

USG Newsletter

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Next USG Public Forum: October 10th at 5:30pm in the Great Hall Meeting Room 2



USG Update

Cabinet:

Academic Affairs: Academic Enrichment Grants are live! Opening Sept. 30th and closing on Oct. 14th, this is a great opportunity to fund extra educational experiences like research and creative arts!

Currently working on:

- Textbook affordability, the committee has taken many steps to drive cost of learning materials down for students!

Diversity and Inclusion:

Currently working on:

- EndHateOSU launch will be occurring in the next couple of weeks
- Diversity discussions scheduled: LGBTQ Students, Israel/Palestine Conflict
- Getting preferred gender pronouns on class lists for professors

Governmental Relations:

Currently working on:

- Ohio State is partnering with Association of Big Ten Students for the Vote B1G initiative to register 30,000 students on B1G Ten campuses by October 11.

Upcoming Public Meetings

General Meeting:
Tuesday, Oct. 2nd
@ 6pm in the
Interfaith Prayer
and Reflection
Room

General Assembly:
Wednesday Oct.
3rd @ 6:30pm in
the Senate
Chambers

President: Gerard Basalla
Vice President: Danielle Di Scala
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Questions, Comments, or Concerns?
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Cabinet continued:

Health and Safety: We will be holding Mental Health Focus Groups on select Tuesdays at 6:30 pm in the Ohio Union this semester. **All students are welcome and encouraged to participate!** Interested? Contact Sophie Chang.1310

Currently working on:

- Editing the university-wide Good Samaritan Policy to ensure that if adopted, the wording and messaging would be clear to all students

Student Affairs:

Currently working on:

- Buckeye Road Trip: Registration opens October 3rd at noon
- The first Clean Up Columbus event will be held October 23rd this year

Sustainability:

Currently working on:

- An Environmental Dinner on November 13th where attendees cook their own low-carbon dinners
- A Sustainability Education program where we visit local schools and teach the kids about how they are a part of the environment
- A campus-wide waste plastic waste reduction competition where winners receive free To-Go Ware

General Assembly: There are now two new senators. Emily Maneval.5 is the new Public Health Senator, and Candace Cooper.2306 is the new Social Work Senator.

Past Resolutions

49-R-13 A Resolution To Implement a Feedback Form for University Dining Services

Passed

49-R-14 A Resolution To Support the Passage of H.R. 3861 and S. 2457 The Employer Participation in Repayment Act of 2016 **Passed**

49-R-15 A Resolution to Support the Inclusion of a Mental Health Statement on Course Syllabi **Passed**

Presidential and Vice Presidential Update!

Apply to become a member of the Constitution and Bylaw Review Commission! In compliance with our Constitution, this commission is formed every five years by the Vice President. It will conduct an extensive review of USG's governing documents, and must consist of both USG members and non-affiliated students. If you have any questions, please contact USG Vice President Danielle Di Scala (.1)

Have a fantastic Homecoming Weekend!

Homecoming Parade: Friday at 6:00 pm

Homecoming Game: Saturday at 12:00 pm

We are proud to announce a **USG Google Calendar** to track all USG happenings.

All events (officer office hours, committee events, regular meetings, and more) will be updated on this public calendar for your convenience. Sign up here if you would like to have access:

go.osu.edu/USGcalendar