABroski Report, Emil Wakim & Danish Maqbool
- d. Concerts – Karaoke nights, Ravyn Lenae, Buckeye Beatbox collab with Galush Music, Jazz Speakeasy, Bring Back 2016 Karaoke Night, Big Spring Fest
- e. Lectures – Marlee Matlin collab with Deaf Hearing Club, Elevating Success with Olandria Carthen
- f. Special Events – Homecoming Fest, Halloween Craft Night and Haunted House, Grad Cap Craft Night, Paint and Sip, Glow Night
- g. Spirit and Traditions – Welcome Week OUABlock Party, Homecoming Parade, Buckeye Nation Week event with Archie Griffin, Fall Candlelight, Welcome Back Brunch, Buckeye Nation Week spring, OUABall, Dining Hall Crawl, Spring Candlelight
- h. VFA – Flicks for Free, Poetry Slam, Book Carnival, Turn up the Twang, A Night at the Museum
- i. Grad/Prof Programming – Social Engagement Programs, Professional Growth Series, Personal Enrichment Programs, Special Events (Valentine’s Day Ball, G/P Picnic, Night with Cameron Heyward), Family Programming
- j. OUABonus – Hannah Berner comedy, Demi Lovato, Luke Combs – Big Time Rush and Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo were cancelled; over 3500 tickets for these events
- k. Questions:
 - i. What happens with budget when an event gets cancelled?
 1. A: Funds committed to that event are reallocated to other events.
 - ii. What was Cami’s favorite event?
 1. A: Turn up the Twang line dancing lessons
- l. Cami will return to OUAB exec as Special Events Committee Director and has started working as an Ohio Union Building Manager

6. Council Chair Elections –

- a. Gabe Myers was nominated during the last meeting; no other nominations; Gabe’s 3rd year on CSA; was Issues chair, co-chaired Code review, helped out last year on SAF review, this year served as Allocations chair; Gabe elected by unanimous consent.

7. Student Organization Registration Guidelines Vote

- a. Gabe presented the proposed changes to the registration guidelines - Mostly just clarifications on how the registration windows work, process for creating new organizations, updated registration statuses including the addition of Archival status, conditions for regional campus student involvement, explanations about officer training requirements, naming of student organizations, information required in constitutions, exemption for student governments on constitution format and dissolution requirements that apply to other organizations
 - b. Question: What was the previous rule on regional campus participation?
 - i. A: Organizations could include regional campus students up to 10% of their membership; wording change is just more explicit
 - c. Motion to approve (Joe moved/Gabe seconded) – approved by unanimous consent; thanks to everyone on Allocations who spent all year working on the registration and funding guidelines and all the programming funds requests
- 8. Code of Student Conduct Update –
 - a. Senate Steering determined that the proposed changes needed more input from the student governments before moving forward; plan is to spend time socializing with constituencies then resume approval process in the fall
- 9. Open Floor/Announcements/Questions
 - a. Kirsten thanks everyone for their service to CSA; Matt thanks Kirsten and recognizes those who are rolling off
- 10. Adjournment
 - a. Motion to adjourn by Gabe/Seconded by Joe