

Staff Senate General Monthly Meeting Agenda and Notes– April 29, 2026

3pm – 4pm via Zoom

- **Allison Bolt, Staff Senate President**
 - Welcome!
 - Introductions: from Allison Bolt, (President, Law), Elena Grigore (Secretary, Parking Department), JC Collins (Vice President, Athletics), and Justin Kelly (Treasurer, Budget Office).
 - Currently just under 20 senators; additional members are still being sought.
- **Senator Roster Vacancies – 2 Senator Positions Open**
 - Class A and Class B:
 - 1 – 3-year (Class A and just a little more than 2 years).
 - 1 – 2-year (Class B and just a little more than 1 year).
 - Consider self-nominating or nominating a colleague.
 - Serving on the senate involves two meetings a month, attending various social events if available, and committee work as needed.
 - If interested email csustaffsenate@csuohio.edu or contact one of our senators or executive board members if you would like to talk and learn a little more.
- **Staff Senate Coffee Hour**
 - Next coffee hour will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 10 a.m.
 - Starbucks at the CSU Student Center.
 - We hope you can make it and stay as your schedule permits. Bring your own beverage or make a purchase.
 - Invitation will be sent to all CSU staff in early May.

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- **5th Annual CSU Staff Appreciation Luncheon Update**
 - President Bloomberg, Patty Franklin, and team are excited to continue this annual All CSU Staff Appreciation event.
 - Wednesday, May 13, 2026, at Viking MarketPlace, 11am – 1pm.
 - Times will be staggered; RSVP is expected by mid-next week.
 - Event honors staff contributions and a chance for an informal conversation with President Bloomberg and members of the Leadership team.

- **Summer Ice Cream Social**
 - Planning to schedule something in late July around National Ice Cream Day (July 19th). Look for more details in June or early July.

- **Ohio Staff Council of Higher Education (OSCHE)**
 - OSCHE Spring Meeting Recap – April 17, 2026.
 - Summer Meeting, July 17th - The Ohio State Wooster Campus.
 - Fall Conference, October 15th-16th - Sinclair Community College, Dayton.
 - Our 4^h year of membership. OSCHE has four annual meetings (Winter – virtual, Spring – virtual, Summer – hybrid, and Fall – in person).
 - Meeting updates from peer institutions:
 - Lorain County Community College (LCCC)
 - Reopening their conference center, reviewing master plan and campus space utilization.
 - Wright State University
 - Working on website accessibility compliance and has legal questions for housing historical retention data.
 - University of Akron
 - Men's MAC championship (3rd consecutive year).
 - Strong enrollment. Their dorms are being privatized for fall 2026 semester. Privatized parking department few years ago and staff costs have more than doubled.

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- Ohio State University
 - Previously privatized parking and will privatize their utilities this year. Also launching three new staff recognition awards.
 - Kent State University
 - Developing a staff council newsletter. Met with their Board of Trustees and are working on developing a model for increasing shared their governance involvement with the university.
 - Sinclair Community College
 - Second-highest spring enrollment in 13 years. No longer have athletic programs and repurposed athletic facilities for IT and other space.
 - Columbus State Community College
 - New health building underway and expected to be completed in 1 ½ years. A new YMCA partnership is planning to build a campus location by 2028.
 - Workday student module implemented and is working well.
 - Health insurance costs increase 20%.
- **WorkDay Implementation – CSU Compass**
 - Kickoff events held recently; training rollout scheduled.
 - Positive feedback so far; viewed as beneficial institution wide.
 - Implementation updates will continue at future meetings.
 - **Sick Bank/Sick Leave Idea and Thoughts**
 - Gathering information to develop a proposal for non-bargaining staff employees. In an early phase of researching and may proceed in developing a formal proposal for review. Comparative research with peer institutions is underway.
 - Senator Michelle Bowman offered to research paid sick leave and sick bank/leave programs for bargaining staff.
 - Our intent is to support employees with exhausted paid leave due to hardship.

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- **New Senate General Communications and Accessibility**
 - Web presence:
 - Efforts are ongoing to make the Staff Senate website searchable on CSU's main site.
 - Meeting minutes and future dates will be posted online.
 - Thanks to Anthony Rountree for making the site searchable just now!
 - <https://www.csuohio.edu/staffsenate>
- **Next Staff Senate General Meeting**
 - Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 3pm.
 - Invitation to be sent out approximately 1 week in advance using the most current staff list at that time
 - Future meeting dates on our website:
<https://www.csuohio.edu/staffsenate/scheduled-general-meetings>
 - Meeting minutes available on our website as well:
<https://www.csuohio.edu/staffsenate/general-meeting-minutes>
- **Open Forum**
 - If interested upcoming guided tours of the Fenn Tower being planned for June or July (tentative groups of 15). Coordination led by Elena Grigore and Sean Reese.

Participants: 28

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