



Newsletter

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**Next USG Public Forum: January 19th at 5:30 in the Brutus
Buckeye Room in the Ohio Union**



Upcoming Public Meetings

General Meeting:
Tuesday, Nov 29th at
6:00pm in the Ohio
Union

General Assembly:
Wednesday Nov. 30th
@ 6:30pm in the
Senate Chambers

USG Update:

Academic Affairs:

- The Academic Affairs committee will be submitting textbook affordability solutions to the administration in the next two weeks

Diversity and Inclusion:

- USG hosted a really successful diversity discussion on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and USG hopes to continue diversity discussions into spring semester!

Governmental Relations:

- USG's first Government Greets event will be held on Wednesday, November 30th from 5-7 PM at the Faculty Club at OSU. Four City Councilmembers will be coming to speak with students regarding the role of local government, special projects they are working on, and our city of Columbus in general. The 4 council-people are: Elizabeth Brown, Shannon Hardin, Jaiza Page, and Michael Stinziano.

Student Affairs:

- Check out the 2016-2017 edition of the Renter's Guide on the USG Website.
- Registration for Buckeye Road Trip is open, and seats are filling up quickly!
- Donate your unused swipes at C-Stores via BLOCK out Hunger.

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Cabinet continued:

Health and Safety:

- Is currently 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. Input welcome!
- The Health and Safety committee is looking for student feedback on Ohio State's involvement with [It's On Us!](#) Please contact Sophie Chang.1310@osu.edu.
- Health and Safety is interested in discussing how each student's identity informs their perspective on mental health and mental health stigma. The Mental Health Focus Groups have just wrapped up, but please contact Sophie Chang.1310@osu.edu if you or your organization would like to collaborate on hosting a formal or informal mental health discussion!

Sustainability:

- USG released its Comprehensive Energy Management Plan Contractual Recommendations on November 21st.

General Assembly:

Past Resolutions

49-R-23 A Resolution to Support the Addition of a Farmer's Market to the Goals of the University Panel of Food Sustainability **Passed**

49-B-2 A Bill to Overturn the Allocations Funding Decision for Operation Smile Club **Failed**

University Governance:

The University Senate passed a resolution encouraging instructors to include a mental health statement on course syllabi.

Forum Update

There was a public forum on Tuesday, November 8th. Below are some of the key points from the forum:

- The Academic Affairs committee is looking into having a Seal of Biliteracy for students who are fluent in more than one language.
- Governmental Relations is continuing to lobby in favor of the Student Loan Repayment Act (H.B. 3681).
- The Health and Safety Committee is researching ways to prevent transmissible diseases on campus.

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:

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