



Newsletter

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**Next USG Public Forum: February 23rd at 5:15 in the Brutus
Buckeye Room on the 3rd floor of the Ohio Union**



Upcoming Public Meetings

General Meeting:
Tuesday, Jan. 24th
and Tuesday, Jan.
31st at 6:00pm in the
Ohio Union

General Assembly:
Wednesday Jan. 25th
@ 6:30pm in the
Senate Chambers

USG Update:

Academic Affairs:

- Lots of new projects from the Academic Affairs Committee! We are working on implementing an excused absence policy, increasing accessibility to the Honors & Scholars program, and trying to enhance the first-year survey course!

Diversity and Inclusion:

- We are looking forward to our upcoming Diversity Discussions and the release of our annual Demographics Report this semester!

Governmental Relations:

- We are working on another Government Greets program.
- We are currently planning a Farm Bill Listening Session, more information to come.

Student Affairs:

- Check out the 2016-2017 edition of the Renter's Guide on the USG Website.
- We are currently working on the OSU Mobile Application, Financial Literacy, and Virtual Tours of Residence Halls.

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Cabinet continued:

Health and Safety:

- We are currently working on planning and executing advocacy events for mental health and for Sexual Assault Awareness Month in April.

Sustainability:

- We invite people of all backgrounds and every organization to participate in the sustainability community's Time For Change Week from April 3rd-9th! If you are interested in planning a project please email Samuel Reed.1275 and encourage your members to attend!

General Assembly:

Past Resolutions

- 49-R-24: A Resolution to Appoint Members to the Judicial Panel **Passed**
- 49-R-25: A Resolution to Support the Judicial Panel's Implementation of Ranked Choice Voting in USG Elections **Passed**
- 49-R-26: A Resolution to Appoint a Member to the Judicial Panel **Passed**
- 49-R-27: A Resolution to Support the Inclusion of a Seal of Biliteracy on Collegiate Diplomas and Transcripts **Passed**
- 49-R-28: A Resolution to Encourage the Adoption of Affordable Practices Regarding Textbook Selection **Passed**
- 49-R-29: A Resolution to Approve the Elections Bylaws **Passed**

University Governance:

- Adding a Mental Health Statement on Course Syllabi was passed through University Senate.
- Allowing 21 Credit Hours for high-achieving students is now in University Senate.

Forum Update

There was a public forum on Thursday, January 19th. Below are some of the key points from the forum:

- The Judicial Panel will be hosting Election Info Sessions in the Ohio Union that are mandatory for those who are running:
 - January 24th at 7:30 pm in the Interfaith and Prayer Room
 - January 26th at 7 pm in the Capital City Room
 - January 31st at 7:30 pm in the Great Hall Meeting Room 3

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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