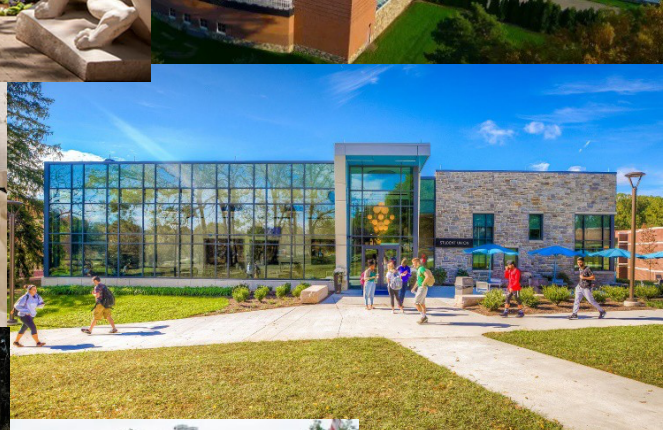


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Council of Commonwealth Student Governments



Council Booklet

The attached council booklet will serve as your guide for the weekend with itinerary, locations, agendas, speakers, etc. Notice how there are some notes on some of the sessions; President's session is only for Presidents and Vice Presidents that sit on council. No other individuals are allowed unless they are proxies who have been approved by me 48 hours prior.

Dress Code & Overnight Stay

The dress code for council weekend is two parts. Friday's dress code will be business casual (khakis, slacks, black pants, dress shoes, polos, collared shirts). Saturday's dress code will be business formal (slacks, dress pants, black pants, skirts, dresses, blazers, suits). Sneakers, ripped jeans, leggings, hoodies, sweatpants, and flip flops are NOT considered professional wear. We will be following a strict dress code policy as we are a professional organization and are held to the highest standards.

You all will be also arriving Friday evening (prior to 6:45 PM or prior to 4:00 PM if you are on CFB) and leaving Saturday evening meaning you will be staying overnight so please make sure to pack accordingly to stay the night and prepare for the rest of council the next day. Also, plan to arrive earlier than the start time to allow yourselves and your campus to check into your hotel rooms.

Location

This council will be at the University Park campus. Here is an interactive campus map to help facilitate your delegation's movement throughout the University Park campus:

<https://map.psu.edu/?id=1134#!ct/59509,33177,25403,26748,26749,26750,27255?s/>

Other Info, Tips and Advice

- CCSG Council weekends are closed to the immediate Penn State community (students, staff, and faculty) and outside members may only attend if invited by the President or myself. As the Parliamentarian (and by default, the Sergeant-at-Arms), I have the authority to remove individuals from the session or council in entirety, if deemed necessary.
- Dinner will not be provided Friday night. Breakfast and coffee will be provided for the Presidents and Vice Presidents during the Saturday morning President's session. I would recommend your delegation to plan to get

breakfast or utilize the complimentary breakfast offered by your hotel (if the hotel offers). Lunch will be provided by CCSG on Saturday and there will be different options to accommodate diets.

- General Things to know for General Council Sessions
 - Please make sure to have all your delegation seated and in the council room prior to when I call the session to order.
 - Only council members seated are allowed to speak unless someone in the gallery are yielded the floor by a council member. ONLY a council member may make a motion. Please follow Roberts Rules!
 - As Speaker, I Chair council sessions.
 - Roll Call: Our Executive Secretary will call your campus and someone (either council member from that campus) will say (Campus name and how many people are present, max 2 per campus)
 - As Prez and VP you are the only people permitted to vote on Council for your campus. If you cannot attend council but are sending someone else in your place I must have the Proxy names 48 hours, (this does not consider extenuating circumstances which will be evaluated by me and most likely will permit the proxies at that point before council). If you do not send me the proxy names and someone randomly appears saying they are the treasurer sitting in for you, I have the right not to let them. Please respect council rules and communicate you may not be present.
 - If you would like to speak you must raise your hand. I will call on the first hand raised, that I see.
 - I will state the following “The Speaker Yields the Floor to the council member from (Campus).
 - AFTER you finish speaking you MUST yield the floor back to me. All you say is “ I yield the floor back to the Speaker.”
 - As Parliamentarian I must prioritize speakers who have not said anything and will not call on someone repeatedly right away.
 - If you do not understand stand what the procedure is or what is happening that concerns the CURRENT matter, please interrupt me and say “Point of inquiry or
Point of Parliamentary inquiry Mr. Speaker”
 - Point of inquiry is for general questions
 - All motions must have a second
 - I will announce what quorum is for passing motions at the beginning of each council session, so everyone is aware.
 - CIVIL debate is encouraged, and the only form of debate tolerated.

- Please be open minded to your colleagues and ask questions as frequently as you can.
- All the information listed above for General Council Session will be adopted to committee sessions although may be relaxed to allow a freer discussion to move along ideas and thoughts. Robert's Rules must be used to pass official changes or adoption of legislation in the committee, however.
- Here is a small packet summarizing some motions that can be used, however, I want to make clear that I may or may not recognize or use all these motions as we are Student Government and I do not want to hinder the understanding of those in the gallery or even some councilmembers. With that being said, if you have any questions during General Session or any other session, please feel free to text me. This will only be for council members.
- Bring a refillable water bottle and extra cash/money for personal expenses.
- As we are technically still in a pandemic, we will support those who decide to wear a mask and socially distance themselves, but it is not required of all CCSG attendees.
- Keep your expectations wide and be open to anything this weekend! There are so many opportunities and connections you will make at CCSG and its important to make the most of it. Remember, everything you put in is what you get out.
- Make sure to have enough liaisons or plan to have more liaisons for the future. As a former council member, if there is one piece of advice, I can give you to relieve stress for the weekend, it is to appoint and communicate with your liaisons, so it is easier to make decisions.

April Council Date

I advise you to plan further and reserve hotels early for your delegations for the March CCSG. As a reminder, the March Council is April 1-2, 2023 at University Park.

