

COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS

ANNUAL REPORT 2012-2013

PURPOSE

The Council on Student Affairs is broadly responsible for overseeing the student experience from a co-curricular perspective. Primary responsibilities include:

- Allocation and administration of the Student Activity Fee
- Review of the Student Code of Conduct
- Administrate rules and regulations surrounding student organizations
- Initiate reviews of any issue that is relevant to the student co-curricular experience
- Advise the Vice-President for Student Life on the services, programs, and administration of the Office of Student Life

MEMBERSHIP

There are 19 voting members of the Council on Student Affairs.

Ten Students

- Jonathan Elder USG
- Shane Ingalls USG
- Megan Jones USG
- Nick Messenger USG
- Matt McClellan USG
- Peter Koltak, *Chair* IPC
- Bryan Myers IPC
- Jessica Middaugh CGS
- Porsha Smith CGS
- Allie Sturm CGS

Six Faculty

- Prof. Maureen Donovan
- Dr. Hannibal Hamlin
- Dr. Scott Jones
- Dr. Robert Lee
- Dr. James Mulick
- Dr. Candace Stout

Three Administrators

- Dr. Javaune Adams-Gaston
- Dr. D'Andra Mull
- Tracy Stuck

REPORTS AND PROGRAM REVIEWS

The Council routinely hears reports from various University entities in addition to conducting a review of departments within the Office of Student Life through a process known as "Program Reviews."

Reports

- Financial Wellness
- Good Samaritan Policy
- Office of Student Life Reorganization
- Ohio Union Activities Board
- Second Year Transformational Experience Program
- Student Legal Services
- Tobacco-Free Initiatives
- Traffic Safety

Program Reviews

- Center for the Study of Student Life
- Department of Recreation Sports
- Department of Student Wellness
- Multicultural Center

ISSUES SUBCOMMITTEE

During the 2012-2013 term, the Issues Subcommittee spent a significant amount of time evaluating the state of mental health and wellness at Ohio State. As a part of this discussion, a recommendation to the Vice President for Student Life was developed that contained a number of findings from the committee's discussions as well as areas for improvement within the Office of Student Life.

In addition to mental health, transfer student success and acclimation at the Columbus campus, career wellness, and student meal plans were evaluated. No further recommendations were generated for a larger Council discussion.

ALLOCATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

The Allocations Subcommittee met on the alternating weeks that the Full Council did not meet. The group reviewed Programming Requests for 1058 events from 857 unique organizations. Of these requests, 651 were approved and received funding. Average funding per event per organization was \$690. As a note, different organizations will oftentimes collaborate on events and are permitted to "pool" funding which has an inflationary effect on aggregate program applications.

292 groups also received Operating Funds which are up-to \$250 grants that cover administrative costs for student organizations. Average distribution per organization was \$209.

SIGNATURE EVENTS AD-HOC COMMITTEE

A Signature Events Ad-Hoc Committee was established by the Chair of the Council to review the Signature Events process and recommend funding levels for a three year period. Signature Events are governed and overseen by the Major Campus Events Committee, which is housed within the Office of Student Life. In total, there are 16 Signature Events that span a diverse range of areas of interest. A recommendation was presented and subsequently approved by the Council.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan Elder *on behalf of* Peter Koltak (Chair 2012-2013)