COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS: Meeting Minutes

Date and Attendance
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM
December 4, 2023

Attendance: Peter Carrera, Adam Fromme, Matt Couch, Kirsten Myers, Alison Armstrong, Lorraine Pennyman, Ayah Aldosari, Jack Tumulty, David Graham, Michelle Beverly, Elizabeth Rowles, Anthony Alatalo, Danny Glassmann, Brittany Crall, Annie Maxwell, Mandy Fox, Sheridan Tassy

Absent: Krutant Mehta, Deborah Grzybowski, Harpreet Singh, Bobby McAlpine, Hawwii Asoba, Jordan Kalthoff, Alina Cioletti, Melissa Shivers, Emily Buck

Old Business
1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (November 20, 2023)
2. Motion to approve by Alison/Seconded by Adam

New Business
1. Approval of Agenda
   a. Motion to approve by Alison/Seconded by Adam
2. Land Acknowledgement: earthworks.osu.edu/land
   a. David Graham joined the meeting today. Worked with Peter about transitions and access for Native and Indigenous students
   b. Hopes to meet with CSA Issues to discuss
3. CSA Presentation – Kristen Rupert Davis, Leadership & Community Engagement
   a. Has been established for 2 years now
   b. Three buckets
      i. Leadership
         1. Buckeye Leadership Fellows
            a. 30 Fellows per cohort; 245 Alums
            b. Application based program
         2. Mount Leadership Society Scholars Program
            a. Leadership, service and social change.
            b. Currently fundraising with alum to sustain the program.
            c. First scholars program at OSU
         3. Student Leadership Programs
            a. It is open to all students and serves a wide and diverse population of students.
            b. Leadership Week – first week of October
            c. LEAD Series – 25 open workshops
            d. Non-profit Immersion Program – students can serve and sit on a board of a non-profit
            e. Student Leadership Advocates workshops – workshops overs 20 different leadership topics offered by request by trained peer facilitators
4. Leadership Institute – returned AU23, moving to Winter Break in 2024
5. Leadership Certificates – new as of AU23, Leadership for Career Success Certificates in SP24

ii. Community Engagement
1. KBK Buckeye Social Entrepreneurship Program
   a. Social entrepreneurship – Doing Good and Doing Good with their money.
   b. 10-15 student-run social enterprise ventures
   c. Examples: For the Love of Primates – student initiative to create a primate sanctuary in Ohio and plan to extend it to other areas; B-Squared Design – student initiative to pull in to translate Braille into the users hands.
   d. Successful students can return as mentors and speakers for upcoming cohorts

2. Buck-I-SERV
   a. Alternative break program; provides over 1000 trips in the past 20 years to 30 states, Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, and 14 countries
   b. COVID has had an impact on participation, cost, and staffing
      i. Since 2022 – 30 to 45 trips per year, 3000 student participants per year, $1000-1200 cost per student (students are not paying this), 1.5 full time staff
   c. The pre-departure model is detailed to help students deeply get involved in their trips and communities.
   d. STEP students tend to participate through the international trips

3. Civic Engagement
   a. Centered on OSU Votes, which is a student-led movement to register, educate, and encourage fellow students to vote.
   b. Voter registration has had to change with the current climate.
   c. Workshops are happening surrounding rights, how to engage, etc.

4. Local Service
   a. Pay It Forward – Single day of service
      i. Free Fall Break Trip for service in the Columbus community and surrounding areas
   b. Semester of Service – aimed to have students engage in semester long service to create sustained service.
   c. Students prefer on-site service opportunities – a great intro to service

iii. Philanthropy
1. Student Philanthropy
a. Buckeython is experiential student philanthropy
   i. Has taken a hit due to COVID
      1. Pre-COVID – 6000 students,
      2. Post-COVID- 3000 students; however, the
         highest donor contributions to date

c. Funding comes from CSA, Endowments, and Donors
d. 5 of 8 areas serve ALL OSU students
e. All programs serve the community beyond OSU
f. Challenges
   i. Personnel Support – at max capacity
   ii. Student Engagement – volunteer vs paid commitments
   iii. Financial Resources – increasing costs/inflation
g. Questions
   i. Leadership Institute Model
      1. The model will continue with the 4-day process instead of the 6-
         day process.
   ii. Will the Pay It Forward speaker still happen this year?
      1. That is still to be determined. There is a new coordinator in this
         role.
   iii. How do students learn about these programs?
      1. Bridging the programs together has helped to market information.
      2. Partnering with Academic Advisors, Student Activities, Orgs, and
         alums of the programs. Word of Mouth as well.
      3. Working with established organizations to promote involvement

4. Committees: Issues & Allocations
   a. Issues – Kirsten Myers
      i. The Committee is working on 4 separate issues at the moment:
      ii. Transportation (Krutant) – Tom Holman from Transportation and Traffic
         Management presented on 11/13 and we’re currently following up with him to
         get additional data and identify areas CSA may be able to help out. Expected to
         meet again or follow up in January
      iii. Dining Services (Hawwii) – Zia Ahmed also presented on 11/13 and we’ve
         followed up with him regarding religious accommodations to Ohio Union
         catering policies and online forms for complaints at Dining Services. Again,
         expected to follow up again in January
      iv. Residence Halls (Kirsten) – Dr. Qiana Smith and her team presented on 11/27.
         Currently planning on discussing presentation again internally before reaching
         out, probably in January.
      v. Gender Neutral Restrooms on Campus (Deb Pathak and Krutant) – Issues is
         working with CGS Government Affairs and Health and Wellness committees to
         find short and long term solutions to this. Ohio HB183 is a related matter and the
         three groups are drafting a resolution for this. Meetings will be conducted this
         week, and continued in December. In the short term, the McPherson building on
         campus is approved to have a gender neutral restroom installed there, after
         working with ADA Coordinator Scott Lissner.

b. Allocations – Jack Tumulty
   i. Completed review of programming funding requests for SP24
ii. 250 were approved, 50 denied can appeal

5. Student Government Updates
   a. USG (Undergraduate Student Government)
   b. CGS (Council of Graduate Students) - Michelle Beverly
      i. Delegate meeting this past Friday, elected another Senator through special election.
   c. IPC (InterProfessional Council) - Sheridan Tassy
      i. Last Senate meeting on Sunday
      ii. Finals week – wellness events for all colleges

6. Office of Student Life (Updates from Danny Glassmann)
   a. Student Org Insider went out – all student orgs understand policies and ways to reserve space. Proactively learning about events to ensure these events are safe.
   b. Student Life Impact Report being released on the Student Life website. The Strategic Plan is listed there, goals, metrics and 22-23 Impact Report
   c. Events
      i. OUAB hosting breakfast for finals on
      ii. Student Life Fall Sizzle on Wednesday the 13th
      iii. Student Jams happening in the Residential Communities on Friday
      iv. Candlelight Ceremony – next Thursday the 14th for graduating students and the community.

7. Next Semester Presentation Schedule
   a. Student Health Services
   b. STEP (Second-year Transformational Experience Program)
   c. Buckeye Careers
   d. Sustainability Engagement – Prior to April
   e. With 8 scheduled meetings, there is room to add more presenters.

8. Open Floor/Announcements/Questions

9. Adjournment
   a. Motion to adjourn by Kirsten/Seconded by Adam