



# The Council on Student Affairs

**ANNUAL REPORT 2020-2021**

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# OVERVIEW

## Purpose

The Council on Student Affairs (CSA) is broadly responsible for overseeing the student experience from a co-curricular perspective. CSA serves as the principal link between students, the student governments, the faculty and administration to encourage a sense of community and improve the quality of student life on campus. Primary responsibilities include:

- Review, allocate, and administer the Student Activity Fee
- Review the Student Code of Conduct
- Administer rules and regulations surrounding student organizations
- Initiate reviews of any issue that is relevant to the student co-curricular experience
- Advise the Senior Vice-President for Student Life on the services, programs, and administration of the Office of Student Life
- Keep the best interest of all students at the forefront of the Council's mission

## Membership

There are 18 voting members of the Council on Student Affairs:

### *Students*

- Jordan Vajda, IPC (CSA Chair)
- Caroline Karwisch, USG (Allocations Chair)
- Elizabeth Painter, USG (Issues Chair)
- Kelsey Lowman, USG
- Roaya Higazi, USG
- Peyton Batiatio, USG
- Stephen Post, CGS
- Abby Grieff, CGS
- Davonti' Haynes, CGS
- Shivani Patel, IPC
- Josh Canavan, IPC

### *Student Life Staff*

- Alisa Tate
- Karen Leuthold

### *Faculty*

- Mandy Smith (Vice Chair)
- Jill Heathcock
- Esperanza J. Carcache deBlanco
- Ryan Skinner
- Janna Stephens
- Lucille Toth

### *Non-voting Members*

- Dr. Melissa Shivers, SVP
- Dr. Matt Couch, CSA Administrator
- A'va Dukes, Secretary
- Angela Britton, CSA Fiscal Coordinator
- Nathan Rush, OUC Chair
- Derek Walton, Rec Sports

### *Allocations-only Members*

- Anna Valerius (Allocations)
- Nick Messenger (Allocations)
- Peter Kobs (Allocations)
- Nate Oliver (Allocations)
- Brooke Olson (Allocations)



# ISSUE/PROGRAM REPORTS

## Overview of Topics Addressed

The Council on Student Affairs began its year with the shadow of COVID-19 looming over everything; for example, we had to meet via Zoom for the entire 2020 - 2021 school year. Given the challenges posed by the viral pandemic, CSA had to decide whether to postpone the scheduled Student Activity Fee allocation review. As well, carry forward dollars were an issue affecting student organizations. Other policy changes were addressed including updates to the Student Organization Funding Guidelines and CSA's Operating Procedures. Student issues that CSA discussed included such topics as establishing an LGBTQ Student Center on campus and how to better represent regional campus students.

## Reports Heard by the Council

The Council routinely hears reports from various University entities and committees based on the interests of the Council and the need for input on various Student Life policies. The Council heard reports from the following entities:

- Student Life Multicultural Center
- Ohio Union Council
- Ohio Union Activities Board
- University Recreational Sports Committee
- Student Health Insurance Committee
- University Residential Services
- Dining Services
- Off-Campus and Commuter Student Services
- Counseling and Consultation Services



# COMMITTEES

## **Issues Committee**

The Issues Committee devoted a substantial amount of time this year to discussing the issue of representation: were there any constituencies not adequately represented by the Council on Student Affairs (CSA)? After much discussion it became clear that one specific group of students needed to be included; namely, regional campus students. The Issues Committee approved a resolution to expand the student membership of CSA by one seat, to be held by a student who *currently* attends a regional campus. This change passed unanimously through the Council on Student Affairs on March 22, 2021. In addition, the Issues Committee briefly discussed issues facing students on campus including mental health & food insecurity.

## **Allocations Committee**

Applications came from a variety of different types of student organizations: with applications coming from undergraduate student organizations, graduate student organizations, and professional student organizations. CSA makes available limited funds to registered and active student organizations for their programs. New & Re-Established Student Organizations may apply for up to \$2,000/year for their programs. Established Student Organizations may apply for up to \$3,000/year. Operating Funds (up to \$200 per year) cover administrative costs for student organizations and allocated out a series of approved applications for the three major student bodies.

The Allocations Subcommittee met on the alternating weeks that the Full Council did not meet. The group reviewed 414 Programming Requests for FY20 and FY 21. Of these requests, 234 were granted approval, initially or during the appeals process, to host Student Activity Fee sponsored events. See the table below for full Programming and Operating Funds information broken down by funding window.



Summer 2020 Overview	
Programming	
Number of requests	8
Number of Unique Org Requests	8
Number of Approved Requests	2
Number of Denied Requests	2
Number of Approved Appeals	0
Number of Cancelled events	2
Number of Unclaimed / audits not turned in	0
Number of Audits Turned in	1
Number of In person events	0
Number of Virtual events	1
Total number of attendees for events	10
Funds Allocated	\$ 986.89
Actual Amount Reimbursed	\$ 388.42
Average Amount Reimbursed	\$ 388.42
FY 20 request that paid in FY 21	\$ -
Funds returned	\$ -
<b>Total Funds Reimbursed</b>	<b>\$ 388.42</b>

Summer Operating	
Number of Requests	26
Number of Unique org Requests	25
Number of Approved Requests	12
Number of Requests that could not be completed	14
Funds Dispersed	\$ 2,100.00
FY20 request that paid in FY 21	\$ 0.00
Unused funds returned by group	\$ 79.35
FY20 funds returned in FY21	\$ 362.88
<b>Total funds Paid</b>	<b>\$ 1,657.77</b>



Fall 1 2020 Overview	
Programming	
Number of requests	102
Number of Unique Org Requests	58
Number of Approved Requests	15
Number of Denied Requests	15
Number of Approved Appeals	1
Number of Cancelled events	26
Number of Unclaimed / audits not turned in	11
Number of Audits Turned in	3
Number of In person events	0
Number of Virtual events	3
Total number of attendees for events	102
Funds Allocated	\$ 5,100.00
Actual Amount Reimbursed	\$ 1,250.00
Average Amount Reimbursed	\$ 416.67
	\$
FY 20 request that paid in FY 21	-
	\$
Funds returned	-
<b>Total Funds Reimbursed</b>	<b>\$ 1,250.00</b>

Fall 2 2020 Overview	
Programming	
Number of requests	46
Number of Unique Org Requests	36
Number of Approved Requests	35
Number of Denied Requests	4
Number of Approved Appeals	0
Number of Cancelled events	1
Number of Unclaimed / audits not turned in	4
Number of Audits Turned in	27
Number of In person events	6
Number of Virtual events	27
Total number of attendees for events	1565
Funds Allocated	\$ 40,450.00
Actual Amount Reimbursed	\$ 28,716.26
Average Amount Reimbursed	\$ 1,063.57
	\$
FY 20 request that paid in FY 21	-
	\$
Funds returned	-
<b>Total Funds Reimbursed</b>	<b>\$ 28,716.26</b>



Fall Operating	
Number of Requests	147
Number of Unique org Requests	130
Number of Approved Requests	78
Number of Requests that could not be completed	69
Funds Dispersed	\$ 13,835.00
	\$
FY20 request that paid in FY 21	-
Unused funds returned by group	\$ 2,004.53
FY20 funds returned in FY21	\$ 827.56
<b>Total funds Paid</b>	<b>\$ 11,002.91</b>

Spring 1 2020 Overview	
Programming	
Number of requests	97
Number of Unique Org Requests	67
Number of Approved Requests	53
Number of Denied Requests	33
Number of Approved Appeals	8
Number of Cancelled events	1
Number of Unclaimed / audits not turned in	20
Number of Audits Turned in	34
Number of In person events	2
Number of Virtual events	31
Total number of attendees for events	1520
Funds Allocated	\$ 40,995.00
Actual Amount Reimbursed	\$ 26,566.04
Average Amount Reimbursed	\$ 781.35
FY 20 request that paid in FY 21	\$ 34,680.31
	\$
Funds returned	-
<b>Total Funds Reimbursed</b>	<b>\$ 61,246.35</b>

Spring 2 2020 Overview	
Programming	
Number of requests	161
Number of Unique Org Requests	112
Number of Approved Requests	107
Number of Denied Requests	34
Number of Approved Appeals	13
Number of Cancelled events	4
Number of Unclaimed / audits not turned in	26
Number of Audits Turned in	68
Number of In person events	8
Number of Virtual events	65
Total number of attendees for events	3406
Funds Allocated	\$ 116,357.10
Actual Amount Reimbursed	\$ 34,325.30
Average Amount Reimbursed	\$ 504.78
FY 20 request that paid in FY 21	\$ 3,956.85
	\$
Funds returned	-
<b>Total Funds Reimbursed</b>	<b>\$ 38,282.15</b>





Spring Operating	
Number of Requests	150
Number of Unique org Requests	142
Number of Approved Requests	80
Number of Requests that could not be completed	70
Funds Dispersed	\$ 13,345.10
FY19 request that paid in FY 20	\$ 1,938.65
Unused funds returned by group	\$ 1,093.09
FY20 funds returned in FY21	\$ 25.50
<b>Total funds Paid</b>	<b>\$ 14,165.16</b>

## *Resolutions approved by CSA during 2020 - 2021*

- ◆ A Resolution Calling Upon the University to Observe Election Day as A Paid Holiday Recognized as The John Lewis Voting Rights Day  
**approved 9/14/2020; 13 - 0 - 1**
  
- ◆ Student Activity Fee Allocation Review: postpone by 1 year to 2021 - 2022  
**approved 10/12/2020; 11 - 0 - 1**
  
- ◆ A Resolution Calling Upon the University to Establish an LGBTQ+ Student Center  
**approved 10/26/2020; 13 - 0 - 0**
  
- ◆ A Resolution to Remove the Bricker Name from the University Administration Building  
**approved 3/22/2021; 11 - 0 - 0**
  
- ◆ A Resolution to Review [Building] Names in Support of Diversity and Inclusion Core Values  
**approved 3/22/2021; 11 - 0 - 0**
  
- ◆ CSA membership: increase student representation on CSA by one person, a student who *currently* attends a regional campus  
**approved 3/22/2021; 11 - 0 - 0**
  
- ◆ Carry Forward Dollars: to allow any SAF carry forward by SAF beneficiaries to be kept by the SAF beneficiary into FY22  
**approved 3/22/2021; 11 - 0 - 0**

