COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS
Full Council
MEETING MINUTES
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM
October 5, 2026
Sphinx Centennial Leadership Suite – Ohio Union
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Present: Maia Gardner, Chris Cade, Isaiah Nire, Sharika Thaploo, Kira King, Sripaal Godavarthi, Ryan Lovell, Shaun Russell, Sheri Klatt, Gabe Myers, David Miller, Matt Couch, Helena Rempala, Mohamed El Hamahmy, Darren Nealy, Ayah Aldosari, Brittany Crall, Jonathan Combs-Schilling, Jeff Pelletier, Victor Espinosa (for Kenneth Madsen), Megan Dougherty, Angad Dhillon

Absent: Alvin Antony Chungath, Jennifer Wolfe

Old Business

1. Approval of Minutes
    a. Motion to approve by Chris Cade / Seconded by Sharika Thaploo

New Business

1. Approval of Agenda
    a. Motion to approve by Chris Cade / Seconded by Kira King
2. Chair Updates
    a. Received feedback from student governments on Code updates
3. Committee Updates
    a. Issues (Sharika)
        i. Decided to invite Buckeye Commons, Student Health Insurance, Student Advocacy, Student Health Services, and Housing & Residence Education to make presentations to the Full Council,
        ii. Also plan invite people to issues meetings such as Student Conduct and Off Campus and Commuter Student Engagement.
    b. Allocations (Gabe)
        i. Gabi is now Allocations chair.
        ii. Finished program funding requests and following up with those that were denied.
4. Student Government Updates
    a. USG (Chris Cade)
        i. Should have updates by Wednesday. Just busy with a lot, university policy review committee presenting, getting tracks for 18th & Thompson upcoming.
    b. CGS (Gabe)
        i. Had delegate meeting on Friday since fall elections. Have over 100 delegates – the most since covid.

c. IPC (Megan)
    i. Inducted new IPC senators.
    ii. Voted on resolution funding rubric.
    iii. Still getting into the swing of fall semester

5. Office of Student Life Updates (Ryan)
    a. Univ President informed residential, housing, dining and recreation changes coming under the president's goal. 3 keys elements of the student's experience.
    b. Homecoming week!
        i. Parade coming up on Friday – going thru Med campus.
        ii. Family Fall Tailgating on Saturday
        iii. Busy weekend of activities
        iv. Had issues with water in the TW Davis gym – water got under the floor. That gym will be taken offline for replacement through December. There will be one court still accessible.
6. Discussion on the Status of the Ohio Union Council and University Recreational Sports Committee – Starting the process of evaluation these committees and
    a. Matt Couch – OUC
        i. Started discussions with the university about what's been happening with the OUC and about bringing it back to CSA, as well as Rec Sports Committee this year.
        ii. Tracy Stuck explored reactivating it – focusing on policy and events. After a few years of a lot of activity (monthly meetings), the nature of the meetings shifted from active participation to a more passive delivery of updates. Then meetings went to twice per semester, and attendance started to fluctuate, so ultimately became more about discussion than action. Spring semester of 2024 was the last time the council met and decided to take a break to reassess the council's purpose. The last couple of summers about what should be done with the group since it hasn't been needed as it used to be, but it must be something voted on after knowing what the needs are and how it can be utilized or reconceived in a way.
        iii. Similar conversations have happened with regards to the Rec Sports Committee.
        iv. Questions to address: What are the areas of interest or concern related to the Ohio Union. Thinking about how to reinvigorate the OU Council. Maybe making these councils sub-committees under CSA.
    b. Marci Shumaker – URSC
        i. Rec Sports has been attending URSC meetings and that committee was created to assist with building facilities and have a lot of student engagement. Also, they were able to develop programming as faculty, staff, and students paid fees. Attendance has decreased and it's hard to get people to come out. They meet 2xs in fall and 2xs in the Spring. They stress constituency feedback, but they don't get much feedback. They give updates about data and program areas. Students do not vote on the Rec

Sports fees that students pay. They want a change within the group to make the mission more improved.

c. Questions/Answers
    i. Q: True that these groups are focused on policy and administration? Do they have administrative power?
        1. A: Correct - they do not have administrative power.
    ii. Q: How often are there changes in who receives an office?
        1. A: It's an annual process.
    iii. Suggestion: It may be more productive to combine these committees together. And may make it a subcommittee under Student Activities, rather than putting it under CSA.
    iv. Suggestion: It should first be decided if either of the committees provide something that is necessary. If so, that can then be decided upon how they are incorporated.
    v. Suggestion: But is there a need for these committees? The needs can still be addressed but it's a bad idea if there is nothing being done with them.
    vi. Suggestion: Is there a capacity for these committees on an as-needed basis? So, concerns can be addressed when there's a need (ad hoc) but folding them into the Issues committee.
    vii. Q: What are some of the issues brought up in these meetings?
        1. A: USRC most recently decided that there was a space being previously used as a skate park but decided that the space was unsafe and it could be removed.
        2. A: OUC – there hasn't been any recent "issues" for a couple of years and the only thing that's been brought up is if there should be appointments to the vacant offices. Since there hasn't been a council, CSA has been the place for any issues/questions.
    viii. Suggestion: Maybe a survey can be sent out to re-engage students to re-evaluate if there is a need for these committees.
    ix. Shaun Russell suggests bringing them under the Issues committee.
    x. Chris Cade likes the idea of a survey and maybe using them as an ad hoc committee.
    xi. Q: What has been done to reach out to the students?
        1. A: USRC sends out emails/surveys and gets a lot of feedback.
        2. A: OUC has a website that allows anyone to submit feedback/suggestion or questions. They also get info about things on their social media as well.
    xii. Suggestion: Maybe a big survey can be sent out to student employees about both Rec Sports and the Ohio Union so that any issues/concerns can be addressed. Is there anything that we can attach ourselves to instead of sending out a new survey to not over-surveying students.
    xiii. Q: What are thoughts on next steps?

1. A: Maybe establishing the purpose of both committees, sending out a survey, deciding on making them an ad hoc/subcommittee.

xiv. Q: What's the timeline?

1. A: No specific deadline, just ultimately looking for some sort of decision on their existence.

xv. Suggestion: Need to check the faculty rules to make sure we're abiding by rules and meeting required deadlines.

7. Open Floor/Announcements/Questions
8. Adjournment
    a. Motion to adjourn by Chris Cade /Seconded by Shaun Russell