

OHIO UNION EVENTS

Ohio Union Council Roster (X = present (X) = alternate)

First	Last	Role	Status	9/22	11/17	2/16	4/20
Michelle	Scott	CGS	Voting			X	
Kaustubh	Kumar	CGS	Voting				
Vikas	Munjaj	IPC	Voting				
Gary	Sukienek	IPC	Voting			X	
		USG	Voting				
		USG	Voting				
Angad	Dhillon	USG	Voting			X	
Carlisle	Salapare	USG	Voting			X	
		GTA	Voting				
		Stu. Emp.	Voting				
Jason	Homan	USAC	Voting			X	
Nate	Craig	Faculty	Voting				
		Faculty	Voting				
Clara	Davison	Alumni	Voting			X	
Morag	Boyd	At-Large	Voting			X	
Steve	Mousetes	At-Large	Voting			X	
Ava	Miller	At-Large	Voting				
		At-Large	Voting				
Krystal	Vielman	OUAB Advisor	Ex-Officio			X	
Casey	Petrae	OUAB President	Ex-Officio			X	
		CSA Chair	Ex-Officio				
Jeff	Pelletier	Union Director	Ex-Officio			X	
Matt	Couch	Associate Dean	Ex-Officio			--	
		Catering Director	Ex-Officio				
Brittany	Crall	Business Manager	Ex-Officio				
		Secretary	Ex-Officio				

- 1) Welcome
 - a) Name, Organization or Department

- 2) Announcement: The Student Organizations team will be opening applications for student organization for KBK Office and Locker space in the beginning of March. They'll be putting a call out for support to sit on the review committee for these applications within the next 2-3 weeks, so if you are interested in serving on this review committee or have questions about involvement we can provide additional information.

3) Ohio Union Activities Board Update – Casey Petrae, President

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- a) Recent Events
 - i) Fall Crafternoon: an event for students to relax and make fun fall themed crafts prior to the holiday break. Students got to also enjoy fun fall themed treats like apple cider and caramel apples.
 - ii) OUA Breakfast and Reading Day: throughout our partnerships with several SL departments we were able to hold a great Reading Day of activities for students to enjoy with one another to decompress and relax prior to finals. Students always LOVE free breakfast food as well!
 - iii) Commencement Week: we were able to celebrate our winter graduates all throughout Commencement Week by offering tours of Ohio Stadium, the Schottenstein Center and even a chance to play the Orton Hall Chimes. We also offered Grad/Cap Craft Night for students to decorate graduation caps as well as our annual Candlelight Ceremony in which we were able to take over to Longaberger Alumni House through partnership with OSUAA.
 - iv) Winter Wonderland: we were able to welcome students back to campus through the new "Welcome Back Week" through offering a Winter Wonderland event on the West Plaza by installing a temporary ice rink for students to ice skate alongside fellow peers. We were able to offer this on such a cool day which was one of the first major snowfalls of the year as well!
 - v) OUA Book Talk with Jeannette McCurdy: this was our first sold out event of the semester selling out in under 15 minutes. Jeannette McCurdy famous for her role in some Nickelodeon shows and now her best-selling novel was able to come to campus and talk to students about her struggles in life many in which were very relatable to students our age.
 - vi) SURPRISE Big Time Rush Concert: Last week OUA was able to hold a surprise concert featuring Big Time Rush! This was a major success selling out in under 10 minutes, we were able to offer a great experience that students loved! The showing we had at this event was the best retention rate we have ever seen at Newport Music Hall; it was a great event that students and members really enjoyed.
- b) Upcoming Events
 - i) An Evening with Janelle James (OUA x AAHF): happening tonight! We are proud to be able to partner with African American Heritage Festival to be able to bring Janelle James who is going to be holding a round table discussion with the chairs of AAHF, a standup comedy act as well as a Q&A portion for students to enjoy!
 - ii) Buckeye Nation Week: we are excited to bring back BNW to its full potential, this week is occurring March 19 - 26th this year and we have been partnering with organizations to program events every single day of this week. We are also working with the Ohio Union to bring in some amazing décor to really

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show students what a celebration of Buckeye Pride should look like! This year we are really pushing for this week to offer a sense of community throughout campus.

- iii) Once Upon A Ball: introduced last year we are excited to be bringing back Once Upon A Ball, a large gala/dance like event that students can come to and enjoy in the building dressed to the nines. This event offers a DJ, Mocktails, Casino Games, Live Band Karaoke and so much more! We are hopeful that this event will become a traditional event in the next few years.
- c) Organization Updates
 - i) We have officially elected our executive board for the 2023 - 2024 academic year! The new board is hitting the ground running as we start up with DICE training, New Exec Class, and full transition planning!
 - ii) The Brainstorming for our Fall events is set to start on February 28th, and we are super excited to work with the incoming board to see what they can pull together!
 - iii) Our team and some general members head out this Friday to attend our annual conference with the National Association of Campus Activities to network and learn about student programming and meet our agents and partner schools.
- d) Grad/Prof Updates
 - i) Hosted V-day Ball for the first time since 2020. It was sold out and students expressed how much they appreciated the event.
 - ii) Non-Academic Job Search and GTA Toolkit series are underway and we're seeing numbers that resemble our pre-COVID numbers.
 - iii) Our Technical Tuesday series kicks off on 2/28. We have a mix of virtual and in person experiences and have reached out to campus partners we haven't worked with in this series prior so excited to see how that shakes out.
 - iv) Other than that, our other regular programming has been going well. Our Wellness Wednesday numbers are continuously between 20-35 which also marks the return of getting closer to pre-COVID numbers.
- 4) Director Updates
 - a) (Krystal Vielman) Matt Couch, Associate Dean of Students, Sr. Director of Student Activities & Student Life Orientation
 - i) General Updates and Personnel
 - (1) We've continued to fill our vacant positions and build up a great team of professionals! We hired Jaylen Lindsey as our Student Organization Risk Reduction/Hazing Prevention coordinator and Erica Brown as our Student Government coordinator. Both started in January and are already making

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great contributions as they work with us to define these brand new positions.

ii) Campus Events

- (1) Our OUAB advisors are entering a very busy stretch of the year where they are supporting the current executive board and all the programs that have been planned for the spring but also selecting and training a brand new executive board.
- (2) The team will be taking students to the National Association of Campus Activities convention in Louisville next week to get ideas about potential events, benchmark with other schools, and learn from some educational sessions at the conference.
- (3) Plans are underway for a spring Buckeye Nation Week and Commencement Week, the two signature events planned by our staff with OUAB's Spirit and Traditions Committee.
- (4) The Alumni Association has asked Student Life to take on the coordination of the Homecoming Court, including the application and selection process, which begins today. Applications are due Sunday, Mar. 5. Check homecoming.osu.edu for details.

iii) Student Organizations

- (1) Our Spring Involvement Fair, split up over two nights this year for the first time was attended by more than 2,600 students and 400 organizations in total.
- (2) Spring student organization registration has begun, and our team is very active with providing training for leaders and advisors. Our Student Org Success Coaches have also been working very hard on organizational effectiveness consultations and 1:1 meetings with students looking for consultation on getting involved on campus.
- (3) The inaugural KBK Council – a new group of student leaders, representing tenant organizations (offices and lockers) in the KBK Center – has its first collaborative event in progress as we meet: a Kindness Week program called “Compliment-ary Cookies,” where students are able to share notes of gratitude and enjoy some treats.

iv) Student Governments

- (1) Elections for all three student governments are approaching soon. IPC will occur at Feb. 26 senator meeting, CGS will take place at Mar. 3 delegate meeting, and USG will occur via on-line balloting Mar. 6-8.

b) Jeff Pelletier, Director, Ohio Union Operations & Events

i) Month Metrics

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January 2023	January 2019	Historical Avg	
51.59%	57.45%	53.22%	Student Organizations
47.05%	40.59%	41.46 %	University Departments
1.35%	1.95%	5.38%	External Users
1851	1993	1674	Total Bookings
380	428	320/190	Unique Student Orgs (pre/post pandemic)
7773	9635	8766/5026	daily traffic average (pre/post pandemic)

ii) Notable Events

- (1) MLK Day of Service
- (2) Panhellenic Recruitment
- (3) Spring Career Day
- (4) Chinese New Year
- (5) Spring Involvement Fair
- (6) FYE Conference
- (7) SWE Career Fair
- (8) Arab Night
- (9) CBSC Conference
- (10) National Football Foundation Awards Banquet
- (11) Fisher Career Fair
- (12) Korean Culture Show
- (13) One Asian Nation
- (14) Summer Internship Fair
- (15) CFAES Career Expo

iii) Upcoming Events

- (1) Taste of OSU!
- (2) STEP Expo
- (3) Ash Wednesday Mass
- (4) Hayes Forum
- (5) Spring Buckeye Bound (first of five sessions this spring)
- (6) Wildlife Diversity Conference
- (7) Grad Expo
- (8) African American Heritage Festival

iv) Projects

- (1) Carpet!
- (2) Painting of handrails/footrails, public spaces, meeting rooms
- (3) Main atrium high dusting
- (4) Loading Dock exhaust fan and lighting upgrade

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February 16, 2023

5:00-6:00

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- (5) Wood floor screening
- (6) Summer projects:
 - (a) Room tech updates (senate, GHMR, Sphinx, IK)
 - (b) Loading Dock GEM car parking
 - (c) Lounge furniture replacement completion
- v) General Updates
 - (1) One new event planner hired (starts 3/13), hoping to extend two more offers this week
 - (2) Several staff and two students will be attending the ACUI Annual Conference in Boston, February 26 – March 2
- c) Brittany Crall, Business Manager
- 5) 2022-2023 Full Council Meetings (5-6pm, Zoom or Ohio Staters Traditions Room)
 - a) September 22
 - b) November 17
 - c) February 16
 - d) April 20

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