

# COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS: Meeting Agenda

## Date and Attendance

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

April 15, 2024

Attendance: Peter Carrera, Krutant Mehta, Kirsten Myers, Sheridan Tassej, Alison Armstrong, Adam Fromme, Brittany Crall, Akua Nelson, Matt Couch, Bobby McAlpine, Jack Tumulty, Michelle Beverly

Absent: Annie Maxwell, Danny Glassmann, Lorraine Pennyman, Brooke Olson, Anthony Alatalo, Ayah Aldosari, Emily Buck, Hawwii Asoba, Deborah Grzybowski, Jordan Kalthoff, Elizabeth Rowles

## Old Business


1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (March 25, 2024)
2. Motion to approve by Alison/Seconded by Sheridan

## New Business

1. Approval of Agenda
  - a. Motion to approve by Alison/Seconded by Sheridan
2. Land Acknowledgement: [earthworks.osu.edu/land](http://earthworks.osu.edu/land)
  - a. **Eclipse Reflection**
3. Student Legal Services, Frank Kremer, Chief Council of Civil Team
  - a. **Student Legal Services Presentation**
  - b. **@Ohiostatelawyers**
  - c. **9 Full time lawyers on the team; 5 paralegals, handful of law clerks**
  - d. **Student Legal Services**
    - i. **3<sup>rd</sup> party non-profit contracted by the university**
    - ii. **Students coming in can have confidence knowing whatever they share will not be shared without their consent.**
    - iii. **Connected to Bowling Green, Kent State, and Wright State; Reciprocity with Toledo and Ohio University if students have issues at these schools.**
    - iv. **Direct legal advice with about 5,000 average a year**
    - v. **Issues covered through SLS**
      1. **Off-campus Housing**
        - a. **Assists with security deposits, repairs, conditions, lease review, termination, evictions, utilities, safety.**
          - i. **Lease reviews – highly encouraged for students!**
        - b. **Legal services cannot assist with OSU on-campus; resources will be offered.**
      2. **Criminal Misdemeanors**
        - a. **Expungement**
      3. **Traffic Offenses**
      4. **Notary**

5. Immigration and Naturalization
    - a. Andy – Immigration lawyer on the team.
      - i. Adjustment of status
      - ii. Victims of Crime
      - iii. Visas
      - iv. Temporary Protected Status (TPS)
      - v. DACA
  6. Identity Theft
  7. Dissolutions
    - a. Marriage
  8. Estate Planning and Advance Directives
    - a. Healthcare Power of Attorney
    - b. Financial Power of Attorney
    - c. Living Will – Clinics for professional schools to cover wills
    - d. Last Will & Testament
  9. Debit, Credit, Consumer
    - a. Issues with credit report, lawsuits, debt collectors.
    - b. Car insurance, property damages,
  10. And many more (Felonies are not covered due to resources)
  11. If an issue cannot be covered through OSU SLS, they can help to refer out.
- vi. Students must be on the Columbus Campus, degree-seeking, not exclusively online, and primarily a student.
1. There is a fee of \$40 each year, covering August 1 to July 31. Student may be eligible to waiver fees.
  2. Students are encouraged to schedule meetings no matter the issue. They will end up getting advice or resources.
- e. Questions
- i. What are the resources for regional campuses?
    1. Because regional students are not charged the \$40 fee, we cannot provide council. However, we can provide resources.
  - ii. Do you know the number that SLS must turn away or refer due to a conflict of interest?
    1. We can follow back up on this question after speaking with Molly, our stats person.
  - iii. How long have services been provided?
    1. Originally provided through OSU. In 2011, we branched off as our own entity.
    2. Reminder - \$40 covers all meetings, advice, resources, etc.
  - iv. What is your collaboration with OSU Law?
    1. OSU clerks help throughout the year. Many student assistants over the years.
  - v. Is there an undergraduate internship coming?
    1. Yes! It is in the works.

- vi. Within the referral process, are there low-cost options available for students who may not be able to afford traditional legal services?
      - 1. Yes, we try to consider those who are affordable. We vet our resources to make sure they are still accessible for students. We are open to communicating with our partner on a case-by-case basis.
- 4. Committees: Issues & Allocations
  - a. Issues
    - i. Krutant has a meeting with Bobby for a subscription for Over Leaf
    - ii. Able to bring in SLS in for this meeting.
  - b. Allocations
    - i. No updates since last meeting.
    - ii. Summer requests are due May 1.
- 5. Student Government Updates
  - a. USG
    - i. New senior staff in USG; Justin Robinson is the new VP, Bobby will remain President.
    - ii. Senior Staff had 50 applications for 14 positions. Announcements will be released tomorrow.
    - iii. Working with the late-night food options. Hoping to have some options this Fall.
    - iv. Menstrual dispensers are also in progress, should be ready for upcoming Fall.
    - v. Working with libraries to have special sensors to get live occupancy updates for students. Also, working with libraries to lower newspaper costs.
  - b. CGS
    - i. The chair of the Academic Committee met with Student Life to get the academic regalia approved. Dean Team is working with the business office to get this resolved.
    - ii. New Senators have been elected. Delegate elections are currently happening.
    - iii. All officer positions are filled, expect for secretary. New president will transition on 5/3.
  - c. IPC
    - i. Last meeting was 4/14. New meeting schedule has been set for the new year.
    - ii. New member for CSA invited for next meeting.
- 6. Office of Student Life – Matt Couch
  - a. Reading Day is April 22
    - i. Schedule is extensive: OUAB Free Breakfast next Tuesday at 9 AM, Nike UMove will have massage chairs in the Ballroom.
    - ii. New partnership: May 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 PM – Candlelight Ceremony for Graduating Students; Athletics is offering pictures at Ohio Stadium and tours.
    - iii. Student Life will be supporting Commencement Ceremonies and Activities.

7. Review Student Organization Guidelines and CSA Procedures Updates
  - a. Look through this document (changes are highlighted in yellow) and make comments/come up with additional suggestions prior to two weeks from today, 4/29, when we will vote on the potential changes.  [Allocations Guidelines 2024 - Proposed.docx](#)
    - i. Update to regional campus language: because Columbus campus students pay fees, language should change to reflect this.
    - ii. Reflecting on the cost per person metric to ensure money is being spent and obtained the appropriate ways.
    - iii. Concern for CSA's funding of non-OSU owned facilities. - Check in with Legal about this.
    - iv. Food, beverages, clothing must be accessible for all OSU students at events when they are available.
    - v. Organizations cannot increase their amount of requested funds, but can change the category of the items.
    - vi. Encouraging organizations to reflect on programming versus signature funds.
  - b. Updating CarryForward
    - i. Specificity for OUAB, year-end budget,
    - ii. Rewriting of definitions for CarryForward
    - iii. Update on the formula for CarryForward, under the Primary Distribution Method section
    - iv. Update on the methods for future CSA members.
      1. Question: What date do reports need to be submitted? How will be council vote on this?
8. Open Floor/Announcements/Questions
  - a. Next Meeting is April 22, 2024
  - b. OUAB may join next meeting;
9. Adjournment
  - a. Motion to adjourn by Alison /Seconded by Sheridan