

Council on Student Affairs  
Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 2 March 2004  
4-6pm  
33 W. 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Room 101

**Members in Attendance:** Don Bowers, Patty Cunningham for Kerry Hodak, Theresa Early, Ann Farrelly, Nidhi Gupta, Bill Hall, Kerry Hodak, Janet Laster, Tammy Maltzan, Lori Martensen, John Payne, Rebecca Price, Frank Sasso, Tracy Stuck, Joe Tebben

**Members Absent:** Mike Dingeldein, Kim Ferguson, Rich Hollingsworth, Elizabeth Marschall, Vijay Sharma, Tracy Stuck, Joe Tebben

**Guests in Attendance:** Eric Busch, Jenny Klein, Jen Bossard, Larry Meade, Sarah Blouch

**I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm.

**II. Speakers:**

**Jen Bossard, Coordinator Community Service and Leadership**  
**Larry Meade, AmeriCorp VISTA**

The speakers provided an overview of the Alternative Spring Break Program, which places teams of college or high school students in communities to engage in community service an experiential learning. A handout was distributed, "ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK 2004 THE OHIO UNION, PROJECT COMMUNITY, OVERVIEW AND UPDATE, MARCH 2, 2004." This year, service teams are being sent from OSU to Boston, MA, New Orleans, LA, Washington, DC, New York City, NY, Albany, GA, Mt. Pleasant, SC, as well as to a civil rights tour in to include Atlanta, Tuskegee, Montgomery, Selma, Birmingham, and Memphis. One of the South Carolina teams is working in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity and the other is comprised of greek-letter organization members. This is an especially good leadership opportunity for trip leaders, of which there are 15 this year. There is a national organization for alternative spring breaks and other institutions provide benchmarks for OSU's program, such as Illinois-Urbana Champaign, Michigan State, Michigan, and UVM.

Questions included: How does the civil rights tour qualify as a service activity? This is a specialized alternative spring break activity that focuses on student learning and links between social justice, civil rights, and community service. How are people chosen for ASB programs? The trip leaders choose participants based on their applications to the program. What expenses are associated with the program? Expenses are paid, but do not include meals. What is the possibility of developing a Grad/Prof student trip? The speakers seemed to think this idea holds merit. Interested student may contact them at the Ohio Union.

## **Sarah Blouch, Director Transportation and Parking**

Sarah Blouch spoke about the Campus Area Transportation System and campus construction. A map that pointed out CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS/IMPACTS was distributed as was a FISCAL YEAR-TO-DATE (JUL-JAN) RIDERSHIP COMPARISON for CABS.

Due to construction, the COTA #&is traveling up and down Neil Ave instead of its regular route. USG worked to expand the campus loop service and to provide heaters at some of the stops. In terms of parking, there is the library construction issue and the storage of library materials in the ABB building. Transportation to the ABB building will require alternative funding (such as that which should have been included in the construction proposal), the reallocation of funding from other routes, or alternative proposals such as funding from some of the professional schools whose students tend to use this particular route frequently (see the library/ABB issue noted under old business).

A question was asked about where revenue was going for parking that was available at the Schott? Most of the parking revenue goes to the Schott or to the department of athletics.

The handout on ridership indicates a strong need for CABS on campus, particular as the parking scheme continues to change with new construction. There is a parking review team in place to improve parking. Complaints come from all sides, faculty, staff, and students, too. The biggest challenge is the issue of fluctuating supply and demand at different times of day. The medical center is an especially big focus. They need more space, not only for employees and students, but for patient parking, too. The new hospital garage will alleviate some of this with 975 new spaces and the Neil garage with 950, but construction also eats up space elsewhere. The improvement team is considering ideas to make parking permits more flexible or grouping garages on permits, so that permits will allow entry in to more than one garage. Also, the swipes are being replaced and proximity readers installed at gated garages and lots. Visitor and short term parking remains an issue for irregular visitors to campus who need access to certain areas and it is unreasonable to expect them to park in the outer lots. Payment plans are being implemented for students, and a quarterly pass is being considered.

### **III. Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was heard to approve the minutes of 3 February 2004. The motion was seconded and the minutes were unanimously approved.

### **IV. Reports**

Chair: Submitted in writing. The CSA Faculty Rule Change was reconsidered by the Rules committee and denied. The pieces of the rule change that do not include additional voting staff members will move forward to Rules next week. Upcoming issues for sub committees include the Ohio Union Renovation, CABS, and a review of the Code

regarding sexual assault. The chair will contact the committees regarding meeting dates and times.

Student Affairs: In the last week, one student committed suicide, another died of alcohol poisoning, and a third died in an automobile accident. Student deaths are emotionally taxing to the university community, and student affairs staff resources are no exception. People across the division are dealing with the details of these individual cases. The Center for Counseling and Consultation Services is doing a particularly good job in light of these events. Campus authorities are working with the Circleville Police regarding the student who was from Circleville; the family from Illinois is being housed at university expense at the Blackwell Inn. In the midst of all of this, the university was notified late of the Edwards campaign's arrival last Friday and Kerry this Friday, which poses additional concerns for events and planning.

The Provost search has narrowed to four candidates. Their names will be made public shortly. The Diversity Report and suggestions for budget reductions are due March 15<sup>th</sup>. Items of note will be shared with CSA at the next meeting.

Allocations: Of the \$150,000 set aside for spring quarter funding, all allocations have been made.

IPC: No report.

USG: No report.

CGS: No report.

## **V. Old Business**

A. Library Update (John Payne) – during the last meeting, the speakers talked about the issue of the location of Library Reserves during the Main Library renovation. John Payne worked to ensure that library reserves would remain on central campus rather than moved to a remote and less accessible location for students. Since the Journalism Library is being phased out, the reserves for the Main Library will be located in the Journalism Library for the duration of the renovation. Transportation to ABB at Ackerman and 315 will be achieved either through combining the medical center route and the University Village route and library construction funds (which should have been accounted for in planning) or through cutting the core or east residential route. The second option is less economical.

## **VI. New Business**

A. Graduate Compensation and Benefits Committee (Jamie Depelteau) – CGS is putting forward a proposal for the creation of a Graduate Compensation and Benefits Committee.

Initially, it was asked that CSA pass a resolution supporting this endeavor. That request was subsequently withdrawn.

**Announcements**

This is the last meeting of the quarter (though subcommittees are scheduled for next week). Thank you all for your time and commitment to CSA. We meet again, same time, same place April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2004. Good luck with finals!