Ohio Union Council

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Undergraduate Student Government
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Ohio Union Events/Student Activities
Matt Couch (ex-officio)
Jeff Pelletier (ex-officio)
Dan Huffman (ex-officio)
Hali Buck for Morgan Meehan (ex-officio - Ohio Union Council Secretary)
I. Welcome and Ice Breaker  
   a. If you could be on a reality TV show which one would you be on and why?  
II. Student Government Presentation  
   i. USG  
      a. Abby Waidelich – Vice-President, USG  
         a) Internal Org Restructure – Revised New Member Process  
            (1) Greater efficiency and enhanced engagement with organization.  
         b) Key Areas of Focus  
            (1) Safety – Physical/Mental/Sexual Assault  
               (a) Safety App - Promoting use of new safety app (released in January).  
                   Have seen growing use and interest by students.  
               (b) Mental Health  
                  i) Advocating for staffing increases in Counseling & Consultation  
                     Services. Recently posted openings for 8 new counselors and hope to  
                     attract a diverse pool of applicants.  
                  ii) Considering opportunities to introduce satellite offices for CCS  
                     around campus.  
               (c) Sexual Assault  
                  i) Visit by Vice President of the United States, Joe Biden  
                  ii) Buckeyes Act initiative  
                  iii) Looking to centralize resources / possibly establish a dedicated  
                       “Center”.  
               (d) Mirror Lake Jump  
                  i) Voted to end the Mirror Lake Jump  
                     (1) Considering safe alternatives and ways to protect students in  
                     the year ahead.  
            (2) Affordability  
               (a) Charge University to look at affordability across the board (including  
                   tuition, living expenses, textbooks, housing & dining, etc.)  
               (b) Recently looked at costs/benefits/etc. for Dining and STEP  
               (c) Maintained 3 free credit hours for May Session  
                  i) New structures to classes during the summer session.  
                  ii) Questions on how housing will support students taking 4-week  
                      session classes.  
            (3) Topics Under Consideration by USG  
               (a) Teaching and Learning  
               (b) Academic Advising  
               (c) Comprehensive Energy Management Plan  
            (4) Outreach  
               Importance of understanding and reflecting the diversity of opinions,  
               backgrounds, and experiences represented at OSU.  
   ii. CGS – David Bowers, CGS President  
      a. CGS represents over 10,000 graduate students – the majority of which are on the  
         Columbus campus. CGS also represents a number of Professional students who are  
         pursuing degrees outside of their professional program.  
      b. Involved in 2 national organizations. Have representation within both groups.  
      c. Overview of CGS governing and organizational structure.  
      d. Hayes Research Forum (30th Annual) - Doubled number applicants for program.  
      e. Highlights for the Year  
         a) Completed 2-year project to Locate a parking lot for students who need to
practice for their Ohio driver’s license.

b) New Implicit Bias Certificate Program – Launching on Monday, February 15th
(1) Had 200+ registrants in first 2 days. Collaborating with the Student Life Multicultural Center and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion to provide programming for the certificate. Plan to offer program again in Fall 2016.

c) New Art on the Oval program – Spring 2016
d) Other Projects/Updates
(1) Expand number of graduate students who are able to network with University administration. Met with member from the Board of Trustees.
(2) New institute for Center for Teaching & Learning
(3) Dinners with CGS senators and various University leaders.
(4) Invited University administration to address the CGS Delegates

e) Internal Development within CGS
(1) Increased number of orientation sessions for delegates.
(2) Focus on increasing community within CGS.
(3) Added monthly meetings with University senators
(4) Dedication to their established code of ethics
(5) Publish attendance list (Delegate Meetings) online for accountability.
(6) New communications committee
(7) New Goals/Efforts
  (a) Increasing the minimum graduate stipend.
  (b) Working on a speaker series and will collaborate with various programs/colleges.
  (c) Greater interaction between 3 student governments

iii. IPC – Will provide updates next month (March)

III. Ohio Union Activities Board Update
i. Joey Kaiser, President
a. Event Updates
  a) Flicks for Free series – averaging 200-300 in attendance.
     (1) Two international movies next week in partnership w/ Taste of OSU
  b) Live Music Night – held last week where students could showcase their talent.
  c) Karaoke Night – held last week – featured Chinese New Year Celebration.
  e) Shiza Shahid – Malala Fund – Inspirational Speaker
b. Internal Developments
  a) Launched new incentive program to encourage OUAB members to attend each other’s events.
  b) Renting credenzas in the Union to advertise events and the organization.
  c) Punch Card for Frequent Event Attenders
  d) Upcoming Events
    a) Derek Hough – Dancing with the Stars – Dance Class + Lecture (RPAC)
    b) Mark Hickson – Disney Imagineer
    c) Dr. Bennett Omalu – Concussion researcher
    d) Ellie Kemper – Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt (Netflix)

IV. Director Updates
i. Matt Couch, Director, Student Activities
  a. Selecting new Cohort Members for Buck-I-SERV, MCEC, Pay-It-Forward, etc.
b. Interviewing for 3 new graduate associates – interviews with candidates in the Higher Education and Student Affairs program.
c. Student Activities is developing a new website – Hoping for a Fall 2015 Launch of the new site.
d. Program Updates  
   a) D-Tix – Adding bowling as a discounted ticket offering.  
   b) Buckeye Soup – program continues to grow/expand – Spring offering, March 31  
   c) 35 Buck-I-SERV trips headed out over Spring Break  
   d) Local Service Initiatives – have several regularly, weekly occurring opportunities offered on Saturdays.  
   e) Access 88 Trips – students visit local libraries to provide tutoring services.  
   f) Spring 2016 Commencement – Applications open for Commencement Eve Candlelight speakers.

ii. Jeff Pelletier, Acting Director, Ohio Union Events
   a. Events in January  
      (1) 1,800 events (average)  
      (2) 68% Student Events / 29% University Events / 3% Events  
   b. Recent Events – BuckeyeThon (Feb 4-5) – Raised over $1.3 million dollars  
   c. February Events -  
      a) A number of meetings for corporate clients including BMW Financial, LBrands, Nationwide Insurance  
      b) Student research events including the Hayes Forum and Dental Research  
      c) DanceSport OSU – Regional Dance Competition  
      d) A number of dances  
      e) Increased events and programs from UAFYE.  
      f) February 19th – Taste of OSU  
      g) NACUFS – Culinary/Dining Professional Association – will spend a day of their conference on campus at the Union in additional to other sites across Columbus.
   d. Interviewing candidates for Ohio Union Events graduate student position.  
   e. Working on updates to the Ohio Union website given upcoming transition for the Student Activities website.  
   f. Possible opportunity for OSUPD to practice training for Active Shooter scenarios at the Ohio Union. Will likely be afterhours (during the evening) Summer 2016.  
   g. ACUI Conference 2016 – Morgan Meehan was awarded the Richard Blackburn New Professional of the Year award.  
   h. Questions – Development/progress on the Brutus Buckeye Room? Updates will likely not be installed until after the spring semester.

iii. Dan Huffman, Business Manager  
   a. YTD - $3.75 million in revenue / approximately $3.5 million in expenses  
   b. Netting $250,000 / will be very close on hitting goal of $500,000 to put in reserves for capital projects.  
   c. Discussed revenue as it relates to client types (Non-University, University, Student) and provided a 3-year comparison (FY14-FY16 YTD).  

V. Subcommittee Updates  
   i. Policy Committee – Matthew  
      a. Have not met since the last meeting.  
      b. Will be meeting next week from 5:30-6:30 PM in the Student Alumni Council Room on February 18th  
      a) Will be looking at building hours, animal policies, drone policies, etc.
ii. Events Committee – Stephen  
   a. Met last Thursday (Feb 4)  
      a) African American Heritage Festival  
      b) Alleviating Poverty Through Entrepreneurship  
      c) RUok Day  
      d) Spring Commencement Week  
      e) NPHC Step Show – Event cancelled for this year due to lack of resources.

VI. Future Meetings  
   i. March 10, 2016 – Barbie Tootle Room  
   ii. April 21, 2016 – Barbie Tootle Room

VII. Announcements  
   i. D-Tix in March  
   ii. Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations due by next meeting