

## Improvements

- More cross-curriculum events. Ex: Help the MTs be more involved with science events, promote athletics more to business majors, etc. There are serious divides between the majors in that regard.
- Clearer communication of when events are. *Blue Notes don't work.*
- More campus-wide philanthropy. Greek and Relay for Life are the only two organizations I can think of.
- The University to be more flexible and willing to make exceptions, especially when it comes to housing and/or meal plans for local students.
- More scholarships that aren't specific, like just tuition-based ones. I would like to see scholarships that can be used together for tuition, fees, etc.
- Better communication on classes/teachers that will not return next year. It feels like students are always blind-sided when classes aren't offered anymore.
- Flexible/understanding about meal plans. Example – not requiring those who live in Methodist to get a meal plan (or anyone). Because I know a lot of people's meal don't get used, and it's a waste of money that we don't have.
- More communication about classes that won't be offered next semester; not last minute.
- More flexibility within use of university-based scholarships: flexible housing, flexible meal plans, etc. (Use scholarship money outside of tuition.)
- More regulated housing draft. (Ex: seniority or Honors priority)
- More incentives for extra-curricular support. (Incentive to participate/support athletes/support performances)
- The ability for tuition-based scholarships (ex: LEADS, CYME, departmental, and institutional scholarships) to be applied to more than just tuition.
- More meal plan options for on and off campus residents.
- Priority housing for honors students as well as a more orderly housing draft – the meeting times were helpful but it didn't seem like different groups got priority (ex. Seniors and juniors)
- More involvement and possibly keynote speakers at campus-wide events such as love not hate day.
- A way to know what issues SGA is focusing on even if we are not a senator.
- List of ALL organizations on campus.
- Awareness of mental illness – specifically eating disorders. A lot of programs put pressure on students to look a certain way, and it is a strong negative influence on this campus.
- Campus wide increase in diversity and inclusion education – more speakers, more opportunities to learn, and recruiting a more diverse student body.

- More support athletics coming from the university side.
- More events held campus-wide. Especially in the University Center! We don't utilize this space enough.
- A push for more involvement in athletics. Not enough students attend our games. More "Blue Out Blow Out" style at every game would help.
- Make campus-wide emails more geared to events and being able to opt out of specific email strands. (Rodney Newman, etc.) Condense all of it into one email.
- More participation from committees as a whole. Do a true involvement fair out on the quad.
- More emphasis on sports. Students never hear about games but quickly know about theater performances. Encourage students to go to games, and notify them about when the games are. Athletes often feel pushed off to the side on campus.
- I would like to see OCU create more opportunities for not only freshman to get an introduction to student organizations, but for transfer students to be introduced and ways to become involved in OCU. I.e, transfer orientation/event meet and greet.
- Better communication between organizations and ways for leaders to collaborate. Meetings for organizations to come together.
- A better way to advertise organization events.
- Pest control in Cokesbury.
- Require less non-major specific gen-eds (methods, ethics, etc.)
- Give students more encouragement to attend athletic events through social media, campus promotions, etc.
- Leniency of a required meal plan with current price of the meal plans to increase students living on campus and reduce the needs of students loans.
- Majors across campus working together or being involved together more – at least freshmen.
- We need a break week (dead week) before finals like every other university. It's too much, and by the time we get to finals, we're too overwhelmed and exhausted to succeed. And we already have a longer school year than any other university I know of, so we can spare one free week a semester.
- No more plus and minus grading system. It's not beneficial to the students, and really hurts good students' GPAs.
- Accountability increased by either facilities or housing regarding dorm health and/or safety.
- I saw a video with a "buddy bench" on an elementary school playground. I think we could do something like this in the Caf to help meet new students outside their majors, and also get someone a place to sit if they don't have anyone around. It could be a specific table all the time, and maybe put a paper with different conversation starters/get to know you questions in the middle that gets changed out regularly. Then people could sit there if they

- want to sit with new people or actively make friends. It could also encourage it throughout the rest of the Caf/campus.
- Improve the environment on campus. Plant more trees, foliage, maybe even fund the installment of a new fountain. Make campus look more like how much it costs to attend.
  - More university involvement with surrounding businesses. The OCU Stars ID brings some great benefits, but they could be greatly enhanced. Work with the Paseo, Uptown, Midtown, and Downtown.
  - Increase marketing for OCU Greek life. This should be something that is really pushed during the freshmen orientation process. While there is material given to the freshmen, a lot of communication boils down to word of mouth, which needs to change.
  - Improve the living quality in all dorms, because we pay so much for it. Example: fixing the mold, leaking vents, the heat and air, bed frames, couches.
  - Having all non-Greek organizations feel that people care about their smaller organization. Improving involvement in these organizations.
  - The cutting the smaller major departments but adding some more professors in that major so that you have more people that can help the students.
  - The performance programs on campus are run by basically one person each. (Dr. Herendeen in Music/Opera, Jo Rowan at Ann Lacy, etc.) It hurts the program and the people in it, because one person shouldn't have total control. Especially when personal preference can affect the kind of education students here get, by getting cast in shows, working with guests, etc.
  - I want to see a safer campus. I know there have been instances in Walker Dorm with an unknown person in a girl's room, and there were some strange men around Cokesbury apartments and the police on campus did not seem to do much about either. Free printing. Maybe it's unrealistic but I feel we do not have enough as myself and many of my friends are almost out with a month left of school.
  - We need to address the eating disorder/unhealthy mindset on campus. Because of the dance school and music/theatre school, a lot of people have unhealthy habits and we need to fix it. We really need to change the Ann Lacy weigh-in process, but if we can't do that, at least offer personal trainers, dietary counselors, and programs to promote healthy body image.
  - Change the way the housing draft works. Many people were given times to go in when they had classes they could not miss, and it made it very difficult for many to find a room they could afford, as many had to be in a quad.
  - I don't think our faculty get paid enough.
  - **BRANDING.** The branding for OCU is all over the place. Sometimes, it's very playful (Starsky, bright graphics). Other times it's formal (alumni

relations, benefit events). The brand of OCU has to be consistent across **all** platforms. Right now it's a PR nightmare.

- CONTINUITY. Across the campus, the look of the university is different. Our renovations need to fit the OCU traditional "collegiate" look. Right now, OCU looks like it's been "renovated" without the consideration of overall continuity.
- INSIDE RESOURCES. It is important for OCU to utilize inside resources before paying someone externally. Ex: hiring a designer from BD home, instead of getting student consideration/leadership or input.
- Cokesbury feels unsafe, and the gates are a total joke. We go through the trouble of closing the drive gates and a couple of the doors, but there are doors all around the gate that don't even have locks (like the one in front of building 4). Anyone could walk in. One of the "perks" of living in Cokes (and paying the price) is it's a gated community.
- Less homecoming events so that students can focus on academics while still participating in activities.
- Off campus vendors to increase health options and accommodate more health and dietary disorders.
- A dead week before finals so that we can fully prepare to succeed.
- I would like to see more clarity in the way general education classes are structured here. I took several of the classes that I am taking right now in high school, but did not allow us to take the AP exam.
- Get rid of the +/- system!
- I'd like to know where our tuition money is going. Is there a way to make financial reports accessible to students? I feel like that would make a lot of us feel better. A lot of the time, I hear people talk about how our money is going towards watering the parking lots and painting the grass teal, when we see a lot of stuff that we wish was getting fixed on campus. (Like the fine arts building and the Kirkpatrick.)
- Something that I've noticed is that when you go to the cafeteria you sit with people who you already know, which is not a problem or something bad. But if we want more inclusion on campus, I think it'll be good to have a day a month in which students/people sit with people they don't know. By making this a monthly event, I think we'll increase diversity awareness. We could even wear a specific shirt color to show our support.
- Get rid of the plus and minus grading system.
- I'd like to see in the future more options other than Sodexo while planning for events. I understand the school has a contract with them, but I'd love if they could be more flexible. We need/want other food once in a while.
- Increased participation in SGA.
- Why do we pay money to take methods of scientific inquiry?
- Get rid of +/- system/cohesive grading standards.
- Student senate as a substitute for a class/public speaking?
- Increased transparency in Administration/Faculty -> FSEC
- Increased involvement in Prexi-club.

- Grading policy – more standardized grading. Greater consideration for student welfare.
- The different programs/majors feel like giant cliques. People only know what's going on in their own programs, and only hang out with people in their own majors. We need a way to help people get to know people outside their major, even if they aren't in Greek life.
- There's a great deal of water waste with the sprinkler system, especially in Cokesbury. Some are only watering sections of the parking lots, sides of the buildings, or rock gardens. The small patches of grass in the complex don't need that much irrigation.
- More flexibility with Prexi-club – my organization could not send a representative because of the time, and there was an implication that it would affect our SGA funding.
- We're the only school in the nation that makes students weigh in for dance classes. It enables scary, unhealthy habits in our performance majors.
- Create a more efficient program for students who are not in artistic programs. Include everyone.
- Get a nutritional service/staff.
- Transparency in the financial aid and administrative offices, to be able to get reliable answers with facts.

## Likes

- So much community.
- I absolutely love the Mass Communications staff and faculty. They ALL take a personal interest and do anything they can to help you and make things easier for you.
- Anywhere you turn, there is always a support system. You can talk to many people (students and staff) who are willing to help and listen.
- Small programs allow for individualized education.
- You will never feel alone on our campus, there are quite a few organizations you can join to always have friends! Even if you are not involved in Greek life.
- We have so many different clubs that there's truly something for everyone.
- Our voices are encouraged.
- The community at OCU is extremely inclusive and creates a positive place to be.
- Professors at OCU are willing to work with students one-on-one.
- I love how welcoming everyone is at OCU. It truly is a very loving and supportive community.
- I can be a part of many unique and different groups that I am passionate about.
- Small class size -> allowed to meet your classmates -> personal relationship with professors

