

COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS: Meeting Minutes

Date and Attendance

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

February 17, 2025

Attendance: Peter Carrera, Sahana Prabhu, Sunny Sani, Elizabeth Rowles, Sherry Platt, Adam Fromme, Abraham Haikal, Bobby McAlpine, David Miller, Ashley Swisshelm, Matt Couch, Kenneth Madsen, Deborah Grzybowski, Kirsten Myers, Jack Meyer, Mike Abito, Brittany Crall

Guest Attendance: Ryan Lovell, Dr. Mickey Sharma

Absent:

Old Business

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (February 3, 2025)
2. Motion to approve by Peter/Seconded by Sahana

New Business

1. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Motion to approve by Sunny/Seconded by Sahana
2. Land Acknowledgement: earthworks.osu.edu/land
 - a. Dr. Shivers has meet with new Vice Provost to discuss a university-wide Land Acknowledgement – Peter will follow up in the coming weeks.
3. Allocations – Kirsten Myers
 - a. Review for all requests have begun – New members have joined
 - b. Guideline review has started as well.
3. Speaker - SL Wellness, Counseling & Consultation Services (Ryan Lovell and Dr. Micky Sharma)
 - a. Health and well-being
 - i. Multi-Modal Approach
 1. Centered around the 10 Dimensions of Wellness
 - ii. Rec Sports
 1. Greatly impacted by COVID-19, working to get back to before pandemic.
 2. About 47,000 student using facilities. There have been positive use increases so far
 - iii. Student Wellness & Student Health Services
 1. SHS – expanded needed clinical services offered to students that are financially sustainable to SHS
 - a. Optometry has moved, allowing more resources to move in for students in the coming years.
 2. SWC – Expanding with the Monda Student Resource Center (MSRC) to provide food, hygiene products, clothing, emergency grants, and safety devices – Will open April 2025, located in the Youkin Resource Center
 - iv. Risk and Emergency Management
 1. Responds anytime we have a crises or trauma.

2. Training, marketing, and coordination of Freedom of Expression and Engagement Team
3. Wide range of issues based on collaboration
- v. Student Advocacy Center
 1. Collaborative work with other areas on campus.
 2. Analyze pre- and post- pandemic data related to caseload issues, emergency funding requests, and referral resources.
 - a. Emergency funds - \$118K for last year.
- vi. Counseling and Consultation
 1. Successfully launch and integrate Uwill and Welltrack Boost
 - a. Through HB33 Funding – awarded over \$150 in grants
 - i. Teletherapy through 25-26 Academic Year
 - ii. Graduate Teaching Assistants
 - iii. Direct Mental Health Support Grants
 - iv. Accommodation Support for Mental Health
 - v. Student Organization Wellness Ambassadors
 - vi. MSRC Student Support
 - vii. Biofeedback Equipment and Software
 - viii. Digital Mental Health Modules
 2. Menu of support options
 - a. Mild, Moderate, and Severe levels
 - i. Acuity based model – looking at each student and what they need at that moment.
 1. <https://ccs.osu.edu/services/on-demand-services>
 - b. Support for Family and Loved Ones
 - i. Once a month a family and parent workshop to focus on how to best support students and learning about mental health services for students
 - ii. Families do call – counselors, if available, will speak to families without breaking confidentiality
 - iii. Family and Loved Ones section on [CCS website](#)
 1. Presentations during orientations
 - c. Regional Campuses
 - i. Each campus has counselors – but all regional campus students can access Columbus counselors
 1. Wooster’s counselor is embedded in the Columbus team.
 2. Question: Is this being advertised to students at the regional campuses?
 - a. The focus is for students to take advantage of what is on their campus, but when needed the extension to the Columbus campus is encouraged.

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 - ii. All regional campus students can engage with drop in workshops, ProtoCall, UWill and Well track boost.
 1. UWill is treatment; Well track is support and accountability
 - iii. Consultation and collaboration – frequently happens
 - iv. OSU Newark – UWill is shared at orientation and RAs are advertising a lot. UWill & CCS services are advertised around the school through posters, and there’s a mental health group here that shares those resources regularly.
 - v. Bobby McAlpine and VP – speaking with regionals about what they are plugged into resources and what they may still need. Goal is to grow the connection with regionals
- d. Supporting all Students
 - i. First generation students and first-generation student/staff - intentional hiring has been done to reflect the campus population.
 - ii. Question/Statement: There should be better clarity for students to understand they do not need to stay with a CCS therapist when there is not a goodness of fit.
 1. There needs to be accountability between the student and the therapist.
- e. Embedded locations – in 2011 (0), in 2025 (18)
 - i. <https://ccs.osu.edu/outreach-and-education/outreach/embedded-clinicians>
 - ii. Med school and vet med have outside clinicians
- vii. Questions:
 1. How are physician shortages being addressed?
 - a. SHS is pretty good on the staffing side
 - b. OBGYN tends to be backed up due to lower employment rates versus campus need.
4. Committees: Issues & Allocations
 - a. Issues – Sunny Sani
 - i. Prep for next speaker
 1. Conference & Event Management
 2. <https://studentlife.osu.edu/admin-services/events-and-conferences>
 3. <https://studentlife.osu.edu/people/matthew-doyly/>
 4. Have you had any changes to your policies?
 5. When it comes to food and beverages, do you have any way to highlight general meals as halal etc.

6. How many student orgs work with you over the course of a semester?
 7. With the uptick with infectious diseases, how are you adjusting your policies?
5. Student Government Updates
 - a. USG
 - i. Top priorities
 1. Gaining opinions about SB1 from students. - Survey was sent (2,000 responses) in addition to SB83.
 - a. Bobby and team went to the State House to advocate for students. Letter writing event will be held to send letters to Governor Dewine.
 2. Elections starting in March, Inauguration in April
 - ii. Original CSA request for doorbells
 1. With more and more challenges, USG proposes to change their request from video doorbells to general safety devices like bike locks, door locks, self-defense key chains, etc.
 2. Questions
 - a. Could USG provide a PO's/logistics for these items to ensure this money will be used and students receive these items.
 - i. Yes, logistics can and will be provided. POs may not be an option, but understand where this concern is coming from.
 - b. Is there a tracking process to ensure students aren't receiving too many or missing students?
 - i. Yes, the items are tracked and contracts are signed to absolve USG from legal issues.
 3. Motion to approve three options
 - a. Option 1: to approve, and Bobby return with logistics
 - i. Motion to approve – Deborah, seconded by Bobby
 1. Approved by the council
 - b. Option 2: Bobby brings back logistics before approvals
 - i. Motion to approve - Sunny
 - c. Option 3: Denial of request
- b. CGS
 - i. Delegate meeting to be held on 3/7. Elections for officers and nominations for senators are upcoming
- c. IPC
 - i. Updates from last meeting
 1. Working on guidelines – hoping to be published at the end of month/March
 2. Professional Summit and Drag Show is upcoming
6. Office of Student Life - Updates from Matt Couch

- a. I wanted to acknowledge Black History Month, and as we reflect on pioneering members of the African American community, I wanted to share a little bit about David Williams, our first African American Vice President of Student Affairs at Ohio State. He was previously a member of the law faculty and then served as VP/SA from 1993 to 2000. In that capacity, he oversaw everything we now know as Student Life but also the Department of Athletics. He left OSU in 2000 to become Vice Chancellor, General Counsel, and Secretary of Vanderbilt University, Vanderbilt's first African American in that role. His scope expanded to include student affairs and athletics, eventually becoming the Vice Chancellor for Athletics and University Affairs and Athletics Director, making him the first African American athletics director in the Southeastern Conference. Mr. Williams passed away in 2019.
 - b. We hope everyone encountered a little extra kindness this month as part of OSU's Buckeye Love/Share Kindness initiatives that began in early February.
 - c. Congratulations are in order for all those who participated in any way in BuckeyeThon this year. At their Dance Marathon on Feb. 8, they announced that they had raised \$853,710.13, which pushes their all-time fundraising total up over \$15 million since their first Dance Marathon in 2002.
 - d. We were very pleased with the success of Taste of OSU, a SAF-funded Signature Event, on Feb. 14. Thousands of students enjoyed the food and performances, and we were excited about a really nice turnout from the regional campuses at Mansfield, Marion, and Lima, who utilized our bus transportation. Thanks again to Akua for coordinating the buses!
7. Student Conduct Update from Peter
- a. Feedback: It does not fully protect students who choose to proceed with the code case. Recommendation is to update the language to allow a sequential jurisdiction
 - i. Voting should take place next meeting
8. OSU Preparation and Response to legislation and executive action
- a. <https://oncampus.osu.edu/learn-more/legislative-info>
 - b. Review: An Update from University Leadership (emailed 2/12)
 - c. [Department of Education Guidelines](#)
 - d. Senate Bill 1
 - i. A number of NSF grants have been flagged using key words and funding paused.
 - ii. Eight hours of testimony took place last week at the Senate from hundreds of students.
 - 1. CGS will work on a statement as the bill transitions to the House.
 - iii. President Carter is working with Dewine and the bill originator – confidence in Carter to advocate for the university.
 - iv. What is CSA's role?
 - 1. Unknown at the moment, because certain funding may be at stake, CSA needs to be proactive in what is approved to ensure work can still be done.
 - v. <https://www.ed.gov/media/document/dear-colleague-letter-sffa-v-harvard-109506.pdf>

9. Open Floor/Announcements/Questions

10. Adjournment

a. **Motion to adjourn by Peter/Seconded by Sahana**