

Council on Student Affairs  
Minutes  
October 23, 2012

**Welcome**  
**4:10 PM**

**New Business**

- **Student Legal Services – Molly Hagerty, Managing Director, SLS Inc.**
  - YTD: Have already seen 900 students, almost double the number that were seen last year at this time
  - Nonprofit organization contracted with OSU to provide legal services.
  - Unique educational component as compared to private attorneys
  - Hope that any student with a legal question with contact this office
  - Serves OSU students via advice, representation, education and resources.
  - Will refer students if issue is outside the scope of SLS
  - Landlord/tenant, criminal and traffic, other civil are primary functional areas
  - Exists nationwide as many colleges and institutions, in Ohio SLS functions within existing state law governing this type of service
    - Voted into OSU in May 2010 in partnership with Student Life
  - YTD: Money saved/obtained \$115,000; Attorney fees saved \$380,000
  - SLS surveys each participant after concluding consultation
    - A large percentage of students have indicated that their legal concerns were impacting their academics, 14% indicated that without legal help they would have had to consider withdrawing.
  - Also engaging in education initiatives; this spring a financial awareness statewide summit
    - Bringing financial literacy educators and a speaker to campus
  - Governed by OH state law, can't take money directly from the university
    - Set up as a student fee, students must be able to opt out
    - At OSU, annual fee of \$40 is charged in first semester of enrollment. Students can waive the fee via Buckeyelink. 85% of students this year remained in the program
- **Tobacco-Free Campus – Eunice Hornsby**
  - Recent initiative currently under discussion, information gathering phase
  - University currently has no policy; currently examining what direction OSU should go in and why this is important
    - Want to reduce tobacco use and minimize new use
    - 2 questions; do we want to go tobacco free and how do we go about doing this?
    - Health and environmental concerns. OSU has made a commitment to be the world's healthiest campus. Opportunity for students to voice opinions and give feedback. Have delivered 28-30 presentations, conducted 3 open and 1 telephone forum, soliciting email feedback.
    - This committee's conclusion to go to senior management council, they wish to include as many constituent opinions as possible.
  - Policy last revised in 2006; OSUMC went tobacco free. Same year as Ohio Nonsmoking Workplace Act.
  - Currently, policy is that smoking can only take place 25 feet from doors and never within buildings.
  - Continued interest from faculty, staff and students
  - 2011: President and Provost requested a white paper

- Legislative environment currently supportive; several organizations advocating policies and enforcement
- In places where tobacco free policy is in place, smoking drops 24% on average
- Tobacco Free policy means no tobacco use allowed on any OSU property, no advertising, no gifts or sponsorships. Research is exempted.

## **Old Business**

## **Student Life Update**

### **Subcommittee Updates**

- Issues
  - At the last meeting, visitors spoke about mental health issues. Next steps to synthesize institutions, look at benchmark institutions, create recommendations. Hope to have final document by end of fall semester presenting CSA's recommendations, which can in turn be sent up.
- Allocations
  - November 15 is deadline for spring window
  - Continuing to work on how organizations report other sources of funding
- Chair
  - Final week of presentations for signature events
  - Will be deliberating over the next few weeks
  - New faculty appointee; Dr. Terrell Strayhorn
  - Bring potential topics for spring semester to Peter's attention
  - Final numbers for carry forward student activity fee allocation: approx. \$130,000 minus recent allocation fro Recreational Sports
    - Union business office has made recommendations for use of the remainder
    - Starting 11/13 discussion will begin on how to use the remainder. Goal is to decide by early Spring semester.

### **Student Government Updates**

- November 1: No Place for Hate Symposium
- USG:
  - Buckeye Road Trips have all filled and have full waitlists. Second run planned for Thanksgiving weekend.
  - Josh Mandel visiting Wednesday at 8 PM.

### **Announcements**

- Schedule change: Next two weeks are subcommittee meeting weeks. Next full council is November 13.

### **Adjournment 5:30 PM**