



COUNCIL ON STUDENT AFFAIRS
MEETING AGENDA
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM
AUGUST 30TH, 2021

Meeting called to order at 3:30 pm by Caroline K.

Attendance: Kelsey Lowman, Gabe Meyers, Jacob Chang, Ming Lei (zoom), Baffoa Baffoe-Essilfie, Crystal Altstaetter, Abby Grieff, Kameron Rinehart, Peter Carerra, Caroline Karwisch, Jayllex Mills (zoom), Jill Heathcock (zoom), Ryan Skinner, Janna Stephens (zoom), Mandy Fox (zoom), Amy Livchek (zoom), Sarah Heemstra, Brittany Crall (zoom), Angela Britton, Dr. Matt Couch, Dr. Danny Glassmann, Yvonne Dulaney

*Caroline introduced herself and indicated how excited she is to give back in this role.
Land acknowledgement read*

Old Business

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes (April 19, 2021)
Motion to approve April 19th meeting minutes by Baffoa Baffoe-Essilfie / motion seconded by Abby Grief

New Business

1. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve agenda by Jacob Chang / motion seconded by Ryan Skinner

Overview of meeting by Caroline

2. Introductions
members introduced themselves.
3. Orientation.

Overview of CSA – CSA purpose and role defined as well as make up of CSA council. It is unique in the sense that it is chaired by students. Happy to be back in person. Would like all to feel comfortable in this space to share opinions and ask questions.

- i. Operating procedures – Responsibilities of committee members shared. Please let the chair know if you are unable to make the meetings and/or get an alternate. Same applies to the subcommittees.
- ii. Ad-hoc meetings – please try to make them if scheduled.

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- iii. Should be familiar with the Student org guidelines.
- iv. Shared list of groups that will be presenting to CSA this year. If you would like to hear from others, please let Caroline know.
- v. Student Activity Fee – oversight of activity fee, large part of what the allocations committee does. Reallocation of funds left over from SAF.

4. Committees: Issues & Allocations

Caroline will send out a poll to ask which committee you would like to serve on. Understanding the need to have equal representation, she will do her best to honor your request.

Issues Committee

The issues committee looks at student issues and can encompass a number of issues at once, e.g. writing resolutions, surveys, etc. Last year the group accomplished getting regional student representation on CSA. Caroline will be sitting in on the issues committee.

Allocations Committee

Provides oversight of SAF and allocating funds for student organizations.

Regular committee meetings will begin Monday, September 20, 2021, 3:30pm
Committee chairs will be elected at the first meeting

5. What to expect for the year

- i. Student Code of Conduct Committee – has been reviewed in the past few years, will plan to do the activity fee review as it was supposed to be reviewed last year.
- ii. Will, however, look at Student Code of Conduct to write a report in preparation for a review next year. Jacob talked more about plans to compile a report for the review next year.
 - ii. Student Activity Fee Review – Review established events and applications for new signature events. Looking at the activity in general most of which are in the operating procedures. More to come.
- iii. First Gen concerns – may have a presentation regarding this.

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iv. REASON Project – Ryan Skinner talked about this project (AAUP) working on initiative Save Ohio Higher Education. Would love to invite them in to see how we can partner with them. Caroline will add info on the Reason Project on One Drive.

v. COVID-19 related concerns – important for this group to monitor and gauge how students are doing and are impacted by COVID.

For each meeting there will be updates from the subcommittees as well as the other groups below.

Issues Subcommittee Update – N/A

Allocations subcommittee updates: Over summer subcommittee met and heard 121 requests, 13 appeals.

6. Student Government Updates

- a. USG – (Kelsey Lowman and Jacob Chang)
 - i. First cabinet meeting (exec branch of USG) tomorrow
 - ii. Applications to apply are open. Awesome experience at involvement fair 262 signatures of students interested in applying. Hosting official cabinet with overview and breakouts in person with hybrid option.
 - iii. General assembly (legislative branch) – working on policy workshops to equip senators to work with students. Undergrad development – undergrad coalition with the Big 5 student orgs and Beyond. Looking to re-envision what student advocacy looks like.
 - iv. Jacob – public safety update – identifying long-term and short-term solutions, better off-campus lighting in university district area, adding more policing safely in communities. Working with Student Wellness Center for trainings, collaborating with university district landlords to promote safety. Advocating for mental health resources.
 - v. Public Health (Kelsey) – mandatory vaccinations, some positive feedback, however, decision is still somewhat contested. The isolation housing has raised some inequity concerns, inability for students to plan for isolation housing. How do we support students? Jacob further discussed student engagement regarding the vaccine mandate.

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- vi. Kelsey – On 9/2, the Justice and Equity Committee and the Undergraduate Black Caucus will combine for a Back to School Blast for students who did not have the opportunity to connect during the Student Involvement Fair. Also, the Undergraduate Black Caucus will host a pitch competition for students to pitch their entrepreneurial ideas for an opportunity to receive funding for their business ventures.
 - vii. Bricker Hall -Reviewing processes regarding advocating for the pursuit of a more just campus with buildings and spaces that reflect that. BOT created an ad-hoc committee to review. CSA had a huge hand in advocating for this.
- b. CGS – Abby Grief
- i. Filled 33 delegate seats over the summer. One vacant senator seat and holding fall election to fill vacant positions. Completed most of university appointments. Internal committees not set yet but will work on this weekend.
 - ii. Grad student orientation on Carmen (one stop shop for grad students to get information they need)
 - iii. Grad Prof student involvement fair successful.
 - iv. First exec meeting this past Friday – went well and are excited to get going. First delegate body meeting will be this Friday - orientation format
 - v. Last week held a listening session to talk about the new dean of grad school search.
 - vi. On 9/17 will hold a grad student open house at grad school. Deans and President Johnson will be present to connect with the students.
 - vii. Creating advocacy, legislation coming forward in support of vaccine mandate.
 - viii. Public safety work
- c. IPC – Jayllex Mills (Future updates will be provided by Will Vu)
- i. First meeting is scheduled for September 12, no meetings held over the summer.
 - ii. Senators currently being elected

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7. Office of Student Life: Updates from Dean Glassmann (on behalf of Dr. Shivers)
 - i. Thanks everyone for an amazing start to Autumn Semester
 - ii. Thanks to all who retweeted about the vaccine tailgate
 - iii. Regional campuses – Dean Glassmann and Dr. Couch went to the Marion Campus for the student center ribbon cutting event. They are actively working on phase II.
 - iv. Encouraging everyone to get vaccinated and continue to encourage others to get it done by first deadline of 10/15.
 - v. President Johnson’s message around campus safety high priority.
 - vi. SEEDs already met – actively looking to add first year students to that group. Deadline is 9/10 to apply.
 - vii. RHAC is hosting a welcome event for all on-campus students on Wednesday.
 - viii. Labor Day is coming up – encouraging all to be safe and be responsible.
8. Open Floor/Announcements/ Questions
9. Adjournment

Baffoa Baffoe-Esslifie made a motion to adjourn the meeting - seconded by Ryan Skinner. Meeting adjourned.

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