

## 10/12/10 CSA Meeting

Present: Dr. Javaune Adams-Gaston, Bryan Ashton, Ana Azevedo, Mark Brahm, Alyssa Chen, Joey Clark, Emily DeDonato, Brandon Edwards, Anne Evans, Vijay Gadepally, Lance Ginn, Kierra Hill, Carrie Lechner, Maddie Luna, Dr. James Mulick, CJ Mullins, Jeff Pelletier, Ashley Sinram, Dr. Stolfus, Andrew Tichner (Sitting in for Andrew Mikac), Kellie Uhrig

Guests: Julie McDonald, Sean McLaughlin, Willie Young

### Off-Campus Student Services

- Willie Young
  - This year, there are approximately 50,000 off-campus students
- Sean McLaughlin
  - Recently hosted the Off-Campus Community Welcome event
    - Passed out 2,500 literature bags to off-campus residents
    - Off-Campus Living Guide was in the bag and it:
      - Helps in outreach efforts and teaches how to search for housing, move off-campus etc.
  - Community Ambassador program (CAs)
    - Coca-Cola funding is back
    - 2,600 students came to off-campus cookouts last year
    - Collaborating with the Student Wellness Center during the events to teach students how to make safe party choices
    - Light Up the Night coming up
      - Students decorate houses off-campus for the holidays
    - 900 Off-Campus Newsletters
      - Hand delivered to students at homes all seasons
    - 20 CAs working for OCSS now
      - Represented on 13 streets
  - Commuter Efforts
    - Discovered commuter needs through surveys last year
    - Planning on qualitative follow up this year
    - Hosted Commuter Preview Day in the Cartoon Room in the Ohio Union
      - Way for them to learn about campus parking, using CABS etc.
      - 90% satisfaction
    - Hopefully winter quarter, the OCSS will be granting commuter students access to the commuter kitchen and lockers on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of the Ohio Union
      - Currently the Resource Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor is responsible for that
      - Need to get a BuckID card reader before access location can change
- Willie Young
  - Collaborating with USG to pass out 2,000 window alarms
    - Students can take as many as they need
  - New website should be coming soon from Student Life IT
  - Continue to monitor off-campus neighborhoods every weekend
    - Complaints north of Lane Ave. have increased
    - Permanent residents complaining about noise levels of parties and excessive trash

Questions from CSA Full Council:

Joey Clark:

- What areas in Columbus do you serve?
  - 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Hudson Ave. and the “Olentangy River to the railroad”
  - Primarily 43201 zip code

Alyssa Chen

- Is there a predicted completion date for the new website?
  - Hopefully this academic year
- Is USG the only organization that can distribute window alarms?
  - USG is currently distributing them but anyone can distribute including IPC and CGS

Jeff Pelletier

- Why wasn't access to Commuter Lounge w/ OCSS from beginning?
  - In the rush of moving, the topic was never discussed
- How can we help?
  - Continue open communication with Eve Scrogam and Deb Cunningham

Emily DeDonato

- What efforts have been made to improve off-campus recycling? What are some challenges that we face?
  - Concern is that recycling must be bagged up and put near street and by the time Rumpke gets to residence to pick up, other community members have taken the items
  - Also, Rumpke does not pick up recycling for apartment buildings with dumpsters
    - To find current off-campus recycling drop-off stations, read the Off-Campus Living Guide

Bryan Ashton

- We currently are experiencing difficulties determining where students live off-campus. Are we requiring update of address?
  - Always just falls through cracks in registration process
  - CAs try to approximate who lives in area
  - Might wait until semester change
    - Some schools don't let students register until they provide local address

Joey Clark

- Student governments are more than willing to reach out to constituencies to obtain local addresses

Bryan Ashton

- Have you approached landlords or property managers about changes in leases due to the upcoming switch to semesters?
  - They'll change to 13 month lease agreements

Anne Evans

- Are there any specific programs for graduate or professional students?
  - CAs should be reaching up to everyone on the street, not just undergraduates
  - Grads can get Living Guide at Orientation and OCSS staff can make presentations to anyone who requests it to help out of state students find off-campus housing

Kierra Hill

- Are there any reoccurring issues that University Residences can help students address prior to moving off campus?
  - Due to the cyclical nature of students constantly moving, safety issues always arise

- Could put on programs about locking doors, safe partying, not leaving valuables in cars etc.

## Office of Human Resources

Julie MacDonald

- Due to the fatal shooting of an Ohio State staff member this past March, a 13 member committee was created to examine the current background check policy
- It is still in its early stages and visiting key groups on campus to get opinions
- The university currently uses 5 vendors who perform background checks
- Larry Lewellen send out message to let people know that the department is looking into revising the background check policy
  - Background check for all regular faculty and staff
    - 90% of all staff and 60% of faculty hires currently have a background check Other departments, like the Medical Center and the Office of Student Life, require all hires to get one. This depends on Departmental Policy.
  - Michigan State University is going to begin checking graduate associates but seems unlikely here at Ohio State
  - A criminal background check examines whether a potential hire has any misdemeanors or felony convictions
    - If s/he does, it does not automatically mean that s/he won't get hired
    - Determined on a case by case basis
  - For the future, Ohio State will require full disclosure from all faculty and staff
    - The committee will take their draft to the faculty counsel and senate steering
    - Drafted policy will go through a 6 week vetting process

Questions?

- Alyssa Chen
  - Who comprises this revision committee?
    - Deans, Associate Deans, professionals who administer background checks
- Mark Brahm
  - What is the policy for regional campuses?
    - All policies are the same
    - Units can go above and beyond but there are minimum set standards
- Joey Clark
  - What is the fiscal impact of these changes?
    - Background check \$35-40 and 90% of all staff and 60% of faculty will be required, so it will cost the university more money
- CJ Mullins
  - Why wouldn't OSU follow MSU and administer background checks to all Graduate Associates?
    - Primarily focused on faculty and staff now, will probably get to the point of checking everyone
- Mark Brahm
  - How many employees do we hire each year?
    - Not sure
- Dr. Adams-Gaston

- Student Life performs background checks on everyone and takes everyone's fingerprints
- Board of Trustees are confused as to why student employees aren't drug tested, background check, and fingerprint because students handle keys, drugs, children
- Anne Evans
  - What happens after vetting process?
    - If changes might have to be made and committee must go through approval process and take the revisions to Legal Affairs

Current Policy is on OHR website

### **Approval of Minutes**

- CJ Mullins moves to approve
- Mark Brahm seconds
- APPROVED

### **Updates**

Dr. Adams-Gaston

- Obama on campus on Sunday, October 17 on the Oval
- Hosted by College Democrats
  - Open to everyone
- Gates open at 5, program at 6:15 p.m.
- John Legend will play two pieces then host concert later in Union
- Parent and Family Weekend is happening Friday, October 15-Sunday, October 17
  - CEO of Harley Davidson is an OSU parent and will be the keynote speaker
  - 3,000-3,500 students and family anticipated on coming
- Housing Plan
  - Moving towards last phases of presentations
  - Looking at needs of regional campuses
- Celebration of Mike Dunn's life happened Friday, October 8
  - More than 200 people were in attendance
- Christian Legal Society
  - Need to address all student organizations that follow strict religious beliefs
  - Must be quickly addressed by beginning of Winter quarter

Bryan Ashton

- Faculty Cabinet met
  - The group was very interested in the Supreme Court decisions
  - Council on Academic Affairs
    - Hope to have all curriculum reviewed by the end of spring quarter in preparation for the switch to semesters
- Crew Team
  - Have been using Drake Union for 30 years to store equipment
  - Business Advancement and Rec Sports left them out when they decided to give space to the Theater Department to let them store props

- Although the crew team is the largest club sport, they cannot afford to rent a space
- Women's Crew got their facility from InterCollegiate Athletics

#### Subcommittee A

Ana Azevedo

- Trying to make fees more transparent for students
  - Looking into the atmosphere of students on campus
  - Invited Brad Myers, from University Registrar, to next meeting
- Addressing a rumor that a Maintenance Fee is being refunded to students
  - Dr. Adams-Gaston stated that some money might be given to students in south towers who are inconvenienced by construction

#### Subcommittee B

Emily DeDonato

- Trying to determine how to educate students about services available
- Amy Barnes from First Year Experience and Kate Trombitas and Marco Valenzuela from the Student Wellness Center are coming to the next meeting to discuss alcohol awareness, student wellness, financial wellness

#### Allocations Committee

Maddie Luna

- Received 140 requests from student organizations for second half of program funding requests
- Still under review

#### URSC

Brandon Edwards

- Have not met yet but at upcoming meeting, they will address:
  - Summer updates at next meeting
  - Director search
  - Overview of committee as a whole
  - Budget presentation
  - Crew Team Issues

#### Ashley Sinram

Ohio Union Council

- Met for the first time and elected chairs
- Projects for the year
  - Catering Policies for student organizations
  - Working with URDS to help improve the dining facilities in the Union
  - Evaluation of the CSLS Office and Locker agreements
  - OUAB Support– including Grad/Prof Programming
- Questions contact Ashley Sinram.2@osu.edu

#### **New Business**

Student Governments

USG:

- Concerned about filling vacancies in the Senate
- Received 94 applications for freshman intern program
- Coordinating with university officials for Obama visit
- Student Life
  - Met with Zia Ahmed, the new Director of Dining Services, and he seems very willing to work with students
    - Looking over the possibility of reevaluating meal plan
    - Hoping to present changes to the Board of Trustees for the next academic year
  - Starting recycling competitions in residence halls and if successful, would like to expand to whole campus
- Transportation and Parking
  - Looking into the usage patterns of the East Residential CABS route
    - Possibly expanding

#### CGS

- Concerned about filling vacancies in the Senate
- Currently cleaning the office and working on documentation transparency
- Communication team looking at website and reaching out to Student Life IT for help
- Ohio faculty counsel
  - House Bill

#### IPC

- Have some vacancies but it is difficult to schedule meetings with everyone due to busy school schedules etc.
- Working on newsletter that will be sent out to all professional students
- Professional development fund
- In the planning stages for the IPC Halloween Party
  - Biggest event that they host
- Will communicate with OUAB because some tickets have big released during professional schools' breaks or events hosted while students are not in session
- Budget changes
  - Funding looked distorted

#### Announcements:

##### Jeff Pelletier

Station 88, the new retail store in the Ohio Union, is opening on Friday, October 15

Next meeting Oct. 26 and hearing from Campus Partners