

COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS: Meeting Minutes

Date and Attendance:

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

February 3, 2025

Attendance: Peter Carrera, Lorraine Pennyman, Matt Couch, Mike Abito, Brittany Crall, David Miller, Sahana Prabha, Sunny Sani, Kenneth Madsen, Danny Glassmann, Elizabeth Rowles, Jennifer Wolfe, Adam Fromme, Kirsten Myers, Ashley Swisshelm, Harpreet Singh, Bobby McAlpine, Deborah Grzybowski, Sherry Klatt

Guest Attendance: Erica Regan

Absent:

Old Business

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (January 13, 2025)
2. Motion to approve by Sahana/Seconded by Sunny

New Business

1. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Motion to approve by Sunny/Seconded by Sahana
2. Land Acknowledgement: earthworks.osu.edu/land
3. Allocations – Kirsten Myers
 - a. Funding application closed February 1st; Review should be completed March 1st
 - b. About 400 to review; meetings will be established this evening
 - c. Guidelines will be updated; Attendance will also be taken more consistently
4. Guest Speaker: Erica Regan, PhD, Center for the Study of Student Life (CSSL)
 - a. Student Life's research and assessment office
 - b. What is the size and scope of the Center?
 - i. Studentlife.osu.edu/about
 - ii. CSSL structure maps to Student Life Organizational Structure
 1. Student Life
 - a. 5000+ individuals
 - b. 60 GAs
 - c. 4600 student employees
 - c. What does CSSL do?
 - i. To support Student Life and its departments to tell their story through data:
 1. Data collection from surveys. Focus groups, narratives, interviews – Quantitative and Qualitative
 2. Reports and visualizations
 - a. PDF reports, dashboards, one-page data summaries, SL Impact Report, SL Strategic Plan, Presentations
 3. Support department, division, and university initiatives

- a. Mental health commission, university health and well-being strategic plan
 - ii. Data Collection Research Methods
 - 1. Daily diary study
 - a. Having students report what they did every day. Insight into habits, feelings, and the first few weeks of a student's semester.
 - 2. Swipes
 - a. Collection varies based on use. So think of fairs, or events where you swipe in, not necessarily residence halls or dining halls
 - iii. Data Sources
 - 1. Operational data
 - 2. Multi-institutional studies
 - 3. Ohio State studies
 - iv. Education and Training
 - 1. Qualtrics Program User Training
 - 2. Student Life assessment Community (SLAC)
 - 3. Student Life Data Analyst Community of Practice
 - v. Department Program Review
 - 1. Central purpose, goals, strengths, and growth opportunities
 - vi. Data in action
 - 1. Real time information through wellness assessment and leadership education needs assessment
 - d. How are demographics determined?
 - i. Looking at characteristics like sex, grade year, etc.
 - e. How many students are engaging with surveys? How do you prepare for that?
 - i. 20 percent response rates are promising!
 - ii. Limitations (i.e. skewness) are considered when providing surveys to students
 - iii. Weight and other methods are used to offset limitations
 - iv. BuckeyeInsights is a great way work with students who want to engage, whether they are super involved or not.
 - f. Can students submit recommendations for study topics?
 - i. Not at the moment, there may be a capacity issue
5. Committees: Issues & Allocations
 - a. Issues – Sunny Saini
 - i. Focused on Housing and Dining
 - 1. Any questions?
 - a. Questions circling around the recent housing issues.
 - b. Is there a form for students to voice concerns about food safety, foodborne illness?
 - c. Once the report is made, how quickly does the impacted dining hall adjust and what is done with that data?
 - ii. Next full council meeting with Wellness and Counseling and Consultation

1. How will Counseling and Consultation adjust to the recent changes in legislation to still support students from diverse backgrounds?
 2. What kind of engagement have you seen from parents and families?
 3. What have you been able to accomplish with the funding?
 4. Any updates about embedded counselors?
 5. What does the networking look like for the regional campuses?
 6. Student advocacy and risk management?
 7. What does the pipeline look like for students who need more intensive care?
 8. Monda Resource Center?
 9. Collaboration
6. Student Government Updates
- a. USG
 - i. Targeted beneficiary money to be repurposed for other uses.
 - ii. Next full council meeting: USG should present their plan for these funds
 - iii. Still waiting for a regional campus representative – language in by-laws will be adjusted so that USG does not need to appoint a student
 - b. CGS
 - i. Newsletter being sent this week – an update on SB101 (Bathroom Bill) and software changes for Microsoft and Adobe
 - ii. Delegate meeting next week
 - c. IPC
 - i. Working on guidelines – hoping to be published at the end of month/March
 - ii. Professional Summit and Drag Show is upcoming
7. Office of Student Life (Updates from Dean Glassmann)
- a. Student Life is working on SB101 changes as well
 - b. Parent and Family Group serve as focus group to get feedback from
 - c. Around the Oval is February 6th
 - i. Student Life leadership along with OSU leadership to discuss
 - d. Buckeyethon is this Saturday
 - e. Taste of OSU – activity fee signature event
 - i. Regional campuses will be joining!
 - ii. February 14th
8. SAF
- a. Extension of Signature Events application deadline to 2/16
 - b. Roster nearly finalized, intro email to be sent this week
9. Update on 2024-2025 programming and operating funds
- a. In a good place for programming funds
10. Code of Student Conduct
- i. Presented to faculty council on 2/6
 - ii. Work was done last semester
11. Around the Oval 2/6
- a. Email will be sent to full council with ATO email

- b. Land Acknowledgement University Wide
 - c. Student Living Wages
 - i. Comparing wages to Big Ten universities
 - ii. Community wages compared to university wages
 - iii. Staff wages compared to student wages
 - iv. How does tuition compare with the universities who pay students more?
 - 1. Is the tuition higher or lower than OSU?
12. Open Floor/Announcements/Questions
13. Adjournment
- a. Motion to adjourn by Sahana/Seconded by Sunny