

# The Ohio State University's Undergraduate Student Government's 2023 Autumn Budget

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## Executive Summary

In the spirit of prioritizing our organization's goals and aspirations, we present the budget proposal for the first semester of our administration. Our primary objective is to lay a strong foundation for the upcoming year, setting us up for successful large-scale initiatives and events while fostering the growth and development of our members. Additionally, we aim to enhance our visibility, particularly during the start of the academic year, and extend our support during Welcome Week events.

We are excited to showcase the work done by our team in the past couple of months, which has laid a strong foundation for the year ahead. As we move forward, we remain committed to our mission, proud of our accomplishments, and eager to make a positive difference in the lives of our fellow students. With enthusiasm and determination, we welcome the opportunities that lie ahead and look forward to an exceptional year. Together, we proudly exclaim, "GO BUCKS!" Let us forge ahead, united in purpose, and make this year one to remember.

Signed,  
Bobby McAlpine  
President of the Undergraduate Student Government



## Undergraduate Student Government Finance Team

Nothing happens financially in this organization without this team. A huge thank you to this team for helping make this budget happen!

**Chief Financial Officer, Omar Al Kowatli.1**

**Senior Director of Allocations, Nigel Gore.153**

**Finance Coordinator, Piper Wei.1199**

**Office of Student Life Associate Director and USG Advisor, Jen Pelletier.17**

**Office of Student Life Student Government Coordinator, Erica Brown.7947**

**Office of Student Life Business Manager, Brittany Crall.26**

**Office of Student Life Business Manager, Angela Britton.190**

## Undergraduate Student Government Funding Composition

The Undergraduate Student Government receives its funding for this budget from two distinct sources.

### Student Activity Fee (SAF)

The Student Activity Fee is charged to all undergraduate, graduate, and professional students enrolled at the Ohio State Columbus campus only, which does not include students from Ohio State's regional campuses. The fee is directed to several fixed costs throughout the University, with USG receiving 5.85% of remaining funds after these fixed costs are paid. USG reports its budget on a per-semester basis to the Council on Student Affairs (CSA) Allocations Committee, sharing information about what they have used funds for, upcoming plans, and the success of their past programs.

### Coca-Cola Endowment (COKE)

The Coca-Cola Endowment was established on November 3, 2000, by funds received from the beverage pouring rights between the Coca-Cola Company and The Ohio State University. The Undergraduate Student Government is given the annual interest generated by the endowment so that it may be “Used to Contribute to the Effectiveness of the Undergraduate Student Government in Serving Undergraduate Students, and for Programs, Activities, and Services Benefiting Undergrad Students.” Traditionally, the fund has been used to fund USG’s internal administrative costs, leadership development programs, budgetary shortfalls, etc.

## Undergraduate Student Government Budget Descriptions: Autumn 2023

## Academic Affairs

The Academic Affairs committee strives to enhance University policies surrounding academics. The policies we are trying to enhance regard those concerning SEIs, advising, affordability in many capacities, STEP, Libraries, and many more. As a committee, we seek accountability of University Administration in terms of the student's experience with teaching, learning, and everything else related to academic affairs.

Director: Olivia Beckett.141

Total AU23 Budget: \$46,060.40

Total SAF Budget: \$46,060.40

Total COKE Budget: \$0.00

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### **Line #1:** Textbook Exchange Network

**Contact:** Olivia Beckett.141

**Budgeted for in the Past:** Yes, Spring 2023.

**Description:** Textbooks can be an extremely steep cost for students. The Textbook Exchange Network is a database that allows Ohio State students to buy and sell their textbooks at a much cheaper price. This is evidently a benefit for students because it saves them a lot of money and is a convenient way to purchase textbooks for their respective courses. Additionally, the Textbook Exchange Network is relatively convenient and accessible, so many students will be able to utilize it and benefit from it.

#### **Cost Breakdown:**

University catering - \$200 (sweet treats, cupcakes, brownies)

Room reservations - \$200 (tabling at the Ohio Union)

Marketing/advertisements - \$100 (flyers)

**Total Budgeted:** \$500

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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### **Line #2:** New York Times Subscription

**Contact:** Olivia Beckett.141

**Budgeted for in the Past:** Yes, Fall 2022.

**Description:** Last year, USG signed a contract with the New York Times that gave students access to the news source, rather than paying the steep cost associated with having a subscription. Having access to notable news sources like the New York Times is important because it offers our students reliable information about what is going on around them. With the contract, we would be able to impact all of our student body and make sure that everyone has the opportunity to access the New York Times and its various, valuable resources.

**Cost Breakdown:**

\$43,560.40 (Subscription fee) by CSA

\$2,000.00 (Marketing/advertisement, Lantern) by USG

**Total Budgeted:** \$45,560.40

**Funding Source:** Council on Student Affairs (CSA)

**Association of Big Ten Students Liaison**

The mission of the Association of Big Ten Students is to increase information sharing and networking among student government organizations and serve as the active collective voice of students of the Big Ten Conference. Ohio State sends a delegation to conference and annual lobbying trips to ensure OSU student concerns are voiced throughout the conference.

Liaison: Diewo Camara.57

Total AU23 Budget: \$5,000

Total SAF Budget: \$5,000

Total COKE Budget: \$0.00

**Line #3:** Association of Big Ten Students Winter Conference

**Contact:** Diewo Camara.57

**Budgeted for in the Past:** No.

**Description:** Ohio State is hosting the ABTS Winter Conference in January. These funds will be utilized in preparation of the conference for unforeseen expenses that may occur and miscellaneous supplies such as folders/decorations/etc.

**Cost Breakdown:**

Miscellaneous Funds - \$5,000

**Total Budgeted:** \$5,000

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

**Black Caucus**

The Undergraduate Black Caucus is an executive-level unit of the Undergraduate Student Government. This organizational unit is composed of Black students whose function is to represent, support, and advocate for the Black student body through policy, event programming, and other specialized initiatives. The Undergraduate Black Caucus is governed by its Chair and works with senior leadership to ensure overarching initiatives of USG are inclusive of Black students.

Chair: Kaira Mack.469

Total AU23 Budget: \$22545.00

Total SAF Budget: \$22545.00

Total COKE Budget: \$0.00

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**Line #4:** Undergraduate Black Caucus (UBC) Monthly Town Hall

**Contact:** Zoe Lee.9849

**Budgeted for in the Past:** Yes, AU 2022, SP 2022, and SP 2023

**Description:** Join the Undergraduate Black Caucus (UBC) at our dynamic monthly town halls which aims to merge our customary meeting time with an opportunity for community members to engage in shadowing experiences, gain insights into the work that we do, and vocalize their thoughts and concerns about things happening across campus. This recurring monthly event will take place once a month in place of a UBC organizational meeting. We hope this serves as an opportunity for our community to share their thoughts and fosters further dialogue toward meaningful change.

**Cost Breakdown:**

Non-University Catering for Town Hall 1: \$700 (1 Meal & Drinks for 50 People)

Non-University Catering for Town Hall 2: \$700 (1 Meal & Drinks for 50 People)

Non-University Catering for Town Hall 3: \$700 (1 Meal & Drinks for 50 People)

Miscellaneous Expenses: i.e Tips & Delivery Fee: \$100

**Total Budgeted:** \$2200.00

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #5:** Undergraduate Black Caucus (UBC) Black Market

**Contact:** Chi Mutiso.3

**Budgeted for in the Past:** No

**Description:** The Undergraduate Black Caucus (UBC) will host a dynamic marketplace that captures the vibrancy and entrepreneurial spirit of the Black community here in Columbus, OH. Through an array of Black-owned businesses and vendors showcasing their products, services, and talents we want to highlight the creativity, craftsmanship, and innovation of the people around us and expose students to opportunity and community in Columbus, OH through this pop-up marketplace that is free to attend and partake in.

**Cost Breakdown:**

Vendor Fees: \$1,000 (Booth fees for participating businesses (estimated 10 vendors)

Event-Specific Supplies: \$200 (i.e Shopping totes, etc.)

Catering: \$1,500 (i.e local Columbus food truck)

**Total Budgeted:** \$2,700

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #6:** The Undergraduate Black Caucus (UBC) Melanated Discussions Podcast

**Contact:** Chi Mutiso.3

**Budgeted for in the Past:** Yes, AU22 & SP23

**Description:** he Undergraduate Black Caucus (UBC)'s Melanated Discussions Podcast aims to amplify voices and heritage across campus. Through engaging in captivating conversations with community members we share insights and resources with our community members while actively documenting history at The Ohio State University and the greater Columbus area.

**Cost Breakdown:**

Production Cost: \$900 (Podcast Producer)

Miscellaneous: \$100 (i.e Any incurred costs with production including but not limited to script writing, studio booking fee, etc.)

**Total Budgeted:** \$1,000

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #7:** The Center for Belonging and Social Change (CBSC) Ujima Leadership Collective Collaboration

**Contact:** Kaira Mack.469

**Budgeted for in the Past:**

**Description:** The Undergraduate Black Caucus (UBC) aims to sponsor multiple efforts of the Ujima Leadership Collective at The Ohio State University this semester aligning closely with their goals to foster unity, empower members of the community, and more. Through sponsorship of three impactful events per semester, we aim to uplift voices, create spaces for dialogue, and create lasting connections here on campus. Collaboratively, we will work with the Center for Belonging and Social Change (CBSC) and members of the network to amplify and embody what it means to create meaningful change and equal opportunities for all.

**Cost Breakdown:** We are still in discussion of what the final events for the upcoming semester will be. With that being said, prices may vary but events may look like and include the following breakdown for future reference:

African-American Heritage Fest Event: \$1,000 (i.e University Catering \$600, Room Reservation \$600)

National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) Event: \$1,000 (i.e local Columbus food truck catering)

Undergraduate Black Student Leaders Event: \$1,100 (i.e University Catering \$600, Room Reservation \$600, Supplies \$100)

**Total Budgeted:** \$3,100



**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #8:** Voter Registration 101 Event

**Contact:** Madison Kittrell.21

**Budgeted for in the Past:** No

**Description:** The Undergraduate Black Caucus (UBC)'s Policy Committee aims to spearhead a collaboration with Youth at The Booth, championing voter engagement.

Join us in the Ohio Union as we help students register to vote and receive the necessary information they need to uplift their voices and advocate for their community.

**Cost Breakdown:** University Catering: \$100 (i.e Including light refreshments such as bottles of water and cookies and/or chips for students to have after they register to vote or come to learn more)  
Ohio Union Tabling Fee: \$125 (i.e Appox. \$25 per day with student % x 5 days)

**Total Budgeted:** \$225

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #9:** Undergraduate Black Caucus (UBC) Wellness & Mental Health Discussion

**Contact:** Hawwii Asoba.2

**Budgeted for in the Past:** Yes, AU22 & SP23

**Description:** The Undergraduate Black Caucus (UBC), The Black Mental Health Coalition, and The Ohio State University's National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Chapter will collaboratively host a student-led and facilitated discussion about issues students face in regard to their mental health.

The Policy Committee will use this opportunity to gauge student opinion and offer tangible solutions to problems students may face throughout their collegiate careers.

**Cost Breakdown:** University Catering: \$500 (i.e Drinks and light snacks for 30 people)

**Total Budgeted:** \$500

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #10:** The Undergraduate Black Caucus (UBC) Ohio Supreme Court Trip

**Contact:** Madison Kittrell.21

**Budgeted for in the Past:** No

**Description:** The Undergraduate Black Caucus (UBC)'s Policy Committee will invite students to attend a live Ohio Supreme Case hearing on a relevant policy issue (depending upon what is available on the docket) with them and connect with respected bodies such as the Ohio Black Legislative Caucus to determine how to create legislative change.

**Cost Breakdown:** Transportation: Small Charter Bus (\$500)

**Total Budgeted:** \$500

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #11:** The Undergraduate Black Caucus (UBC) Headshot & Photoshoot

**Contact:** Kaira Mack.469

**Budgeted for in the Past:** Yes, SP23

**Description:** The Undergraduate Black Caucus (UBC) is proud to present a dynamic event: a public headshot photoshoot coupled with exclusive professional development. Join us to capture your essence through expert organizational headshots and group shots for student organizations, accessible to all via sign up. Simultaneously, the Undergraduate Black Caucus (UBC) will continue our annual tradition of preserving the legacy of the Black Caucus, a testament to progress and unity through photographs. This event serves as an opportunity for the community to develop professionally but also be a part of Black Caucus history and legacy moving forward.

**Cost Breakdown:**

While the final details are still being determined the following breakdown is based upon last year's photoshoot information and the expanding scale for the fall semester with the event being now open to the entire student body and interested student organizations:

Photoshoot Estimated Service Charge: \$2,000.00 (Including individual portraits, group photos, post-production editing, and downloadable media of final photos)

Single-Event Rate: \$1,800.00

**Total Budgeted:** \$3,800

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #12:** Undergraduate Black Caucus (UBC) Late Night Breakfast & Finals Study Tables

**Contact:** Erin Williams.8199

**Budgeted for in the Past:** No

**Description:** To ease the intensity of finals week, the Undergraduate Black Caucus (UBC) wants to extend a supportive hand with our Late-Night Breakfast and Finals Study Tables event. We plan to host a

rejuvenating evening filled with comfort food and camaraderie. Through providing this safe and accessible space on campus, we want to ensure students feel prepared for success and supported during this usually hectic time of the year.

**Cost Breakdown:** Non-University Catering: \$800 (1 Meal & Drinks for 80-100 People)(i.e Vendor Options Include: Chipotle, Canes, Qdoba, etc.)

**Total Budgeted:** \$800

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #13:** Undergraduate Black Caucus (UBC) Resume Workshop & Career Fair Prep

**Contact:** Erin Williams.8199

**Budgeted for in the Past:** No

**Description:** The Undergraduate Black Caucus (UBC) Resume Workshop is an event strategically timed one week before The Ohio State University's renowned Career Fair. This time will be an opportunity for students to refine their resume with direct peer and professional guidance to ensure their future success. Students will be equipped with the resources they need to discover a plethora of opportunities.

**Cost Breakdown:** University Catering: \$300 (i.e Light refreshments such as cookies and lemonade)

**Total Budgeted:** \$300

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #14:** Undergraduate Black Caucus (UBC) Helping Hand Collection Drive

**Contact:** Chi Mutiso.3

**Budgeted for in the Past:** No

**Description:** The Undergraduate Black Caucus (UBC) will collaborate with fellow student organizations for monthly donation drives that align with a community partner in the wider Columbus area. Join us in giving back and making a difference that resonates beyond our campus community.

**Cost Breakdown:**

Supplies: \$70 (i.e Collection boxes from Home Depot/Uhaul and paint kits for collection boxes)

**Total Budgeted:** \$70

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #15:** Undergraduate Black Caucus (UBC) Grown~ish — Adulting 101 Workshop

**Contact:** Jessica Asante-Tutu.1

**Budgeted for in the Past:** No

**Description:** The Undergraduate Black Caucus (UBC) is hosting this event to equip young adults with essential life skills and knowledge necessary for a successful transition into independent and self-sufficient living. The goal of the adulting 101 workshop is to provide practical guidance on topics such as budgeting, meal-prepping, time management, basic home maintenance, effective communication and social interactions. By offering participants these fundamental skills, the workshop aims to boost their confidence, promote self-reliance, and enhance their overall well-being as they navigate the challenges of adulthood while pursuing a degree.

**Cost Breakdown:**

University Catering: \$150 (i.e Light refreshments)

Speaker Costs: \$100

**Total Budgeted:** \$250

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #16:** Undergraduate Black Caucus (UBC) Film & Discussion Night

**Contact:** Jessica Asante-Tutu.1

**Budgeted for in the Past:** No

**Description:**

The Undergraduate Black Caucus (UBC), potentially in collaboration with other BOSU organizations, will host two movie nights during the fall 2023 semester. The Student Experience Committee will use these movie nights to unite Black students through classics that provide a sense of nostalgia and allow students to destress during the school year. The films picked will be used to foster conversation between students concerning the movie's theme. We intend to hold the first event between Sept. 1st - Oct. 11th and the second one between Nov. 13th - Dec. 4th in accordance to the Halloween and Holiday season.

**Cost Breakdown:**

Catering: Coca Cola Fund (Drink & Drink)

We will prepare for about 50 students (outside of Black Caucus) attending the movie night. Simple snacks such as chips and drinks will be provided.

The estimates are as follows: Snacks are about \$11 for a variety pack of 18 + catering costs and drinks are free as long as the organization is eligible. With this in mind we are estimating the overall catering will cost about \$300.

Snacks - \$300 - Catering delivery fee + cost for snacks itself

Drinks - \$0 free through Coca Cola Fund

**Total Budgeted:** \$300

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #17:** Undergraduate Black Caucus (UBC) Engagement Night

**Contact:** Kaira Mack.469 & Jessica Asante-Tutu.1

**Budgeted for in the Past:** No

**Description:** The Undergraduate Black Caucus (UBC) Executive Board would like to begin the AU23 semester with a platform for students to connect and to establish a sense of community and belonging with the return to campus following summer break. We'll be using this event to showcase our goals and initiatives to fellow students while simultaneously learning about issues impacting the Black community on campus through conversation and more importantly engaging activities. Through airbrush t-shirts and food truck catering we aim to enhance the experience for attendees and encourage participation for recruitment and outreach to diverse communities impacted by our efforts.

**Cost Breakdown:**

Event Promotion & Supplies: \$150 (Including items such as flyers, posters, and event promotional materials i.e event photo backdrop)

Airbrush T-Shirt Services: \$3,000

Estimated cost per shirt: \$15

Number of people: 200

Total estimated cost:  $\$15 \times 200 = \$3,000$

Catering: \$1,500 (i.e local Columbus food truck)

**Total Budgeted:** \$4,650

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #18:** Undergraduate Black Caucus (UBC) Student Leadership Networking Dinner

**Contact:** Erin Williams.8199

**Budgeted for in the Past:** No

**Description:** Join us this fall at the Undergraduate Black Caucus (UBC) Student Leadership Networking Dinner! Through an evening of connection and empowerment we hope to equip students with the essential skills and resources to excel as student leaders. We are hoping to empower students to share experiences and build a network that lasts beyond the dinner within The Ohio State University community.

**Cost Breakdown:**

Room Reservation: \$600 (i.e Thompson Library)

Non-University Catering: \$800 (1 Meal and Drink for 100 people)(i.e Vendor Options Include: Chipotle, Canes, Qdoba, etc.)

Supplies: \$200 (i.e Professional binders, etc.)

Miscellaneous Expenses: \$50 (Tips & Delivery Fee)

**Total Budgeted:** \$1650

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #19:** Undergraduate Black Caucus (UBC) Ohio Union Tabling

**Contact:** Kaira Mack.469

**Budgeted for in the Past:** Yes, SP23

**Description:** Throughout the semester the Undergraduate Black Caucus (UBC) aims to table multiple times to highlight various initiatives such as a Red Zone Awareness Week Campaign where we highlight resources and gain student feedback about initiatives such as the Graduation Cap and Gown Program.

**Cost Breakdown:** Ohio Union Standard Tabling Space Fee: \$100 (x4 reoccurring tabling sessions)  
University Catering: \$100 (i.e Light Refreshments Snacks (chips, pretzels, etc.)

**Total Budgeted:** \$500

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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### Community Relations

The Community Relations committee strives to reach out to students and be an effective communication mechanism between the student body and the student government that advocates for them. Community Relations gives both students and USG a voice by putting on forums, starting dialogue, and connecting undergraduates to their representatives.

Director: Matthew Levine.1891

Total AU23 Budget: \$0.00

Total SAF Budget: \$0.00

Total COKE Budget: \$0.00

### General Assembly

The General Assembly serves as the undergraduate student body's representative and legislative body made up of elected Senators. Senators of the General Assembly serve as the chief spokespersons and representatives of the undergraduates of their constituencies.

Speaker: Alex Poling.238

Total AU23 Budget: \$50,000.00

Total SAF Budget: \$50,000.00

Total COKE Budget: \$0.00

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**Line #20:** Allocations Student Organization Funding

**Contact:** Nigel Gore.153

**Budgeted for in the Past:** Yes

**Description:** Student Org allocation funding budget for this semester as dictated by President Bobby McAlpine and Senior Director of Allocations Nigel Gore

**Total Budgeted:** \$50,000

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

### Government Relations

Government Relations has a mission of representing the undergraduate student body by creating and upholding relationships with leaders at the local, state, and federal level to discuss and propose ideas for the betterment of our university. Internally, we strive to facilitate the initiatives of other USG committees and their relationships with legislative bodies by acting as the main communicator and lobbyist on their behalf. Externally, we assist students by taking their suggestions, research, and ideas to government officials for support and guidance.

Director: Angad Dhillon.93

Total AU23 Budget: \$450.00

Total SAF Budget: \$450.00

Total COKE Budget: \$0.00

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**Line #21:** Absentee Ballot Drive

**Contact:** Angad Dhillon.93

**Budgeted for in the Past:** Yes, AU22

**Description:** 3-day tabling in the Union to provide absentee ballot request forms and answer questions regarding voting in the November election.

**Total Budgeted:** \$140.00

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #22:** Know Your Rights Event

**Contact:** Angad Dhillon.93

**Budgeted for in the Past:** No

**Description:** Speaker panel to educate students about their civil rights, especially those relating to Title IX and sexual assault.

**Total Budgeted:** \$145.00

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #23:** Testimony Workshop

**Contact:** Angad Dhillon.93

**Budgeted for in the Past:** No

**Description:** Workshop event to help students learn how to write testimony regarding bills at the State Captial.

**Total Budgeted:** \$165.00

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

### Health and Safety

The Health & Safety Committee strives to research and address issues impacting the short-term and long-term health, safety, and well-being of all Ohio State students, and to sustain successful existing practices at Ohio State.

Director: Unni Shriram.2

Total AU23 Budget: \$11,164.00

Total SAF Budget: \$11,164.00

Total COKE Budget: \$0.00

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**Line #24:** Health & Safety branded stickers (promotional material)

**Contact:** Unni Shriram.2

**Budgeted for in the Past:** No

**Description:** These stickers will have the Health & Safety logo on them, and we will pass them out at H&S events to promote our committee and help more students learn about our initiatives. We will give these stickers to students for free.

**Cost Breakdown:**

Stickers (\$0.50 x 300 stickers)

**Total Budgeted:** \$150.00

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #25:** REACH training



**Contact:** Unni Shriram.2

**Budgeted for in the Past:** No

**Description:** We will be having a suicide prevention in-person gatekeeper training program for members of H&S, Student Affairs, and other interested students in the general student body. Students will leave equipped to better serve as a mental health resource for their community. There will be 50 participants. The content will be on suicide prevention, and it will be taught by REACH.

**Cost Breakdown:**

Stress relief toys - \$500 (100 stress buster cacti from Promotion Pros)

**Total Budgeted:** \$1,000.00

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #26:** Buck-i-Health Day

**Contact:** Unni Shriram.2

**Budgeted for in the Past:** Yes, SP 22

**Description:** This free health screening and wellness event allows undergraduate students to learn about prevalent healthcare topics, receive a general health and biometric screening, speak with healthcare providers, and engage in wellness activities. We hope to engage 200 people.

**Cost Breakdown:**

University Catering for volunteers - \$850 (boxed lunches for 60 people)

University Catering for participants - \$1000 (healthy hors d'oeuvres for 200 people)

T-shirts for participants - \$1000

Room Reservations - \$1,500

**Total Budgeted:** \$4,350.00

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #27:** I Am Kenough: Gender, Sexuality, and Leadership

**Contact:** Unni Shriram.2

**Budgeted for in the Past:** No

**Description:** This event is a part of the university-wide event for leadership week. We will invite campus leaders to speak about how their identities (gender, sexuality, and more) have shaped them as a leader. Students will be invited to participate in the conversation as well, as we discuss together how our identities impact us as leaders. We intend to engage 40 students.

**Cost Breakdown:**

University Catering - \$400 (Sliders for 40 people)  
Room Reservations - \$500

**Total Budgeted:** \$900.00

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #28:** USG x Student Health Services Reproductive Care

**Contact:** Unni Shriram.2

**Budgeted for in the Past:** No

**Description:** This is an informational session about the various contraceptive options (pill, shot, patch, implant, etc.) offered at Student Health Services. The gynecology provider could offer a rundown of each method, and we could open it up to students to ask questions anonymously via an online form. The intended audience is undergraduate students interested in learning more about reproductive health. We plan to welcome 50 attendees. The purpose is for students to feel better informed about the contraceptive options available to them at OSU.

**Cost Breakdown:**

University Catering - \$189 (5 dozen brownies for \$25/dozen and 4 dozen buckeyes for \$16/dozen)  
Contraceptives - \$100 (Target: 36 condoms for \$20, 180 condoms total)  
Room Reservations - \$500

**Total Budgeted:** \$789.00

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #29:** Back to School First Aid & Safety Tabling

**Contact:** Unni Shriram.2

**Budgeted for in the Past:** No

**Description:** We will be distributing first aid and safety items to students to welcome them back to school and prepare them for the new school year. The intended audience is undergraduate students, who will benefit by having the tools needed to be healthy and safe. We plan on engaging 200 students.

**Cost Breakdown:**

Self Defense Keychains - \$1,900 (Amazon: \$12.59/keychain x 150)  
First Aid Kits - \$2,000 (Amazon: \$9.99 x 200 kits)  
Tabling - \$75 (\$25/day x 3 days)

**Total Budgeted:** \$3,975

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

## Internal Operations

The Internal Operations Team strives to maintain the internal operations of USG. This includes event planning, internal communications, record keeping, and other logistical tasks. Internal Affairs also oversees USG's membership which includes the recruitment and education of new members, continued membership development, the Interns program, and membership requirements. The overall mission of Internal Affairs is to create a positive, inclusive environment within USG where students feel valued and empowered.

Director: Bella Margolin.13

Total AU23 Budget: \$0.00

Total SAF Budget: \$0.00

Total COKE Budget: \$0.00

## Justice & Equity

The mission of the Justice and Equity Committee is to support, protect, and advocate for the safety and success of all students, with a strong emphasis on marginalized groups; we will work to ensure that The Ohio State University promotes these same principles through policy and programming.

Director: Ayah Aldosari.14

Total AU23 Budget: \$7,500.00

Total SAF Budget: \$7,500.00

Total COKE Budget: \$0.00

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### **Line #30:** Native American Heritage Month Native Cuisine Event

**Contact:** Unni Shreram.2

**Budgeted for in the Past:** No

**Description:** An event to raise awareness and highlight the existing Native American presence on campus and in Columbus. Open for all students. Estimate of 600-800 people.

**Cost Breakdown:**

Food Trucks and Catering - \$7000 (Estimate of \$10 per plate for 700 attendees)

Backup Funds - \$500 (Unexpected Costs)

**Total Budgeted:** \$7,500

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

## Recruitment

The Undergraduate Student Government Recruitment Committee at The Ohio State University plays a vital role in fostering a vibrant campus community. Comprising dedicated student leaders, the committee's primary objective is to identify and attract diverse and passionate individuals to join the

undergraduate student government. Through innovative outreach initiatives, informative workshops, giveaways tailored to student needs, and engaging campus events, they strive to inspire potential candidates to become actively involved in shaping the university's future. Emphasizing inclusivity and collaboration, the Recruitment Committee works tirelessly to ensure that all students feel encouraged to participate, regardless of their background or experience. By cultivating a dynamic and empowered student body, they contribute to a thriving and enriching academic environment.

Director: Ian Logan.439

Total SU23 Budget: \$6,000.00

Total SAF Budget: \$6,000.00

Total COKE Budget: \$0.00

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**Line #31:** USG Promotional Items

**Contact:** Ian Logan.439

**Budgeted for in the Past:** Yes

**Description:** Regular order placed for USG Tumblers. We hand these out consistently at almost all of our events. We had an older version of our tumblers at the Involvement Fair and went through all 300 of them in about two hours. These newer tumblers are a higher quality for a similar cost, and students can use them in many more situations than our older tumblers. They are stainless steel, double walled for insulation, and seals when closed- none of these were a feature of our old ones. A simple tote bag embellished with the USG logo for awareness. Tote bags are relatively cheap in bulk yet provide functional benefits to students. The recent Involvement Fair and Buck-I-Frenzy are two great examples of events where students would immediately find a tote bag useful to help carry all of the merchandise. We will be handing out this merch at our various recruitment events, particularly in survey classes and large campus events.

**Cost Breakdown:**

**Total Budgeted:** \$6,000.00

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Senior Staff**

The Senior Staff is the appointed staff of the President and Vice President. Budget items comprised by the Senior Staff seek to provide a welcoming environment for USG members, increase organizational retention, increase the leadership capacities of all USG members, and include Presidential and Vice-Presidential initiatives.

Chief of Staff: Kyla Hurns.1

Total AU23 Budget: \$36,726.86

Total SAF Budget: \$27,250

Total COKE Budget: \$9,476.86

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**Line #32:** Committee Socials

**Contact:** Paul Huang.4572

**Budgeted for in the Past:** Yes, AU22

**Description:** This is money that will be distributed evenly among the 7 committees (a list which includes Black Caucus) to host their own independent committee social at some point during the month of November.

**Cost Breakdown:** AA- 500

SA- 500

Sust-500

J&E-500

GR- 500

H&S- 500

Black Caucus- 500

Total=3500

**Total Budgeted:** \$3,500.00

**Funding Source:** Coca Cola Endowment Grant (COKE)

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**Line #33:** Homecoming Picnic

**Contact:** Paul Huang.4572

**Budgeted for in the Past:** Yes, AU22

**Description:** The Homecoming event is a university wide social event with free food and games for students, will take place in the South Oval during Homecoming week.

**Cost Breakdown:** 8000- Food trucks (800 entrees, sides, desserts)

3,000- Super games rental of mechanical bull, lawn games, and obstacle course

**Total Budgeted:** \$11,000.00

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #34:** CarnOval

**Contact:** Jack Tumulty.8

**Budgeted for in the Past:** No

**Description:** USG is partaking in one of Buckeyethon's signature fundraising events: CarnOval, where students, staff, and Buckeyethon's miracle families come together for an afternoon of fun festivities. We will provide two inflatables from the entertainment company, SuperGames, and distribute free cotton candy.

**Cost Breakdown:**

\$1,200 - SuperGames Attraction 1

\$1,200 - SuperGames Attraction 2

\$3,600 - Cotton Candy

**Total Budgeted:** \$6,000

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #35:** Fentanyl Test Strips

**Contact:** Jack Tumulty.8

**Budgeted for in the Past:** No

**Description:** USG is partnering with the Inter-Fraternity Council and Panhellenic Council to provide free Fentanyl Test Strips to Greek Life organizations.

**Cost Breakdown:**

**Total Budgeted:** \$2,500

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #36:** Finals Care Packages

**Contact:** Jack Tumulty.8

**Budgeted for in the Past:** No

**Description:** Care packages to be distributed to OSU Residence Halls around Finals.

**Cost Breakdown:** \$8000- combination of candy, pens/pencils, stress balls, stickers, bubbles, and other small items to be assembled into care kits.

**Total Budgeted:** \$8,000

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #37:** Homecoming Raffle

**Contact:** Jack Tumulty.8

**Budgeted for in the Past:** Yes, AU22

**Description** This is an add on to the homecoming line item, it will be used towards creating/purchasing 1-3 baskets/items to be won by students who enter a raffle available to all in attendance at the picnic.

**Cost Breakdown:** \$300- TV  
\$200 Ohio State merch  
\$50 candy/snacks  
\$100 portable chargers  
\$100 Misc charges (baskets etc)

**Total Budgeted:** \$750.00

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #38:** Destress Event

**Contact:** Jack Tumulty.8

**Budgeted for in the Past:** No

**Description:** We plan to put on an event with free food leading up to finals for org exposure.

**Cost Breakdown:** \$3000 - food TBD

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #39:** USG Office Revamp Pt. 2

**Contact:** Kyla Hurns.1

**Budgeted for in the Past:** Yes, SU23

**Description:** The proposed office revamp for the Undergraduate Student Government (USG) aims to create an inspiring and functional space that fosters creativity, collaboration, and effective communication among student government members. This project is driven by the desire to enhance the overall student experience, promote active involvement, and provide a conducive environment for constructive decision-making. It will replace commonly used furniture within the office that has not been updated in the past 10 years and will allow us to expand the use of the space. The primary audience for this office revamp includes current student government members, prospective student leaders, and the broader student population. The revamped office will act as a physical representation of the student government's commitment to transparency, inclusivity, and collaboration, inviting all students to contribute their ideas and

perspectives. The revamped office will serve as a hub for student leaders to ideate, plan, and execute initiatives that directly impact the student body. By creating an inviting and dynamic space, the student government will encourage more student participation, resulting in the development of innovative projects, increased awareness of student concerns, and improved representation of student interests at various levels of the institution. Detailed map of plans can be provided

**Cost Breakdown:** (4) Tables for Work Area = \$400 each x 4 = \$1,600

- We have some brand new table tops we can use, so this price is for purchasing new table legs for those tops

(4) Wire Shelving Units = \$150 each x 4 = \$600

Delivery and Installation Charge = \$700

**Total Budgeted:** \$2,900

**Funding Source:** Coca Cola Endowment Grant (COKE)

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**Line #40:** Meeting Reservations & Catering

**Contact:** Kyla Hurns.1

**Budgeted for in the Past:** Yes, SP23

**Description:** The purpose of this line item is to pay for our weekly room reservations in the Union for cabinet and breakouts. In addition this includes the food for our Mid Year Celebration and our Members Only Relaxation/Finals Event.

**Cost Breakdown:** Audio Visual Equipment - \$225

Labor - \$800

Linens - \$259

Ohio Union Equipment - \$50

Room Charge - \$900

University Catering - \$3,341.62

Service Charge - Stu Org (15%) - \$501.24

Total: \$6,076.86

**Total Budgeted:** \$6,076.86

**Funding Source:** Coca Cola Endowment Grant (COKE)

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**Line #41:** Org Wide Retreat Catering

**Contact:** Kyla Hurns.1

**Budgeted for in the Past:** No



**Description:** Our USG Org-Wide Retreat that welcomes new members, provides them committee placements and allows us to set the stage for a full year of advocacy.

**Cost Breakdown:** 13 Donatos Pepperoni Pizzas - \$205.27  
13 Donatos Cheese Pizzas - \$205.27  
3 Party Size Italian Garden Salads - \$71.37

**Total Budgeted:** \$500

**Funding Source:** Coca Cola Endowment Grant (COKE)

### Strategic Communications

The Strategic Communications committee strives to maintain open and honest communication between the Undergraduate Student Government and its constituents. The committee works to continuously strengthen USG's current communications, while planning and implementing new platforms for students to connect with their USG representatives.

Director: Dongli Tao.463

Total SU23 Budget: \$0.00

Total SAF Budget: \$0.00

Total COKE Budget: \$0.00

### Student Affairs

The Student Affairs committee strives to advance the Student Quality of Life at The Ohio State University. We have identified four factors as a benchmark for improvement: Affordability, Accountability, Accessibility, and Advance-ability. We aim to consider these factors as we undertake projects to better the existing features of Student Life, and target and fulfill the need for additional resources and opportunities.

Directors: Julia Meyer.1539 & Rut Bansal.157

Total AU23 Budget: \$59,000

Total SAF Budget: \$31,000.00

Total CSA Budget: \$28,000.00

**Line #42:** Buckeye Road Trip

**Contact:** Julia Meyer.1539 & Rut Bansal.157

**Budgeted for in the Past:** Yes, SP23, AU22

**Description:** BRT is a reduced cost bus service that brings students home for academic breaks in major Ohio cities and some surroundings states. This program helps students get home safely and affordably.

**Cost Breakdown:**

Approximate Bus Rental Cost - \$20000

**Total Budgeted:** \$20,000

**Funding Source:** Council on Student Affairs (CSA)

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**Line #43:** Resource Guide

**Contact:** Julia Meyer.1539 & Rut Bansal.157

**Budgeted for in the Past:** Yes, SP23

**Description:** This event turned guide will be a one stop shop for all things OSU resources.

**Cost Breakdown:** \$1000 - tabling with OSU catering to promote guide

**Total Budgeted:** \$1,000

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #45:** Clean Up Columbus

**Contact:** Julia Meyer.1539 & Rut Bansal.157

**Budgeted for in the Past:** Yes, SP23, AU22

**Description:** Clean Up Columbus is a monthly campus clean up that brings in student organizations and provides them with service hours or \$100 in funding from USG all while serving the campus community and environment.

**Cost Breakdown:** \$5000 per month  
- \$4000 (\$100 x ~40 orgs) funding  
- \$1000 - light breakfast

**Total Budgeted:** \$15,000

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #46:** Car, Household, Individual Safety Devices

**Contact:** Julia Meyer.1539 & Rut Bansal.157

**Budgeted for in the Past:** Yes, AU22

**Description:** Providing free steering wheel locks, window locks, and other safety devices to students.

**Cost Breakdown:** \$5000 - still looking for specific items to purchase, will finalize at a later date

**Total Budgeted:** \$8,000

**Funding Source:** Council on Student Affairs (CSA)

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**Line #47:** Cleaning Supplier for Off Campus Students

**Contact:** Julia Meyer.1539 & Rut Bansal.157

**Budgeted for in the Past:** No

**Description:** Providing free cleaning supplies to off-campus students to offload the financial burden and hassle of getting these supplies elsewhere.

**Cost Breakdown:** \$5000 - still looking for supplies, will finalize at a later date

**Total Budgeted:** \$5,000

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #48:** Campus to Airport Bus Loop

**Contact:** Julia Meyer.1539 & Rut Bansal.157

**Budgeted for in the Past:** Yes, SP23

**Description:** Providing students a free shuttle from campus to the airport and back alleviating the high cost of ride share apps.

**Cost Breakdown:** \$2000 - tabling, marketing materials, and OSU catering for tabling event to promote this program.

**Total Budgeted:** \$2,000

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

### **Sustainability**

The Sustainability committee strives to improve our environmental ethics as a campus and to enhance students' understanding of important issues such as climate change, waste reduction, and habitat loss. Our committee is not only driven by people that have an extensive environmental background, but also by people who truly want to learn about how they can help the planet. This committee operates under the philosophy that what someone wants to accomplish, we will work on.

Director: Lilly Des Rosiers.19

Total AU23 Budget: \$19,660.00

Total SAF Budget: \$19,660.00

Total COKE Budget: \$0.00

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**Line #49:** Sustainability Farmers Market

**Contact:** Lilly Des Rosiers.19

**Budgeted for in the Past:** Yes

**Description:** Sustainability themed farmers market to celebrate and uplift the sustainable farms, businesses, and campus organizations within the Ohio State community. Students can come learn about sustainable practices being employed while shopping from vendors.

**Cost Breakdown:**

Lasting Impressions tables and tents: \$4,500

Give-away prizes: \$500

**Total Budgeted:** \$5,000.00

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #50:** Byrd Polar Documentary Viewing

**Contact:** Lilly Des Rosiers.19

**Budgeted for in the Past:** No

**Description:** A documentary about the work of the Byrd Polar Climate Research Center, called "Canary" is being released and will highlight the work of Dr. Lonnie Thompson. This event will allow students to attend a viewing of the documentary for free, while also engaging in meaningful conversations with sustainability and climate change professionals. Following a networking hour with catered food, we will view the documentary and subsequently hear from Dr. Thompson, who will answer questions from the audience.

**Cost Breakdown:**

Space rental: \$1000

Food catering: \$6,000

Cleaning & staff for space rental: \$300

Table rental: \$200

**Total Budgeted:** \$7,500

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #51:** Sustainable Yoga

**Contact:** Lilly Des Rosiers.19

**Budgeted for in the Past:** Yes, SP 23

**Description:** Students can come relax and de-stress with a yoga flow lead by myself in the RPAC. Students who attend will receive a sustainably made Jade Yoga Mat.

**Cost Breakdown:**

Fitness in Motion Room Reservation: \$75

Jade Yoga Mats: \$2500 (\$50 for 50 students)

**Total Budgeted:** \$2,575.00

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #52:** Sustainable Spa Night

**Contact:** Lilly Des Rosiers.19

**Budgeted for in the Past:** No

**Description:** The goal of this event is to engage students in natural and sustainably sourced self-care resources. Students who attend can engage in discussion about sustainability in skin-care/cosmetics and receive sustainably sourced nail-polish and face masks.

**Cost Breakdown:**

Vegan & cruelty free nail polishes: \$60 (10 for \$6)

Natural face masks: \$200 (20 for \$10)

**Total Budgeted:** \$260.00

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #53:** Student Farm Collaboration

**Contact:** Lilly Des Rosiers.19

**Budgeted for in the Past:** No

**Description:** This event isn't fully fleshed out, but the goal is to engage with the Student Farm to implement a garden on campus. Students can engage in planting, harvesting, and maintaining the garden.

**Cost Breakdown:**

Plywood framing: \$50

Seeds: \$50

Un-anticipated costs: \$50

**Total Budgeted:** \$150

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #54:** Sustainability Educational Outreach

**Contact:** Lilly Des Rosiers.19

**Budgeted for in the Past:** No

**Description:** This program idea is still being worked on, but the goal is to increase outreach in the community by creating an avenue for students to volunteer with local schools through educational outreach about environmental science and sustainability. Volunteers will meet with a class from a local school and engage in a fun activity to stimulate their interest in sustainability.

**Cost Breakdown:**

Take-home recycling bins: \$100

Clay planting plots: \$100 (25 for \$4)

Seeds: \$50

**Total Budgeted:** \$250.00

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #55:** High School Educational Outreach

**Contact:** Lilly Des Rosiers.19

**Budgeted for in the Past:** No

**Description:** The goal of this program is to engage with local high school students to increase awareness and opportunities for collegiate programs/professional tracks in environmental science and sustainability. This event also has not been fully fleshed out, but we want to partner with a local high schools to schedule volunteer days in which OSU students can engage with high school community members.

**Cost Breakdown:**

Compost bins: \$300

**Total Budgeted:** \$300.00

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #56:** Sustainable Menstrual Products

**Contact:** Lilly Des Rosiers.19

**Budgeted for in the Past:** No

**Description:** This event will increase awareness about accessibility to menstrual products and the disparities seen amongst people who menstruate, in addition to the environmental footprint of period

products. A speaker will educate attendees about sustainable options for period products, and why they need to be implemented. Along with a catered dinner, students who attend will be able to take home a variety of sustainable period products to try.

**Cost Breakdown:**

I have a detailed list of each period product giveaway that we want to order, it is pretty long as we want students to try a variety of products

**Total Budgeted:** \$2,750.00

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #57:** Greek Life Recycling Program

**Contact:** Lilly Des Rosiers.19

**Budgeted for in the Past:** Yes, SP 23

**Description:** The purpose of this program is to increase recycling initiatives amongst fraternities. Fraternities who participate will compete in a competition throughout the football season. After every block, we will pick up their recycling and count for contamination. The frat with the least amount of contamination over the course of the football season will win Buckeye Donuts.

**Cost Breakdown:**

Payment for Greenscope to pickup recycling: \$150

Recycling bins: \$100

Buckeye Donuts: \$150

Buckeye Donuts for last years winner: \$150 --> didn't get their prize

**Total Budgeted:** \$550.00

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

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**Line #58:** Sustainability Committee Tabling

**Contact:** Lilly Des Rosiers.19

**Budgeted for in the Past:** Yes, SP 23

**Description:** The committee will be tabling in the oval throughout the semester to engage students in sustainability and advertise our events. We will have an interactive component to the table, and something for students to take home with them. This will also allow us to hear what students care about in terms of sustainability efforts on campus.

**Cost Breakdown:**

Succulents to give away: \$150

Buckeye donuts: \$150

Sticky notes: \$10

Poster board: \$15

**Total Budgeted:** \$325.00

**Funding Source:** Student Activity Fee (SAF)

### Undergraduate Caucus/Shared Governance

Shared Governance is a system of university decision-making that formally brings together faculty, administrators, and students to approve and review university policy. Ohio State’s robust Shared Governance system includes the University Senate, as well as many university committees. Each of these bodies gives full voting and participation rights to its student members. Ohio State students are quite fortunate in this respect, as student involvement is less formalized at many other universities.

To USG, Shared Governance is where we apply our student advocacy to real policy proposals. Projects from USG Cabinet Committees and resolutions from USG General Assembly can be introduced into the Shared Governance system for higher-level discussion and consensus-building. Ideas approved via Shared Governance are generally enacted by university administrators.

Chair: Julius McIntyre.268

Total AU23 Budget: \$0.00

Total SAF Budget: \$0.00

Total COKE Budget: \$0.00

### Undergraduate Student Government Budget Percentages

| Area                            | Amount       | Percentage of Budget |
|---------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| Academic Affairs                | \$ 46,060.40 | 23.74%               |
| Association of Big Ten Students | \$ 5,000.00  | 2.58%                |
| Black Caucus                    | \$ 22,545.00 | 11.62%               |
| Community Relations             | \$ -         | 0.00%                |
| General Assembly                | \$ 50,000.00 | 25.77%               |
| Government Relations            | \$ 450.00    | 0.23%                |
| Health and Safety               | \$ 11,164.00 | 5.75%                |
| Internal Operations             | \$ -         | 0.00%                |
| Justice & Equity                | \$ 7,500.00  | 3.87%                |
| Recruitment                     | \$ 6,000.00  | 3.09%                |
| Senior Staff                    | \$ 40,226.86 | 20.73%               |
| Strategic Communications        | \$ -         | 0.00%                |
| Student Affairs                 | \$ 59,000.00 | 30.41%               |
| Sustainability                  | \$ 19,660.00 | 10.13%               |
| Undergraduate Caucus            | \$ -         | 0.00%                |

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| <b>Total Budget Requested</b>                  | <b>\$ 194,045.86</b> |
| <b>Student Activity Fee (SAF) Request</b>      | <b>\$ 181,069.00</b> |
| <b>Coca Cola Endowment Fund (COKE) Request</b> | <b>\$ 12,976.86</b>  |