



# Newsletter

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**Next USG Public Forum: November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 4:30pm in the Brutus Buckeye Room in the Ohio Union**



## USG Update:

### Academic Affairs:

- The Academic Affairs committee has passed two resolutions to improve the STEP program by improving academic programming and increasing accessibility of the program to freshman and transfer students!
- We also unanimously passed a resolution supporting the adoption of more affordable learning materials!
- As you schedule, look to [syllabus.osu.edu](http://syllabus.osu.edu) for your course syllabi!

### Diversity and Inclusion:

- The Israeli/Palestinian Diversity Discussion will be on Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-9:30pm in the Student Alumni Council Room
- USG will be sponsoring a Water Drive to send water to Flint, MI in wake of the water crisis this summer. Stay tuned for more details about drop sites!

### Governmental Relations:

- We have been collaborating with the Columbus City Council on an event that would allow students to meet members and discuss issues of concern in the Columbus area.
- We are beginning to lobby on behalf of students on HB 3861 to support employer's participation in student loan repayment programs.

## Upcoming Public Meetings

General Meeting:  
Tuesday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> @  
6pm in the Interfaith  
and Prayer Room

General Assembly:  
Wednesday Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>  
@ 6:30pm in the  
Senate Chambers

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## **Cabinet continued:**

### Health and Safety:

- Health and Safety will be hosting Mental Health Focus Groups on Tuesdays 11/1, and 11/8 at 7:00 pm in the Milestones Room of the Ohio Union. We are reaching out to groups of students who are traditionally left out of the mental health conversation, so please invite your friends!
- We are working on editing the university's version of the Good Samaritan Policy/medical amnesty policy for students and student organizations. Questions can be directed to Sophie [Chang.1310@osu.edu](mailto:Chang.1310@osu.edu). Input is welcomed.

### Student Affairs:

- Registration for Buckeye Road Trip is now open, and seats are filling up quickly!
- You can donate your unused swipes at C-Stores via BLOCK out Hunger.
- The second Clean Up Columbus Event will be held on November 13th. Sign up using the link on the Student Affairs Committee page on the USG website.

### Sustainability:

- The Green and Clean Eating event will be happening on 11/13/16. We will work with a professional chef to cook a low-carbon and healthy meal. Register at [go.osu.edu/green\\_clean](http://go.osu.edu/green_clean)
- Our Before the Flood screening was able to get 300 people out to talk about climate change – thank you to everyone that participated.

## **General Assembly:**

### Past Resolutions

49-B-1 A Bill to Overturn the Allocations Funding Decision for the Asian Business Student Association **Passed**

49-R-18 A Resolution to Further Improve the Academic Programming of the STEP Program at The Ohio State University **Passed**

49-R-19 A Resolution to Appoint Members to the Constitution and Bylaw Review Commission **Passed**

49-R-20 A Resolution to Advocate for Increased Accessibility to the Second-Year Transformational Experience Program (STEP) **Passed**

49-R-21 A Resolution to Advocate for Affordable Textbook Solutions **Passed**

49-R-22 A Resolution to Advocate for Multilingual Resources on Campus **Passed**

### **University Governance:**

Senators are currently working to pass a resolution encouraging instructors to include a mental health statement on course syllabi.

## **Interested in becoming a USG Liaison?**

Application closes on Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 PM.

Apply at

<https://goo.gl/forms/Eh2PDaalNScziSbI2>.

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](http://go.osu.edu/USGcalendar)**