



COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS

MEETING AGENDA

3:30PM – 5:00 PM

SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2020

Attendance: Lowman, Karwisch, Higazi, Post, Haynes, Canavan, Halffield (alternate for Patel), Heathcock, Batiatio, Smith, Skinner, Tate, Messenger

Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve was completed and the agenda was approved at 3:35 pm

Approval of Meeting Minutes (Aug 31, 2020): Motion to approve was completed and the minutes were approved at 3:34 pm

Old Business

1. Resolutions: discussion & vote [see Meeting folder for text]
 - a. The resolution was developed within CSG with the goal of recognizing the mission of CSG and the University. Information within the resolution includes voter information, election day information, and statistics surrounding graduate student voting.
 - b. **RESOLUTION 1920-013: A Resolution Calling Upon The University To Observe Election Day As A Paid Holiday Recognized As The John Lewis Voting Rights Day**
 - i. Resolution was passed with 13 votes in favor of presenting the motion, 0 opposed, and 1 member abstained.
2. Student Activity Fee allocation review:
 - a. remain on schedule and review this year or postpone to 2021-2022??
 - b. Discussion: The fee was introduced in 2003 and assessment of the fee takes place every three year. Full council will need to discuss the how funds will be portioned this year due to current circumstances and funds will no longer be used to sponsor travel due to a spending freeze.
 - c. Estimating a 15% decrease of funds available for this year.
 - d. Would like to keep the three-year schedule and hopefully pause for the year and resume for next year.

New Business

3. Update from Office of Student Life | Student Activities with Dr. Couch, Sr. Director, & Jen Pelletier, Assoc. Director
 - a. Limitations on Student organization in person meeting guidelines have been extending.
 - b. The office has been working to support students in virtual engagement; in the meantime, several tents are being placed across campus to allow.
 - c. Sessions will be available throughout the semester to support students.
 - i. Virtual involvement fair and graduate student allowed for continuing recruitment efforts. The fair was very engaging and successful.

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Students concerned have experienced concerns regarding the removal of spring break in the spring.

4. Brainstorm: which Student Life (or other University) offices/departments would we like to get reports from this semester?

a. (see **Article VIII Reports**)

The Council or its appropriate subcommittee shall also hear reports from the following departments and committees:

- a. Student Life Multicultural Center
- b. Ohio Union Council
- c. Ohio Union Activities Board
- d. University Recreational Sports Committee
- e. Student Health Insurance Committee
- f. University Residential Services
- g. Dining Services
- h. Off-Campus and Commuter Student Services
- i. Counseling and Consultation Service

It has been suggested to meet with: Office of Diversity & Inclusion, Student Advocacy Center

5. Student Government Updates

a. USG

- i. Bricker Hall Protests took place to address concerns regarding campus public safety notices --- USG is seeking that administrators address the statements and hold public safety accountable. 3 USG members are now a part of the public safety taskforce.
- ii. Encourage Buckeyes to normalize usage of pronouns and land acknowledgements

b. CGS

- i. Working with the graduate school and academic affairs office to ensure adequate pay for teaching assistants
- ii. Post candidacy leave policy has been approved
- iii. Equity and justice group still working through resolutions
- iv. Graduate student trustee and ombudsperson selection ongoing
- v. Will host forums for discussion with deans, department chairs, and graduate program coordinators to better understand graduate student needs
- vi. Fall elections for delegates is upcoming
- vii. Would like to discuss communications in regards to limitations around Zoom guidelines

c. IPC --

- i. IPC is launching our new Mental Health Series this September. It will be a 6-event series starting with a virtual webinar. We will cover topics such as mental

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health in a socially distant world, mental health and masculinity standards, and more! As of now, this is open to professional students only.

- ii. -We will be hosting diversity forums across the 6 professional colleges which will allow for open discussion in order to gather student concerns and input.
- iii. -The College of Medicine has a new Dean: Dr. Carol Bradford and the new Vice Chancellor of Inter-Professional Education was hired this past summer: Dr. Andrew Pfeifle. We look forward to working with them both!
- iv. -Our Professional Development Fund will open up next month and we will be piloting a new online submission process!
- v. -IPC website (IPC.osu.edu) was redone this summer to make it more user friendly and interactive
- vi. -Our individual colleges are now in the process of electing new senators to fill their delegations
- vii. -IPC voted to cosign the resolution put forth by CGS which calls upon the university to recognize election day as a paid holiday (The John Lewis Voting Rights Day)

6. Office of Student Life: Updates with Dr. Shivers, Vice President for Student Life – [will be addressed in the next meeting](#)

7. Reminder: Allocations & Issues will start meeting next Monday

8. Adjournment

a. [Meeting adjourned at 5:03 pm](#)

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