



December 12, 2019

3:30 to 5 p.m. 410 Hitchcock Hall

Theme: Monthly Meeting

Guests: Molly Hegarty, Student Legal Services, Marisa Lally, Off-Campus and Commuter Student Services, and Niki Prete, Office of Student Life

Announcements:

- Graduate School (Judith Dunham-Borst)
 - New fellowship system going well
 - Personnel changes
 - Discussion of upcoming Fellowship Open House
- Graduate & Professional Admissions (Jon Bullock)
 - December 1 deadline came over Thanksgiving break
 - Evaluations underway
 - Be mindful of any issues you see with evaluations

Molly Hegarty, Managing Director, Student Legal Services

- Student Legal Services is a non-profit law office, not a university department (web site and e-mail are hosted by Ohio State)
 - Ohio State, Kent State, Wright State, and Bowling Green have SLS offices
- Services include criminal, traffic, and civil sides
 - Speeding tickets, OVI, traffic tickets
 - Trespass, furnishing alcohol to underage people
 - Bulk of work is on civil side
 - This year expanded work to immigration and naturalization (they work often with the Office of International Affairs)
 - Lots of debt negotiation
 - Dissolution of Marriage (without children)
 - Victims of crime assistance (SLS is not mandatory reporters)
 - They work often with SARNCO
 - Those eligible to use their services include students who attend the Columbus campus (not regional campuses), are degree-seeking, and are not primarily staff
 - Cost is \$40 per year, 90% of students do not opt out of program
 - They will help locate alternative resources for students they can't help with a specific issue
- Generation Z: Legal issues cause stress
- Since 2011, have seen about 33,000 students (their office opened in 2011)
- In surveying students, they have found about 22% of students considered leaving school before using SLS (because of the issue they were dealing with)
- Scams increasing, international students often targeted (can help students determine if employment offers are legitimate)
- Estate planning and advance directives (creating a will, etc.)
- Can only practice in Ohio, represent in Franklin County
- Can be a resource for students dealing with Student Conduct





- Cannot represent one student against another student
- SLS can help students who want to change their names unless it's on the divorce/dissolution decree
 - Students transitioning can look to SLS for legal help
- None of their services cost additional fees; students have to pay court costs, etc.
- Visiting scholars aren't eligible for SLS; if students opted out of SLS they won't provide referrals
- Online/Distance learning questions
 - If they have one class on campus, they have to pay fees and SLS fee (eligible to use SLS)

Marisa Lally, Program Manager, Off-Campus and Commuter Student Services, and Niki Prete, Marketing Specialist, Office of Student Life

- Their office serves students who don't live on campus
- Graduate and Professional Student Living Guide is close to being ready, will be completely digital
 - New resource; currently have one more focused on undergraduate students, who often have different needs
 - During planning, they had table talks with Graduate/Professional students from different backgrounds in order to get input for the Guide
 - Focus on sustainability and accessibility; includes many links to web sites and social media; focus on the user experience
 - Should be live at the beginning of January, and when ready they will contact the AGPA listserv
 - The Guide is a fluid document and updates will be able to be made on a quarterly basis
 - They are not sure if the guide will be available on the OSU app
 - Their office has different resources available on OSU.edu (including a tool for finding roommates)

General Discussion, sharing of open Grad/Prof-related jobs at Ohio State, discussion of Road-Mapping

- *For more information and resources from the Association of Graduate & Professional Administrators, visit <http://u.osu.edu/agpa/>*
- *To join the email listserv, visit <https://lists.osu.edu/mailman/listinfo/agpa>*

