

**Council on Student Affairs  
Full Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 25th, 2011  
4-6pm Sphinx Centennial Suite, The Ohio Union**

**Minutes**

**Members In Attendance:** (16 total) Bryan Ashton, Brandon Edwards, Dr. Javaune Adams-Gaston, Dr. James Mulick, Anne Evans, Peter Koltak, Dr. D'Andra Mull, Kierra Hill, Tracy Stuck, Jeff Pelletier, Emily DeDonato, Kellie Uhrig, Mark Brahm, Kenyatta Beasley, Travis Skaggs, and 2 others

**Welcome**

**Chair Updates** – Bryan Ashton

- T&P – Parking privatization was talked about more last week; Sarah Blouch of T&P was present. Internal communications from the University Senate, we want some form of Senate action but have yet to get to a conclusion. We want to gather concerns from the 3 student governments and bring those forward, and make sure all academic units and their missions are reflected in the university plans. To do this we want to look at as many constituencies' concerns as possible.

**Last Year's Allocations Updates** – Jeff Pelletier

- Distributed and went over the CSA Allocations Report for 2010-2011
- This past year we were almost right on with how much we distributed and received at year's end
  - There were some unused Operating Funds prior to audits, these included the Operating Funds returned at the end of the year typically make up for Programming Fund deficits
- We have seen a great increase in the number of groups taking advantage of such funds

**Questions**

- Based on the data, do you feel that it's worth revisiting the amounts allocated?
  - If this becomes a great issue then yes, but currently there are other options such as partially funding events. Also, we want to encourage collaboration between similar events so that orgs are sharing associated costs. When this was a problem, we basically borrowed funds from the next year. However we do not want to make this a habit.
- Has the rate of new student orgs grown, and is it affecting the funding available?
  - That's a good point to consider, whether the net growth of groups is outpacing the community. Currently it doesn't seem like it is, especially with the number of groups that have sponsorships from larger parent organizations or academic units.
  - Making the process more efficient – Not having to deal with 3<sup>rd</sup> parties with events is a good cost saver for student organizations, so we encourage organizations to utilize Student Life areas especially for larger events.

**This Year's Allocations Updates** – Anne Evans

- Will meet this week to finish up the second half of Fall requests, there are about 150. The Winter window just closed on Friday and we saw a little over 200 requests.

### **Student Life Updates – Dr. Javaune Adams-Gaston**

- Very successful Parent & Family Weekend last weekend; 1100 families, 4000 participants. We have seen that the Breakfast with the Deans at Mershon is a very popular event, and the Deans have also felt that they get very helpful feedback. Dr. Gee's presentation is also a hit.
- Homecoming is this weekend, many things on board for that.
- Peter Lake was here for a workshop on Friday focusing on Title 9, 60 people attended and there was very good support for that event from the student governments. His key takeaway was that this Sexual Violence issue be pushed to the top of the administrations agenda.
- You will be hearing a lot more about Affinity agreements – how the University does business, and how we do it effectively. We like to make sure that there is a student voice and that there are benefits for students as a result. I will share more about these as they come along.
- Occupy the Oval was yesterday, it went well and there were about 100-150 people there. We are very supportive of free speech and think it's important that students feel they have outlets.
- Also, Westboro was here today. The LGBTQ&A group was there and they had some counter resistance to that which I think is very important as well. I encourage the student body to continue to pay attention, but make sure that we are realizing areas for opportunity.

### **Ohio Union Council Updates**

- First meeting will be this Thursday at 7:30

### **University Rec Sports Committee (URSC) – Brandon Edwards**

- There are some capital projects and staffing updates
- Rec Sports Halloween Party on Monday

### **New Business**

- Request for discussion of Rec Sports fee – Peter Koltak
  - Tracy and some students have made site visits to rec sports facilities to other schools. We want to know where the money is going and how it is being used, so we need to compare this to existing benchmarks.
- Switch the 22nd & 29<sup>th</sup> CSA meetings so that full council will meet the week after thanksgiving break
- Kierra Hill – Brought up Housing staff's concern about the illegalization of K2, a marijuana substitute, and enforcing the potential ban.

### **Student Government Updates**

- IPC – Halloween Party this Friday. Six teams participated in tournament, and it went quite well.
- CGS – Innovation Forum 60-70 people attended, Chancellor & Dr. Gee were present. Hosting a Pumpkin Carve-Off this Thursday 4:30-6:30, and also a tailgate for the Indiana game with OUAB.
- USG – Hosted the 2-day Conference with Student Governments across Ohio, was highly successful. Clean sweeps will be hosted for the next 2 home games after this one.

### **Announcements**

- Next full council – November 8<sup>th</sup>
- For the rest of the quarter, we will be looking at the Buckeye Careers plan, a new plan to connect and create a career service hub for students
- Looking at some Student Life Wellness Initiatives
  - Also look at how these play into the mental health side of wellbeing
  - Will talk about the SHIFT project in this discussion
- Will also look at updates on the North Residential District transformation
- Also Student Legal Services will be somewhere on the schedule
- Tracy - Food for Thought program. This is a tool for students at any level, so encourage students to take advantage

## **Adjournment**

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