



Newsletter

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Next USG Public Forum: To be announced in the next bi-weekly newsletter!

USG Update

Cabinet:

Academic Affairs: There are now same day room reservations at Thompson, and syllabi and course fees will be available to preview on Buckeyelink when you schedule.

Currently working on:

- Encouraging open source textbooks
- Funding Textbook Affordability Grants for Professors
- Eliminating the OSU Study Abroad tuition fee for courses not taught at OSU or by OSU faculty
- Allowing 21 credit hours with no raise in tuition cost for high achieving students

Diversity and Inclusion:

Currently working on:

- Diversity Discussions for students at Ohio State to meet with each other and have dialogue about their experiences, and to learn from one another
- Gender Inclusive Housing/Bathrooms

Governmental Relations: Look out for a Voter Registration Drive! We will be competing with other BIG 10 schools to see who can get the most registered student voters.

Currently working on:

- Research on the State of Ohio's Good Samaritan Law on low-level drug possession and how OSU's Good Samaritan Law on alcohol relate to each other
- Planning to lobby to support HR 3861 Employer Participation in Student Loan Assistance

Health and Safety: Last year USG purchased the LifeLine Response App for students, it is a safety application that will call the police if you are in an emergency.

Currently working on:

- Sexual Violence Awareness Day Event

Upcoming Public Meetings

General Meeting:
Tuesday, Sept. 20th
@ 6pm in the
Interfaith and
Prayer Room

General Assembly:
Wednesday Sept.
21st @ 6:30pm in
the Senate
Chambers

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Cabinet continued:

Student Affairs: Be on the look out for the Renter's Guide for off campus housing and more information on Buckeye Road Trip for holiday breaks.

Currently working on:

- Event for Regional Campus Transfer Students

Sustainability: There is a Sustainability Dinner happening on November 20th at the Industrial Kitchen in the Union, stay tuned for more updates!

Currently working on:

- Making sure the Comprehensive Energy Management Plan promotes sustainable energy and resources for students
- Planning Seeds of Service, a day where student organizations plant trees on campus to promote sustainability goals.

General Assembly:

Past Resolutions

49-R-8 A Resolution to Approve Changes to the Organizational Bylaws **Passed**

49-R-9 A Resolution to Approve Changes to the Standing Rules **Passed**

49-R-10 A Resolution to Support the Increased Use and Accessibility of Student Evaluation Instruction Assessments **Passed**

49-R-11 A Resolution to Approve the Senior Director of Operations **Passed**

49-R-12 A Resolution to Support the Increase of the Maximum Credit Hours Undergraduate Students can Enroll in Without Additional Fees **Passed**

University Governance:

University Senate held their first meeting on Thursday, September 8th. President Drake Discussed an initiative for improving student supports by hiring new mental health counselors, hiring more police officers, moving towards data-driven advising, and keeping college affordability a priority.

Presidential and Vice Presidential Update!

Gerard and Danielle are thrilled to be back on campus for the new school year to continue their term as President and Vice President. Due to incredible leadership and hard work across the entire organization this summer, USG has already been able to accomplish many policy points and create a concise plan for the coming year. With the influx of a supremely talented incoming class of leaders, the future of the organization is truly bright. Gerard and Danielle look forward to more updates as we progress forward into the coming months.

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