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OCTOBER 6TH-7TH BOOKLET



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GENERAL AGENDA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2023

TIME	SESSION	MEMBER	LOCATION
4:00 PM-5:30 PM	Commonwealth Fee Board Meeting	Albright	HUB 131
6:45 PM-7:45 PM	President's Session	DuFour	HUB 122
8:00 PM-9:00 PM	General Council		HUB 122
	Call to Order/Roll Call	Krause/ Linus	
	Approval of the Agenda	Krause	
	Approval of the Minutes	Krause	
	CCSG President's Welcome	DuFour	
	CFB Report	Albright	
	Board of Trustee Report	Schuyler	
	UPUA Report	O'toole	
	WCSGA Report	Serfass	
	GPSA Report	Miller	
	Old Business	Krause	
	New Business	Krause	
	Open Forum	Krause	
	Adjournment	Krause	
9:15 PM-10:15 PM	Committee Meetings	Directors	Various Locations

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023

TIME	SESSION	MEMBER	LOCATION
8:00 AM-8:45 AM	President's Session	DuFour	HUB 122
9:00 AM-10:00 AM	General Council		HUB 122
	Reconvene/Call to Order	Krause/Linus	
	Approval of the Agenda	Krause	
	Introduction of Speaker	Krause	
	Keynote Speaker	Dowhower	
	Question Session	Krause	
	Old Business	Krause	
	New Business	Krause	
	Adjournment	Krause	
10:15 AM-11:15 AM	Committee Meetings	Directors	Various Locations
11:30 AM-12:30 PM	Lunch		HUB 131
11:30 AM-12:30 PM	Constitution Review Committee	Levendosky	HUB 106
12:45 PM-1:45 PM	Panel on Controversial Speakers	Shaha and Lewis	HUB 122
2:00 PM-3:00 PM	Committee Meetings	Directors	Various Locations
3:15 PM-4:15 PM	President's Session	DuFour	HUB 122
4:30 PM-5:30 PM	General Council		HUB 122
	Reconvene/Call to Order	Krause/Linus	
	Approval of the Agenda	Krause	
	Old Business	Krause	
	New Business	Krause	
	Adjournment	Krause	

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS
INTEREM DIRECTOR: JOSHUA KRAUSE
LOCATION: HUB 325

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2023		
TIME	ITEM	MEMBER
9:15 PM	Call to Order/Roll Call	Krause
10:15 PM	Adjournment	
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023		
TIME	ITEM	MEMBER
10:15 AM	Call to Order/Roll Call	Krause
11:15 AM	Adjournment	
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023		
TIME	ITEM	MEMBER
2:00 PM	Call to Order/Roll Call	Krause
3:00 PM	Adjournment	

Agenda materials not provided in time for booklet distribution. Speaker Krause will be spearheading committee plans

EDUCATIONAL EQUITY

DIRECTOR: TYLER HOPPE

LOCATION: HUB 321

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2023

TIME	ITEM	MEMBER
9:15 PM	Call to Order/Roll Call	Hoppe/Demosthene
	Introductions	
	Expectations	
	Link for Teams	
	Discussion	
10:15 PM	Adjournment	

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023

TIME	ITEM	MEMBER
10:15 AM	Call to Order/Roll Call	Hoppe/Demosthene
	Old Business	
	New Business	
	Q&A	
	Discussion	
11:15 AM	Adjournment	

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023

TIME	ITEM	MEMBER
2:00 PM	Call to Order/Roll Call	Hoppe/Demosthene
	Idea Brainstorming	
	Discussion	
	Q&A	
	Resolution Assignment	
3:00 PM	Adjournment	

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

DIRECTOR: SOPHIA MONTANY

LOCATION: HUB 327

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2023

TIME	ITEM	MEMBER
9:15 PM	Call to Order/Roll Call	Montany/Galley
	Introductions	
	Intro to Robert's Rules	
	Civil Discourse	
	Goal Setting	
	PSU Votes Resources	
	Q&A	
10:15 PM	Adjournment	

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023

TIME	ITEM	MEMBER
10:15 AM	Call to Order/Roll Call	Montany/Galley
	Speaker Presentation	Kerchinski
	Q&A	
11: 15 AM	Adjournment	

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023

TIME	ITEM	MEMBER
2:00 PM	Call to Order/Roll Call	Montany/Galley
	Robert's Rules of Order cont.	
	Legislation Writing	
	Passed Legislation	
	Advocate Penn State Letter	
3:00 PM	Adjournment	

STUDENT AFFAIRS

DIRECTOR: NOAH CRUZ

LOCATION: HUB 330

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2023

TIME	ITEM	MEMBER
9:15 PM	Call to Order/Roll Call	Cruz/Schmidt
	Introductions	
	Icebreakers & CCSG Introductions	
10:15 PM	Committee Planning/ Adjournment	

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023

TIME	ITEM	MEMBER
10:15 AM	Call to Order/Roll Call	Cruz/Schmidt
	Introductions	
	Speaker Presentation	Toepfer
	Questions	
	Open Floor	
11:15 AM	Adjournment	

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023

TIME	ITEM	MEMBER
2:00 PM	Call to Order/Roll Call	Cruz/Schmidt
	Introductions	
	Comments about morning session	
	Goals & Tasks for next Council	
3:00 PM	Adjournment	

SUSTAINABILITY

DIRECTOR: ABEL SEASON

LOCATION:HUB 322

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2023

TIME	ITEM	MEMBER
9:15 PM	Call to Order/Roll Call	Season/Grim
	Introductions	
	Committee Breakdown	
	CCSG/Committee Overview	
	Open Forum	
10:15 PM	Adjournment	

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023

TIME	ITEM	MEMBER
10:15 AM	Call to Order/Roll Call	Season/Grim
	Introduction	
	Speaker Presentation	Fowler
	Open Forum	
11:15 AM	Adjournment	

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023

TIME	ITEM	MEMBER
2:00 PM	Call to Order/Roll Call	Season/Grim
	Introduction	
	Resolution Writing Session	
	Open Forum	
3:00 PM	Adjournment	

Featured General Council Speaker



Dr. Andrea Dowhower

Interim Vice President for Student Affairs

Dr. Andrea Dowhower is the interim Vice President for Student Affairs and has worked in higher education for over 30 years. She has her Ph.D. in Educational Policy and Leadership from Ohio State and an M.Ed. in Counselor Education from Penn State. In 2004, Andrea returned to Penn State as Director of Student Affairs Research and Assessment, became Assistant Vice President in 2009, was promoted to Associate Vice President in 2017, and began the Interim Vice President role in February 2023. As the University's interim chief student affairs officer, she has oversight for the senior administrators, over 500 full-time staff and 28 administrative departments in Student Affairs. She serves on numerous committees at Penn State including the President's Council.

Panel Speakers



Danny Shaha

Assistant Vice President
for Student Affairs
overseeing Student Rights
and Responsibilities

As Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Danny Shaha supervises offices focused on students' rights and responsibilities. He also cochairs the University's Behavioral Threat Management Team. Prior to these appointments, Danny served as the Senior Director of the Office of Student Conduct (OSC) at Penn State for seven years. In this role, he oversaw the administration of the University's conduct process at its primary campus in University Park, PA, as well as its 23 additional campuses across the Commonwealth and online, with a total enrollment of 99,000 students. While serving as Senior Director of OSC, from January of 2012 to July of 2017, he served as a Deputy Title IX Coordinator at the University and helped to institute and formalize a comprehensive education, response, and prevention program. From November of 2015 to July of 2017, Danny served as the Interim Director of the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life, working with staff to advise four councils that governed over 80 chapters with a membership of approximately 7,500 students.

Prior to joining Penn State, Danny worked in different capacities at The Ohio State University, Texas A&M University, and the College of William and Mary. He also served as a Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation from 2001 to 2004, specializing in counterterrorism and counterintelligence.



Tamla Lewis

Associate General
Counsel

Tamla J. Lewis is Associate General Counsel at The Pennsylvania State University. Prior to joining the Office of General Counsel, Tamla served for three years as Associate Dean for Administration, Compliance and Special Initiatives for the University of Arkansas School of Law. Prior to her Law School tenure, Tamla served for ten years as an Associate General Counsel with the Office of General Counsel for the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, where she was lead attorney on matters involving Title IX, Student Affairs, and campus safety, including Clery compliance. She conducted extensive trainings on student conduct and student records, contract compliance, and sexual assault awareness and prevention. Tamla also served as legal advisor to the campus Behavioral Intervention and Threat Assessment Team and served as Co-Chair for the Chancellor's Commission on Women. Tamla was a frequent presenter in legal education seminars on the topics of Title IX compliance, employment law, student social media, transgender student and employee issues and general issues in higher education. Tamla received a J.D. from the University of Arkansas School of Law and an M.Ed. in Workforce Development Education from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. She is a Summa Cum Laude graduate of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, with a B.A. in English. During law school, Tamla served for two years as a Law Clerk in the University of Arkansas General Counsel's office. Immediately after law school, she practiced as an Associate with the Rogers, Arkansas office of Mitchell, Williams, Selig, Gates & Woodyard, where her practice focused on civil litigation, including employment and business litigation.

Council Features



Presenting in Governmental Affairs...

Lisa Kerchinski
Assistant Director,
Service and Leadership

Lisa Kerchinski is the Assistant Director, Service and Leadership at Penn State University beginning this role in January 2023. In addition to service and leadership programs, the office now oversees the PSU votes initiative with the support of student organizations and faculty collaborators. Previously, Lisa was the director of career development for the Schreyer Honors College for over 15 years where she worked closely with students, alumni, and employers to provide opportunities for Scholars to explore their career interests. Lisa also chaired the leadership and civic engagement committee. Lisa's other roles at Penn State include working as a career coach for Smeal MBA students, internship director for Liberal Arts, and assistant director for Alumni Career Services and as a marketing coordinator for Outreach programs. She has worked in Greek Life, Service Learning and development at a variety of schools including the University of Cincinnati, Ashland University, Florida Southern, and Vanderbilt. She graduated from Bowling Green State University and served as a consultant for her sorority before earning a masters degree at Indiana University..

Presenting in Student Affairs....

Elizabeth Toepfer

Assistant Director of Counseling
and Psychological Services at
Penn State for Commonwealth
Campuses



Toepfer is a psychologist and the Assistant Director of Counseling and Psychological Services at Penn State for Commonwealth Campuses. She obtained her teaching doctorate from the Teachers College at Columbia University and has worked at The City University of New York and Barnard College before coming to Penn State. She has worked at Penn State for over five years with her specialties and areas of interest including women's issues, adjustment issues, family of origin issues, identity development, multicultural/diversity issues, anxiety, and relationship concerns.

Council Features



Presenting in Sustainability..

Laura Fowler

Teaching Professor of Law

Director, Sustainability Institute

Chief Sustainability Officer, Penn State

Affiliate Faculty, School of

International Affairs

Professor Lara Fowler is an attorney and mediator who focuses on environmental, energy, and natural resource law, with a specific focus on water-related issues. She has a joint appointment between Penn State Law and the Penn State Institutes of Energy and the Environment where she is working on questions related to water, the Chesapeake Bay, and energy. Prior to joining Penn State, she was an attorney at Gordon Thomas Honeywell LLP in Seattle, Washington, where she focused on mediation and dispute resolution of complex natural resource issues, as well as representing clients facing regulatory hurdles in the environmental and energy fields. She has worked on issues such as who is entitled to store groundwater in the greater Los Angeles area, flooding issues in the Chehalis Basin, Washington State's second-largest river basin, and energy issues in the Pacific Northwest. Before pursuing a legal career, she was a senior water resources coordinator with the Oregon Water Resources Department.



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Location Information



Parking options are available in the HUB Parking Deck (the small yellow circle on the map provided). All CCSG operations throughout the weekend will occur in the HUB-Robeson Center (the big white circle on the map provided) at the various room locations listed throughout this booklet.

VISITOR PARKING DECKS				
LOCATION	NEARBY POINTS OF INTEREST	PARKING CAPACITY	CLEARANCE	AMENITIES/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
East Deck	East Halls, Berkey Creamery, McCoy Natatorium, Business Building, Arboretum	1,204 spaces	8' 4" (level 1) 7' 6" (all other levels)	Prorated rates during first hour (\$0.25 every 15 minutes) East Deck Interactive Map
HUB Deck	HUB-Robeson Center, South/Pollock Halls, White Building, Old Main, Downtown State College	371 spaces	7'0" (all levels)	Pay stations located on levels 1 and 2 HUB Deck Interactive Map
Nittany Deck	Nittany Lion Inn, Rec Hall, Pattee/Paterno Libraries, Music and Theater Buildings, Pasquerilla Spiritual Center	1,329 spaces	6' 8" (levels 1 - 5), 6' 6" (roof access)	5 Level II electric vehicle (EV) charging plugs \$10 day-of event parking rate for non-Football Athletics Event, \$5.50 prepaid through ParkMobile Nittany Deck Interactive Map

If the HUB deck is full upon your arrival, East Deck and Nittany Deck are also parking options on campus. All of these decks charge 1\$/hour (the picture is a little dated).

Both the East Deck and Nittany Deck are roughly a 13 minute walk from the HUB. Please investigate the HUB Deck before traversing elsewhere.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact
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