

COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS: Meeting Minutes

Date and Attendance

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

October 20, 2025

Attendance: Kirsten Myers, Joe Malinger, Gabe Myers, Shaun Russell, Hanniel Diaz Elizarraga, Darren Nealy, Sherri Klatt, Brittany Crall, Ryan Lovell, Matt Couch, Jack Meyer, Jeff Pelletier, Mike Abito, Harpreet Singh, Kenneth Madsen, Jessica Asante-Tutu, Ashley Swisshelm, Aryav Yadapadithaya, Mohamed El Hamahmy

Guest: Chief of Police, Dennis Jeffrey

Absent: Jennifer Wolfe, Oluwadamilola Salau

Old Business

1. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
2. **Motion to approve by Hanniel/Seconded by Gabe**

New Business

1. **Approval of Agenda**
 - a. **Motion to approve by Joe/Seconded by Hanniel**
2. **Presentation: OSU Police (3:40-4:10 pm)**
 - a. **Chief Dennis Jeffrey**
 - i. **69 police officers with full police status – Goal is to end the year with 75 - officers, some in-training now. Five-year plan to get 90 officers.**
 - ii. **Joint-Patrol with Columbus Police**
 - iii. **Special response team works well with large events like football games and commencements**
 - iv. **In December – drone response initiative going out to embrace technology and increase response time**
 - v. **Ride-Along's are offered**
 - b. **Questions**
 - i. **Squad car parked outside of Gateway – is that a permanent fixture? Why?**
 1. **OSUPD took this over in January to support Columbus PD in this area. About 5-7 shoplifting occurrences happen a day in or near the Barnes and Noble.**
 2. **OSUPD is also working to open a sub-station in the old compliance building in January (11th & High) - to increase presence and accessibility for the community**
 - ii. **What are some frequently asked questions from parents?**
 1. **Is campus safe?**
 - a. **We speak about jurisdictions and geographic locations**

- b. Who do we call?
 - iii. Buckeye Alerts
 - 1. How do you determine what is sent through the system or not?
 - a. Weigh alerts based on immediate danger to the campus community
 - 2. Alerts are not used for off-campus threats. Communication with Columbus police is important with this gaps.
 - iv. Outreach with Students
 - 1. What programming has happened to connect with students?
 - a. Self-defense training
 - b. Open house initiatives
 - v. Training aligns with OSU requirements
 - 1. POD is the required training for officers. There is a lot of mental health and crisis training
 - 2. Additional training through CIT supports this training as well. Goal is to help officers understand mental health and crisis but are not meant to replace the need for medical/mental health professionals.
 - vi. Messaging Response to Climate
 - 1. Community engagement team to speak to the community at large
 - 2. Officers are more on bikes than cruisers to break the stigma
 - 3. As far as protests, officers try to work with the community to gauge threat before just acting.
 - 4. Activism team meant to support the recent changes to policy. Goal isn't to arrest but to keep folks safe.
 - vii. Trends in the community
 - 1. Uptick of juvenile gun violence in general not necessarily at OSU.
 - 2. Difficult to keep track of with OSU being located in a major city
 - viii. Regional Campus Engagement
 - 1. Each officer on a regional campus, at least one at each campus
 - ix. Why 90 officer goal?
 - 1. Best practice for officer ratio
 - 2. OSU is lower than most Big Ten schools
 - x. How is success measured?
 - 1. Scorecard – response time (5 minutes), solvability for crimes, level of contacts with individuals.
- 3. Committees: Issues & Allocations
 - a. Issues – Joe Malinger & Jack Meyer
 - i. Started confirming presentations with several departments
 - b. Allocations – Gabe Myers
 - i. 466 initial appeals
 - ii. 100 first round appeals
 - iii. 20 second round appeals – Fall II will be completed today.

4. Student Government Updates
 - a. USG – Jessica Asante-Tutu
 - i. Transitions are going well
 - ii. Open to communication as this new administration begins
 - b. CGS – Kirsten Meyers
 - i. Special elections for Senators
 - ii. One more seat is open in CGS
 - iii. Attended the Off-Campus Living Expo
 - iv. Working on a asynchronous day of learning for Election Day (USG has already supported)
 - c. IPC – Joe Malinger
 - i. New senator orientation (13 new senators trained)
 - ii. Cookie Days for Funding
 - iii. Voting on first batch of student org resolutions
5. Office of Student Life (Update from Ryan Lovell)
 - a. Tomorrow – Big Table, city-wide initiative for discussions about community
 - b. South Oval – Greek Shriek! From 5-7 pm on October 28th.
 - c. Brutus' 60th birthday on Wednesday, October 29th at 5:30 PM. - Hoping to Break a Guinness Book of World Record!
 - d. Ohio Union – Hosting a Naturalization Event, on October 21st
6. Vice Chair Election - Tabled
7. Fall 2 Full Council Appeals
 - a. Completed all 20 appeals with one decision pending for Monday (27th) review.
8. Open Floor/Announcements/Questions
 - a. Tori Rehr will be joining next Full Council Meeting
9. Adjournment
 - a. Motion to adjourn by Hanniel/Seconded by Joe