

**Council on Student Affairs
Full Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 8th, 2011
4-6pm Sphinx Centennial Suite, The Ohio Union**

Minutes

Members In Attendance: (23 total) Bryan Ashton, Dr. Thelma Patrick, Dr. James Mulick, Kenyatta Beasley, Kierra Hill, Nick Messenger, Brian Derrick, Mark Brahm, Kellie Uhrig, Vijay Gadepally, Dr. Matt Stoltzfus, Brandon Edwards, Anne Evans, Peter Koltak, Tim Collins (OUC), Mandi Merritt, Jake Bruner, Tracy Stuck, Jeff Pelletier, and Dr. Javaune Adams-Gaston, Paul Wojdacz, (2 others).

Guests in Attendance: Molly Hegarty, Student Legal Services Outreach; Connie Boehm, Student Wellness Center; Sean McLaughlin, Ph.D., Director of Off-Campus and Commuter Student Engagement.

Welcome

Student Government Updates

- USG
 - Student Town Hall on financing the future of the university with Dr. Gee, Geoff Chatas, and Dr. J. - Wednesday November 9th at 4pm in Great Hall Meeting Room 1&2
 - Veteran's Day Celebration with Major General James Kelly and Colonel Frank Titus. ROTC, Student Veterans, local Veterans, and anyone else is welcome. Thursday November 10th at 2pm in the West Ball Room
- IPC
 - IPC had an extremely successful Halloween Party this year with over 1,500 professional students and guests in attendance, as well as appearances by Dr. J and President Gee. We plan to donate around \$3,000 to the Mid-Ohio Food bank and around 3 boxes of canned goods from our Charity Soccer Tournament. Upcoming, IPC is continuing to reach out to professional students regarding the monetization of parking and focusing on service, social, and outreach events for next quarter, including: Coffee Hours, Professional School Trivia Night, and fundraising for Buckkeyethon.

Welcome

Student Legal Services – Molly Hegarty

- Began serving students on August 1st, 2011, and is located at 20 E.11th Avenue in the South Campus Gateway area.
- Over 80% of students are currently enrolled, we've assigned 642 cases so far and average about 10-11 cases per day. SLS has a good relationship with the Franklin County courts which assists in serving students.
- We have 3 categories of cases: Currently 48 Landlord/Tenant Disputes, Criminal Misdemeanors, Traffic Offenses, and 17 percent. Representation is our third and largest category.

- Expected Trends: Across the board we predict we will get a lot busier, especially once word-of-mouth increases. Moving into repair and lease termination season, and later will be lease reviews and roommate agreements.
- We think we will stay steady with criminal charges, increase with word of mouth
- We will continue marketing with campus publications, off-campus living guide, and CABS buses.
- Are doing a lot of outreach with student organizations, and currently putting together a pilot program for medical students on estate planning.
- Ways Student governments can assist: are looking for partnerships in outreach and educational programming, would like to meet with as many student leaders as we can. Looking for collaborative ways to enrich the student experience.
- Questions
 - Will students who have opted out be able to use services?
 - No, once they have opted out they cannot use services for the remainder for the academic year.
 - Will these services extend to Student Organizations?
 - The issue comes down to whether or not we would be able to help with issues against the university or a university employee. Currently our contract does not allow this, but this is something we will look at in the future.
 - Are you still operating with four attorneys?
 - Yes, and we are looking at adding a fifth. Our attorneys have great relationships with the state courts; one is a former public defender. Much of what is done at SLS is due to these relationships. Because of this it is much easier for us to work with the courts in assisting students
 - Another thing we want to work on is diversionary programs that can help students with scheduling court dates and other advocacy efforts.

Issues Subcommittees – Brandon Edwards

- Charges- will be looking at the Union Council and Rec Sports and their relationship with this committee
 - Of particular concern is the Signature Events committee

Allocations – Anne Evans

- Met twice last week, finished Winter quarter last Thursday morning.
- This year we added “Charging Admissions to Events” and looking at the effects that can have

Ohio Union Council – Tim Collins

- OUC had first meeting this past week, eliminating the development committee and have events policy and budget and finance. Next meeting is Nov. 17th at 5:30.

University Rec Sports Committee – Brandon Edwards

- Basketball courts on cannon are being destroyed and will be moved to right outside of the RPAC, also sand volleyball courts will be installed
- Will replace the turf fields currently used by the Marching Band in Lincoln Fields
- Will be doing baseball fields as well as a rugby field
- Leadership Challenge Course – looking at different things for this
- JO North – working on temporary air conditioning for the time being before North Campus renovations
- The roof at McCorkle is freshly painted and has had some ceiling sealing done, looks like it's a permanent solution to our problems.

Student Wellness – Connie Boehm

- Addressing student stressors is a big part of our mission
- PowerPoint: Discussion about mental stressors
- Include: Lack of Adequate Sleep, Level of stress/ feeling overwhelmed, exhausted,
- 20% of our students have been diagnosed with depression, 3% reported self-injury, 12% have thought about suicide in last 12 months.
- Number of students reporting being stalked and experiencing emotional abuse has risen.
- Looking at why Greek /life and Rec Sports affiliated students drink more heavily
- Misuse of prescription drugs is an issue
- Stigma about seeking Mental Health services: seeking ways to discourage student apprehension
- Questions:
 - Mental health issues are highest among 5th year undergraduates, and graduate students
- Discussion: What are major stressors you observe in OSU students?
 - Mark- As an RA, it seems that poor sleep is a big issue due to poor studying habits. I think this can definitely be addressed especially with 1st year students.
 - Vijay- the Advisor/Advisee relationship can be a significant stressor for graduate students
 - - I think there is a systemic stress because of the quarter system i.e. Weeks 4-7 being the most stressful because of midterms, how will this dynamic change with the semester system
 - Peter & Anne- Decentralized student life resources for Professional students is an issue, for students who are new to OSU there is no real guidance or informing of resources available.
 - Dr. J – In January 2012, we will have a student life advisory in all of our professional programs to help with that.
 - Dr. Stoltzfus – Particularly for my freshman students, I see a great pressure to take courses they may not have the study skills for or are not prepared for because of outside pressures, this may become worse with semesters because there will only be 2 terms instead of 3.
 - Bryan – This is a topic that may be made easier with peer education and mentoring
 - Mandi- Will there be an increase in the dietary/eating disorder resources available? Many students have experienced a 2-3month wait with this.

- Connie- We will work in this, there is also a plan for a crisis response team for eating disorders and in making that process more efficient
 - Tim – Survey classes would be useful in getting information/ resources to freshman students especially
 - Bryan – I do think that is a great outlet, and student government is working on incorporating more Student Life information into those courses
- Dr. Patrick – I have concerns about students who work, and students overcommitting themselves to responsibilities
 - Dr. J – We know that this is an issue, many times with prioritization and time management. We need to help students understand how to manage this and focus on why they are here.
 - Tim – Is there a way that we can encourage and advertise for the on-campus jobs available?
 - Nick – It doesn't seem that many professors recognize the extracurricular factors that are a part of today's culture, and seeing how these can actually enhance academics.
- Bryan- Are there any services/programming that we think should be added to SWC services?
 - - I think that gatekeeper suicide training should be extended, maybe peer-to-peer, to reach more students.
- Looked at two anonymous reporting websites from USC and University of Arizona, also mentioned Duke and Univ. of Texas- Austin resources.

Off-Campus Student Safety – Sean McLaughlin

- Mostly typical fear is that these aren't typical muggings – attacks and robberies have happened during the day and on people in groups
- Also there have been attempted armed break-ins during the day, and crime on the North end of campus – something that is surprising to students because there are more permanent residents there
- Dr. J – Safety is suggesting that these are not new occurrences, can you talk about that?
 - The timely alerts don't have much consistency and I don't think that these rates are different, but there have been more timely alerts, making it seem like that is the case. Looking at this from a per capita basis, this is not anything to be too alarmed about. However there is a high prevalence of awareness due to alerts
- Nick – I think that these warnings are a good thing because they start dialogue, but they have some down sides
- Possibly explore expanding the partnership with Columbus Police
- Dr. J – 75% of on-campus students feel safe at night compared to 39% of off-campus students.
- Tim – What warrants a timely alert?
 - If it is reported through campus it can be, but it's pretty inconsistent.
- Brandon- Overall it seems that crime reporting in general is very inconsistent
- Mandi – these reports put a general distrust with the police, makes it seem like nothing is being done

- Anne – I appreciated Dr. J’s email, it was great for letting students know exactly where they can go for resources and had great safety tips
- Kenyatta – I visit USC many times, and they have a similar campus environment. They have systems with the campus and local police to set up hot spots to form a better presence in the campus.
- Tracy- Also, as it gets colder more crime will be occurring within buildings.
- Dr. J – Our on campus police are excellent, and that would be great for joint jurisdiction
- Nick – there is no gate around campus – the difference is that there is a culture of shutting things down quickly on campus. Off campus it’s time to do this as well. Talking with Chief Denton and we should look into this
- Vijay- I would also like to meet with OSU Police and see what they say. We need to have criteria for these timely warnings, on what and when. Also we need to look at the resources for keeping students safe that are available.
- Kierra – I have talked to students and there is concern because now all black males have become vilified. I’m concerned that students who could match this description are facing repercussions from these alerts.
- Mark – Addressing student apathy is a big thing for me, my residents seem to display a lot of that.
- Tim- To what extent are students changing their behaviors and lifestyles because of these occurrences?
 - That’s a great question, it’s currently unknown but hopefully there is more vigilance.

Further Discussion

Adjournment

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