

CSA Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2006

Meeting was called to order at 4:09 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Spinrad, Smith, Stetson, Cano, Dupaix, Summerhill, Dodovich, Singla, Knapp, Reed, Hodak (Gordon), Boley, Mrozek, Volmar, Klosterman, Lee, Mull, Stuck, Hollingsworth,

ABSENT: Berry, IPC representative (unnamed)

Meeting began with the introduction of the 2006-2007 Council on Student Affairs, as well as an icebreaker.

Speaker / Presentations

- **Sportsmanship Initiative – Katie Krajny and Robbie Beaulieu**

Krajny and Beaulieu gave the following presentation:

Research and Assessment

- In collaboration with the Student Affairs Assessment Office, a student survey was taken in spring quarter 2006 regarding student perspectives of sportsmanship and fan behavior.
- A survey addressing the same topics as the student survey was sent out to Ohio State Alumni in July 2006 in the Alumni Newsletter.
- Both reports to be completed in fall 2006.
- In collaboration with the Glenn School of Public Affairs, the Sportsmanship Council will be assessing the effectiveness of its projects.
- This aspect of the Ohio State Sportsmanship Council will serve as a benchmark for other schools to use as a model to help address the issue of collegiate sportsmanship and fan behavior.

Game Day Buckeye Ambassadors Program

- Groups of students will roam the tailgate and stadium areas on football Saturdays and actively welcome fans to Ohio State, especially supporters of the visiting team (1).
- The goal is to show visiting fans, as well as Buckeye fans, that we are glad that they are here and to show everyone that good sportsmanship is one of the values of our student body and university (2).

Best Fans in the Land Competition

- Students can accumulate points, tracked through the Buck ID system and the Sportsmanship Council Website, with different values being awarded depending on the event.
- Students with the highest amount of points after each quarter will win prizes with an overall winner for the entire year. In addition, participants who reach a certain point total (to be determined) will receive a form of reward.

Sportsmanship Video Series

- In collaboration with University Relations and the Athletic Department, videos will be played during games to relay messages promoting positive sportsmanship and fan behavior, incorporating the Sportsmanship Council's Best Fans in the Land logo into the footage.
- In the upcoming years, the Sportsmanship Council will assist in developing and producing fresh, brand new videos that encourage appropriate behavior and good sportsmanship.

Other Initiatives

Best Fans in the Land and Sportsmanship Council Signage

- In collaboration with the Department of Athletics, the "Best Fans in the Land" logo as well as messages relating to positive sportsmanship and fan behavior will be displayed in all athletic venues, in the game day programs, booster newsletters, and other publications.

Alumni Involvement

- The Ohio State University Alumni Association has recently published articles relating to sportsmanship and the work done so far by the Sportsmanship Council in their newsletters and magazines. We will also present at the 2006 Alumni Leaders Conference in October.

Athletics Visiting Team Website

- Currently, the Athletic Department has a "Travel" webpage, which contains driving directions, area restaurant and hotel information, and travel help.
- The Council has provided suggestions for the website to be more personalized by being updated weekly with information geared towards the visiting team and their fans such as rivalry and history data between their school and OSU.

Speakers Bureau

- Student Sportsmanship Council representatives have been trained to effectively speak about good sportsmanship and fan behavior.
- Students will travel around the community to talk to organization, such as the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs, about the importance of this topic and its impact on the university and student body.

Plazagate

- Campus Dining Services, Recreational Sports, and the College of Education and Human Ecology have come together to host a non-alcoholic tailgate held at RPAC's outdoor plaza.
- The council hopes to have a consistent presence at the tailgate to promote good sportsmanship and to help establish the "Best Fans in the Land" as a lasting tradition at Ohio State (3).

- o **Question/Answer**

- (1) In response to a question posed by Klosterman, Beaulieu responded that student ambassadors are recruited through OSU student organizations, as well as through personal contacts.

(2) In response to a question by Dodovich, Beaulieu responded that he feels that the Council is well received by visiting teams, and that the initiative is seen as a positive gesture of sportsmanship.

(3) Hollingsworth noted that he felt that the Council on Student Affairs should look into drafting a resolution in support of the expectation of positive sportsmanship among The Ohio State University fans.

- **Post game behavior – Hollingsworth**

- Hollingsworth reported that four arrests were made during the home opener for football, and two were OSU students
- Students were found to be removing couches from their homes and burning them; subsequently, a number of students were suspended due to their actions.
- Hollingsworth also reported that letters were distributed by the university and landlords to warn students about the repercussion of delinquent behavior.
- Hollingsworth also reported that a letter was printed in the Lantern that discussed the consequences of rioting, particularly as it could lead to the end of a student's college career
- In response to Dodovich's question of whether a plan to deal with post game behavior during the OSU/Michigan game, Hollingsworth responded that the university is taking it week by week.

- **Introduction of CSA Committees – Rukku Singla**

Singla provided an overview of the duties and responsibilities of each subcommittee of CSA,

- Subcommittee Reports

- Subcommittee A – no report
- Subcommittee B – no report
- Allocations – no report
- Chair – no report
- Student Affairs
 - Hollingsworth reported that the number of fires set within the university district during the first home game set off an alarm for university officials, and also resulted in student disciplinary sanctions. He also reported that the proceeding game (Penn State) was one in which no fires were reported.
 - Hollingsworth noted that a group of university personnel has been formed as a patrol committee to be utilized during game days, in an attempt to deter delinquency.
 - In response to Cano's request on an update on the Sexual Assault Committee, Hollingsworth reported that the committee is expanding its current campaign to include

relationships and dating (current campaign covers rape and violence), and is also preparing to launch a hotline

- **New Business**
 - None

- **Student Government Reports**
 - USG – will hold an open house to provide incoming students with information about the purpose of USG
 - CGS – is currently recruiting for delegates, and will hold its first meeting this Friday. CGS also reported that its fall picnic was very successful. The deadline for students to apply for the Ray travel award is October 6 2006.
 - IPC – reported that its summer retreat was very successful; also reported that they are very excited about the upcoming year, and is looking for incentives to increase student involvement

- **Announcements**
 - Knapp – Circle K will hold its open house on September 26, at 7 pm in the Ohio Union

- **Adjournment**
 - Meeting was adjourned at 5:49 p.m.