

THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

THE COUNCIL OF  
COMMONWEALTH  
STUDENT GOVERNMENTS

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FEBRUARY 2ND-3RD BOOKLET



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# GENERAL AGENDA

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024

TIME	SESSION	MEMBER	LOCATION
4:00 PM-5:30 PM	Commonwealth Fee Board Meeting	Albright	HUB 102
5:45 PM-6:45 PM	Constitutional Review Committee	Levendosky	HUB 106
6:45 PM-7:45 PM	President's Session	DuFour	Heritage Hall
8:00 PM-9:00 PM	General Council		Heritage Hall
	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		
	UPUA Report		
	WCSGA Report		
	GPSA Report		
	Old Business	Krause	
	New Business	Krause	
	Open Forum	Krause	
	Adjournment	Krause	
9:15 PM-10:15 PM	Committee Meetings	Directors	Various Locations

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

TIME	SESSION	MEMBER	LOCATION
8:00 AM-8:45 AM	President's Session	DuFour	Heritage Hall
9:00 AM-10:00 AM	General Council		Heritage Hall
	Reconvene/Call to Order	Krause/Linus	
	Approval of the Agenda/Minutes	Krause	
	Introduction of Speaker	Krause	
	Keynote Speaker	TBA	
	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	Quinones/ Levendosky	Pollock or Redifer Cmns
11:30 AM-12:30 PM	Constitutional Review Committee	Levendosky	HUB 106
11:30 AM-12:30 PM	Elections Committee	TBA	HUB 107
12:45 PM-1:45 PM	General Council	Various Speakers	Heritage Hall
2:00 PM-3:00 PM	Committee Meetings	Directors	Various Locations
3:15 PM-4:15 PM	President's Session	DuFour	Heritage Hall
4:30 PM-5:30 PM	General Council		Heritage Hall
	Reconvene/Call to Order	Krause/Linus	
	Approval of the Agenda/Minutes	Krause	
	Old Business	Krause	
	New Business	Krause	
	Adjournment	Krause	

## ZOOM INFORMATION

Committee	Meeting ID	Password
Academic Affairs	964 8297 4718	884954
Educational Equity	910 6743 0568	603306
Governmental Affairs	993 3006 2618	141467
Student Affairs	972 5691 1273	380566
Sustainability	994 0513 8656	186289

Zooms are only provided for committees at this time.



ACADEMIC AFFAIRS  
DIRECTOR: BRYCE COOPER  
LOCATION: HUB 321

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024

TIME	ITEM	MEMBER
9:15 PM	Call to Order/Roll Call	Cooper/Cascioli
	Introduction	
	Updates from Directors	
	Resolution Updates	
	Open Discussion	
10:15 PM	Adjournment	

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

TIME	ITEM	MEMBER
10:15 AM	Call to Order/Roll Call	Cooper/Cascioli
	Introduction	
	Updates for Directors	
	Resolution Updates	
	Open Discussion	
11:15 AM	Adjournment	

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

TIME	ITEM	MEMBER
2:00 PM	Call to Order/Roll Call	Cooper/Cascioli
	Introduction to Speaker	
	Speaker Discussion	Millet
	Open Discussion	
3:00 PM	Adjournment	

# EDUCATIONAL EQUITY

DIRECTOR: TYLER HOPPE

LOCATION: HUB 322

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024

TIME	ITEM	MEMBER
9:15 PM	Call to Order/Roll Call	Hoppe/Demosthene
	Director Updates	
	Discussion	
	Resolution Voting	
10:15 PM	Adjournment	

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

TIME	ITEM	MEMBER
10:15 AM	Call to Order/Roll Call	Hoppe/Demosthene
	Resolution Voting	
	Discussion	
11:15 AM	Adjournment	

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

TIME	ITEM	MEMBER
2:00 PM	Call to Order/Roll Call	Hoppe/Demosthene
	Resolution Voting	
	Discussion	
	Plans Going Forward	
3:00 PM	Adjournment	

# GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

DIRECTOR: SOPHIA MONTANY

LOCATION: HUB 325

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024

TIME	ITEM	MEMBER
9:15 PM	Call to Order/Roll Call	Montany/Galley
	Meeting Minutes	
	Civil Discourse	
	Civil Discourse	
	Election Cycles & Closed Primaries	
	Q&A	
10:15 PM	Adjournment	

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

TIME	ITEM	MEMBER
10:15 AM	Call to Order/Roll Call	Montany/Galley
	Jimi Bio	
	Jimi Werner on Capitol Day	Werner
	Lion Caucus and Advocating	
	Q&A	
11:15 AM	Adjournment	

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

TIME	ITEM	MEMBER
2:00 PM	Call to Order/Roll Call	Montany/Galley
	Questions or Concerns Jimi Werner	
	Capitol Day FAQ/ Registration Doc	
	Voting Summit	
	Intro to Amanda Wintersteen	
3:00 PM	Adjournment	



**STUDENT AFFAIRS**  
**DIRECTOR: NOAH CRUZ**  
LOCATION: HUB 327

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2024

TIME	ITEM	MEMBER
9:15 PM	Call to Order/Roll Call	Cruz
	Council Expectations	
	Committee Planning	
10:15 PM	Adjournment	

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

TIME	ITEM	MEMBER
10:15 AM	Call to Order/Roll Call	Cruz
	Intro to Speaker and Speaker Presentation	Shirey
	Questions for Speaker	
	Open Floor	
11:15 AM	Adjournment	

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

TIME	ITEM	MEMBER
2:00 PM	Call to Order/Roll Call	Cruz
	Comments about Prior Session	
	Discussion for Next Council	
3:00 PM	Adjournment	

**SUSTAINABILITY**  
**DIRECTOR: EVAN GRIM**  
LOCATION: HUB 330

FRIDAY, FEBURARY 2, 2024

TIME	ITEM	MEMBER
9:15 PM	Call to Order/Roll Call	Grim/Season
	Meeting Minutes	
	Sustainability Information	
	Discuss Legislation	
	Q&A	
10:15 PM	Adjournment	

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

TIME	ITEM	MEMBER
10:15 AM	Call to Order/Roll Call	Grim/Season
	Meeting Minutes	
	Speaker	
	Sustainability Discussion	
11:15 AM	Adjournment	

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

TIME	ITEM	MEMBER
2:00 PM	Call to Order/Roll Call	Grim/Season
	Meeting Minutes	
	Questions, Comments, or Concerns	
	Team Building Activity	
	Discussion about Future Legislation	
3:00 PM	Adjournment	

# Featured Speakers



**Mike Stefan**

Vice President for  
Government and  
Community Relations

Michael Stefan joined the Office of Government and Community Relations in 2017. His 15 years of experience in Harrisburg include campaign work, lobbying and executive branch service. Prior to arriving at Penn State's Government and Community Relations, Michael served as the Director of Legislative Affairs for the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry. As Director, Michael served as a liaison between Governor Wolf's Administration, the Department, and the State Legislature. Michael previously served as Director of Government Affairs for the Office of Attorney General, and Legislative Director for the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO. He began his career with the House Democratic Campaign Committee in 2007. Michael earned his bachelor's degree in business management at Penn State in 2007 and obtained his law degree from Widener University Commonwealth Law School in 2012.

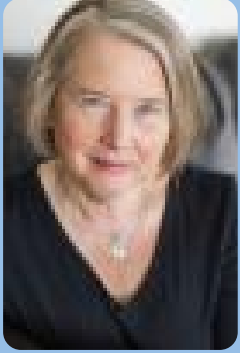


**Jimi Werner**

Advocacy and  
Communications  
Specialist

Jimi Werner is the Advocacy and Communications Specialist for our office. He spearheads outreach to our advocates through Advocate Penn State's many channels, including social media, email, and in-person efforts. Additionally, he is the adviser for the Lion Caucus, our university-affiliated student advocacy organization. The organization has upwards of 40 members advocating for the University's priorities and issues. He also works as our office internship supervisor. Penn State has always been a part of Jimi's life. From being 10 months old at his first Penn State football game to sharing his love of the University through his advocacy work. He started his Penn State education at Penn State Harrisburg, enrolling in the 2+2 program, before transferring to University Park where he graduated with a degree in Print Sports Journalism. Before officially become a Penn State employee, Jimi worked for Sara Bozich, a Harrisburg-based digital and experiential marketing firm, helping small to mid-sized businesses make genuine connections to their customers through traditional and not-so-traditional marketing tactics. His marketing and writing experience also extends to regional and national brands like Troegs Independent Brewing and Chicco USA. He is also proud of his work with Harrisburg Beer Week, and annual philanthropic effort, that helped raise funds for Harrisburg River Rescue and Emergency Services. Throughout the events five-year run, which ended in 2020, Jimi served as Communications Coordinator and Volunteer Coordinator.

# Featured Speakers

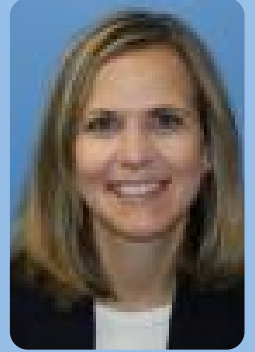


**Liz Toepfer**

Associate Director of  
Commonwealth  
Campuses for CAPS

## SPECIALTIES/INTERESTS

- Women's issues adjustment issues
- Family of origin issues
- Identity development
- Multicultural/diversity issues
- Anxiety
- Relationship concerns



**Leann Lenz**

Associate Director for  
Student Care and  
Advocacy



**Melissa Shirey**

Commonwealth Campus  
Attorney- Student Legal  
Services

Melissa joined Student Legal Services (SLS) in 2023. Prior to joining SLS, Melissa was in private practice for over twenty years. She practiced in the areas of estate planning, estate administration, family law, guardianships, and real estate. She has successfully litigated cases at both the Pennsylvania trial court level and before the Pennsylvania Superior Court. She also is trained in the collaborative law process and as a mediator. Melissa is active in the Erie County Bar Association (ECBA), in Erie County, PA where she lives. She was the President of the ECBA in 2016. She has also been a member of the ECBA Board of Directors, chaired the Attorney and Kids Together Program and chaired the ECBA's Wills for Heroes Program. Melissa is also active with her alma mater, Penn State Behrend, serving on various advisory boards and committees over the years and as a lecturer in their political science program. She is also the Pre-Law Advisor for Behrend. While a student at Behrend, Melissa was selected as a Truman Scholar, the first student from Behrend and the second university-wide to receive the award. She was also the recipient of Penn State's Ralph Dorn Hetzel Memorial Award (1997) and the Alumni Achievement Award (2011).

# Council Features

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Presenting in Student Affairs ...

## Melissa Shirey

Penn States SLS (Student Legal Services)  
Commonwealth Attorney



Attorney Melissa Shirey joined Student Legal Services (SLS) in 2023. Prior to joining SLS, Melissa was in private practice for over twenty years. She practiced in the areas of estate planning, estate administration, family law, guardianships, and real estate. She is admitted to practice before all courts of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania

Melissa received her bachelor's degree in political science from The Pennsylvania State University, Behrend College in 1997 and graduated with honors and distinction and as a Schreyer Scholar.

While a student at Behrend, Melissa was selected as a Truman Scholar, the first student from Behrend and the second university-wide to receive the award. She was also the recipient of Penn State's Ralph Dorn Hetzel Memorial Award (1997). After graduating from Behrend, she was honored with the Penn State Alumni Achievement Award in 2011.

Melissa also earned a master's degree in Public Administration from Gannon University in 1999 and her juris doctorate degree from The Ohio State University, Moritz College of Law in 2002. She graduated with honors from OSU and was the Editor in Chief of The Ohio State Journal on Dispute Resolution.

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Presenting in Governmental Affairs..

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Presenting in Academic Affairs..

Chris Millet

Director of Learning Design Operations



Chris Millet is Director of Learning Design Operations at Penn State's World Campus. In this role he is responsible for overseeing the design and development of online and hybrid courses across multiple colleges and campuses, as well as the evaluation and development of new technologies to enhance teaching and learning for online students. Penn State World Campus is regularly ranked among the best online education programs in the world. Chris' leadership responsibilities include co-chairing the eEducation Council and membership on a variety of university-wide committees including the Online Coordinating Council, Organizational Processes Steering Committee, and OER Task Force. Recent national leadership roles include co-chairing the IMS Caliper Learning Analytics standards workgroup and serving on the Civitas Learning Partner Leadership Council.



# Council Menu

## President Sessions Breakfast (8-8:45 AM Sat):

Assorted bagels  
Orange juice  
Coffee



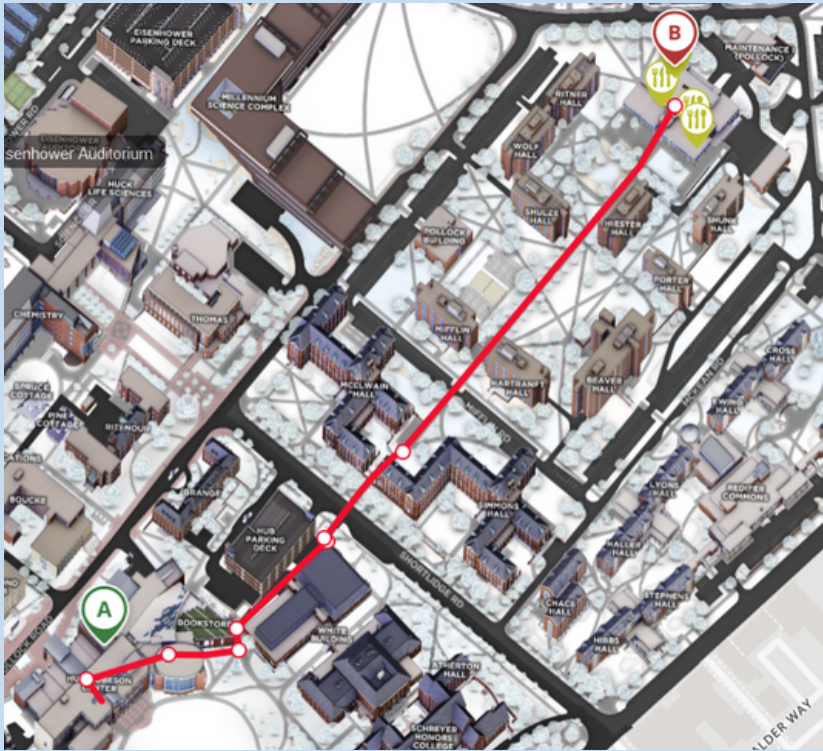
## Council Lunch (11:30AM-12:30PM Sat):

Go to the Penn State Go app and click on the University Park Experience.  
Click on the dining icon and scroll to menus option.





# Location Information



Pollock Commons



Redifer Commons





# 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 EXCEPT for lunch on Saturday, which takes place in the above locations.

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

Speaker Krause  
(jtk5570@psu.edu)