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A. The Office of Student Life, Diversity, and Inclusion Overview

Mission: The Office of Student Life, Diversity, and Inclusion at The Ohio State University at Marion exists to provide services, programs, and opportunities that complement the academic learning experience.

The Office of Student Life, Diversity, and Inclusion seeks to enhance a positive Ohio State Marion experience for all students. The staff offers students support in judicial issues, mental health counseling, diversity and inclusion, student organizations, and campus activities. They seek to facilitate awareness and dialogue and help to increase student participation and engagement in student activities. The office provides:

Academic Enhancement – Contributes to the enrichment of students’ academic success to enhance their quality of life. Offers out–of–class learning and leadership opportunities through programs and services, organizations, and employment dedicated to intellectual, emotional, physical, spiritual, social, and career development.

Advocacy – Minimizes campus bureaucracy and barriers for students. Provides timely and effective information that assists and enables students to take responsibility for their total campus experience. Educates others within the university community about the distinct needs and problems facing students.

Wellness – Fosters a lifelong appreciation of and involvement in wellness and recreational activities. Promotes a proactive approach to living a balanced lifestyle.

Environment – Provides a variety of clean, safe, and comfortable environments in which to live, learn, work, and relax. Offers attractive, functional, and accessible facilities that successfully support students’ personal and academic goals.

Diversity – Works closely with academics, administrative departments, and student organizations to promote a climate that heightens the awareness and appreciation of cultural diversity at Ohio State Marion. Provides support, services, and programs to achieve diversity goals. Continue to hire and support a qualified, diverse workforce to enhance these efforts.

Memories – Offers programs and events that build lifelong memories and friendships. Adds vibrancy to university life through sporting events, student clubs and organizations, community service projects, concerts, and guest speakers. Encourages a sense of community and connection through these shared experiences.

Social Responsibilities – Provides service opportunities for students to develop social responsibility and challenge them to become active community members. Encourages social awareness and involvement toward meeting local, national, and global needs.

Leadership – Provides opportunities for students to lead through undergraduate student government, clubs, campus events, and student organization. Teaches students through training events, retreats, and one–on–one mentoring how to be more effective leaders.
B. Counseling and Wellness

The services of the Counseling and Wellness office are free to all students enrolled at The Ohio State University at Marion. This office exists to support the wellness of each student and to help students achieve a balanced and healthy lifestyle which will help to foster academic success. Services include addressing a full range of mental health issues, from mental illness to stressors such as anxiety, relationship problems, grief, anger, etc., as well as drug and alcohol issues. To schedule a free, confidential appointment with the wellness counselor, contact Leslie Beary (740–725–6439; beary.4@osu.edu) or Michelle Bolles at the Maynard Hall front desk (740–726–6111). Whether your problem is big or small, always remember it is okay to ask for help.

C. Student Organizations and Activities

The Office of Student Life, Diversity, and Inclusion provides several ways to be involved in student organizations and student activities on the Ohio State Marion Campus. Studies have shown that students who get involved with campus organizations typically do better academically than those who do not. Student Life is the resource center to find an organization, activity, program, connect with others, and experience a sense of community. Along with all the fun activities and organizations in which students can participate, there are also great facilities for student use. The George H. Alber Student Center houses a fitness center, full-sized gymnasium, rock climbing wall, and game room. At the Student Center, students can participate in intramural sports, open gym nights, and gather together in the lounge for social activities. Look for flyers, posters, Buckeye Briefs, and visit the campus website at www.osumarion.osu.edu/student-life/ for more information about events.

Below is a list of student organizations and activities. For more information, please contact Karen Leuthold (740-725-6273; leuthold.12@osu.edu).

**Active Minds** – Active Minds is a powerful, national group with chapters established on over 350 college campuses across the country. The focus of the group is to reduce stigma and change the perception about mental health, one conversation at a time. Active Minds at The Ohio State University at Marion promotes wellness and compassion through events such as: Compliment Candies; National Day without Stigma; Stress Less Week; and PostSecretU. The group is accepting new members who want to make a difference on our campus!
Advisor: Leslie Beary (740–725–6349; beary.4@osu.edu)

**The Arabic Club** – The Arabic Club explores the richness of the Arabic culture. It promotes understanding of how the Arabic civilization led to the western renaissance. It is open to anyone interested in the Arabic language, culture, literature, travel, and participation in social/cultural activities that explore Arabic heritage and customs.
Advisor: Zuheir Alidib (740–725–6306; alidib.1@osu.edu)

**Cornfield Review** – A journal for the creative arts published once a year as a publication of The Ohio State University at Marion. The publication includes poems, short stories, personal essays, photographs, and drawings, and takes submissions primarily from OSUM students, faculty, and staff (http://english.marion.ohio-state.edu/cornfield).
Advisor: Dr. Ben McCorkle (740–725–6152- mccorkle.12@osu.edu)
Engineering Club – The Ohio State Marion Engineering Club provides a way for engineer majors to gather together and create a sense of community. The Ohio State Marion Engineering Club helps engineer majors through the journey of their educational and professional pursuits. Advisor: Penny Eyster (740–725–6246; eyster.9@osu.edu)

Le Cercle Français (French Club) – Developed to explore the diversity of French culture and to promote understanding of how French culture affects our everyday lives. For those interested in expanding your knowledge, language skills, traveling, and participating in social/cultural activities that explore the French traditions and customs. Advisor: Dr. Zuheir Alidib (740–725–6306; alidib.1@osu.edu)

Griffin Society – The Griffin Society is an Honors and social organization that encourages academic excellence and success through participation in honors classes and activities in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. The Griffin Society is open to all students who maintain a 3.00 Grade Point Average or those that have successfully completed an Honors course. Advisor: Chris Daddis (740–725–6109; daddis.1@osu.edu)

“Kapow!” – The OSU Marion Writers’ Club – “Kapow!” is an organization for students who are passionate about writing. Students meet bi–weekly during the academic year where they share, listen to, and give feedback to poetry, fiction, and creative nonfiction written by their fellow voyagers of the sweet words. Write on! Advisor: Stuart Lishan (740–725–6265; lishan.1@osu.edu)

Koru Group – This group teaches college students to manage stress and anxiety through the practice of mindfulness. Mindfulness is a way of paying attention to what is happening right now, by observing what’s going on inside (your thoughts, feelings, and physical sensations) and outside (your interactions and surroundings) with an open mind and without judging. By learning and practicing mindfulness participants can expect to:
  - Improve focus, attention and academic performance
  - Calm worry and nervousness and relax more
  - Cope more effectively in stressful situations
  - Sleep better and feel more rested
  - Have a greater sense of well-being

This group is free to all OSU students and two four week sessions are offered each semester. It’s a short-term commitment, with long-lasting results! Advisor: Leslie Beary (740-725-6349; beary.4@osu.edu)

Multicultural Club – This group is open to all students who have an interest in learning about international cultures. Everything from food to religious traditions are experienced in the Multicultural Club. This club provides educational and fun events through panel discussions, films, guest speakers, and an annual International Festivals that attracts hundreds of people. Advisor: Shawn Jackson (740–725–6219; jackson.368@osu.edu)
Non–Traditional Student Organization – The trend of non–traditional students continues to grow on the Marion Campus. Whether you are 25 or 50, you are an integral part of Marion’s campus life! Non–traditional students bring life skills which are transferrable to the learning process. The Non–Traditional Student Organization encourages non–traditional students along every step of their journey in higher education.
Advisor: Karen Leuthold (740–725–6273; leuthold.12@osu.edu)

OnNotice – Contemporary a cappella vocal ensemble open to Ohio State students via audition. The group performs a variety of music from yesterday and today at campus functions and throughout the community.
Advisor: Wayne Rowe (740–725–6316; rowe.31@osu.edu)

OutLoud – The Ohio State University at Marion LGBTQ student organization. OutLoud aims to provide a safe space for LGBTQ students, those discovering their sexual orientation, and for aspiring allies of these students. Meetings consist of events and outreach, socializing and making new friends, and discussing relevant campus issues.
Advisor: Donna Bobbitt-Zeher (740–725–6180; Bobbitt-zeher.1@osu.edu)

CCO Marion Christian Fellowship – The CCO Marion Christian Fellowship is an interdenomina-
tional Christian group that works to meet the spiritual needs of students on The Ohio State Marion campus. CCO Marion Christian Fellowship hosts a weekly Bible study and a variety of other activities that foster a sense of community with their members.
Advisor: Karen Leuthold (740–725–6273; leuthold.12@osu.edu)

Soccer Club – To provide a friendly, social environment for athletes of all skill levels to socially engage students with members of the greater community through friendly soccer matches. The club promotes a healthy lifestyle of exercise and healthy eating to remain fit.
Advisor: Zuheir Alidib (740–725–6303; alidib.1@osu.edu)

Sociology and Criminology Club – To provide a forum for students interested in sociology and/or criminology to discuss and explore relevant career opportunities and professional pathways and engage in community outreach.
Advisors: Mariana Klochko (740–725–6243; klochko.1@osu.edu); Donna Bobbitt-Zeher (740–725–6180; bobbitt-zeher.1@osu.edu)

Social Work Club – This student organization is for pre–social work and social work majors who are looking to learn and explore more about this profession as well as ways to embrace differences, seek justice, and be the change on the Marion campus and the community.
Advisors: Teri Kinsway (740–725–6185; kinsway.1@osu.edu); Kathleen Clemons (740–725–6251; clemons.8@osu.edu); Leslie Beary (740–725–6349; beary.4@osu.edu)

Swahili Club – The Swahili Club promotes the cultures in which the Swahili language is spoken. The club is a learning experience and educational in the exploration of east African culture.
Advisor: Zak Nyongesa (614–622–7977; nyongesa.1@osu.edu).
**Undergraduate Student Government** – Serve the administration by offering an undergraduate perspective in matters of campus policy, student activities, and other matters impacting undergraduate students of Ohio State Marion. This body shall act as the primary liaison between the undergraduate student body and the administration, faculty, and staff.

Advisor: Lynda Behan (740–725–6284; behan.4@osu.edu)

**Veterans of Marion Campus** – This organization assists any active, inactive, or retired military person with transition from military to civilian life. This assistance includes transitional information concerning financial, personal, emotional, and governmental issues. It also includes issues to assist with entry into and maintaining college attendance.

Advisors: Leslie Beary (740–725–6349; beary.4@osu.edu); Sharon Gattshall (740–725–6279; gattshall.2@osu.edu)

**Video Game Club** – To gather students with a common interest of video games to talk, play and sponsor events about video games.

Advisor: Ben McCorkle (740–725–6152; mccorkle.12@osu.edu)

**New Student Organizations** – Various student organizations are registered with the Office of Student Life/Diversity and Inclusion on an annual basis. These organizations exist because students formed them based on their own personal interest. The procedure listed below shows how to get an organization started.

- Have three students to serve as student leaders for the group (all of whom must be enrolled in at least six credit hours per quarter at Ohio State Marion, and maintain a quarterly grade point average of at least a 2.0).
- Enlist the support of a faculty or staff member who is employed on a full-time basis with the University.
- Prepare a constitution that outlines your student organization name, purpose, and governance/operating procedures.
- Have one member of the group attend leadership training events provided by the Office of Student Life/Diversity and Inclusion.

Once you have secured these requirements, contact Program Coordinator Karen Leuthold (740-725-6273, leuthold.12@osu.edu), or come to Morrill 164 to complete a registration form. A registration form must be completed every year and anytime a student leader or adviser changes. Once you register your organization and are approved, you will receive information about funding for your group.

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D. Student Employment

Off–Campus Employment – Employers send job postings to OSU Marion in search of college graduates or enrolled students for full–time, part–time, temporary, or seasonal employment, as well as seeking interns. Making direct contact with the employer is your responsibility; however, the Coordinator of Career Services is available to help you make a positive impression during the application process.

Ohio State Marion students seeking off–campus employment are encouraged to subscribe to one or more free listserv groups, which give the subscriber the opportunity to have job postings sent directly to his/her OSU email account. See the Career Services Employment website for more details and how to subscribe – http://www.osumarion.osu.edu/career. Paper copies of employment opportunities are kept in the Job Postings Notebook in Career Services Office. Postings remain in the notebook for one month from the date of arrival.

On–Campus Employment – Student employee positions are available for both work study and non–work study students on a semester–by–semester basis. Individual department budgets will determine the ability to hire a non–work study student versus a work study eligible student. In order for a student to qualify for a position, he/she must meet the following requirements: enrolled a minimum of six credit hours each semester; in good standing academically with a GPA of at least 2.0; and all fees must be paid before starting to work each semester. The Marion Campus current student employee pay range is a minimum of $8.10 per hour. Rate of pay depends on the level of knowledge and skills necessary to perform the duties associated with the position. Students may hold more than one position at a time, as long as the total hours worked do not exceed 20 hours per week.

Several different departments utilize student employees throughout the year. It is often possible to obtain a position in your field of study or of interest to you. Student employment within the university can provide opportunities to develop valuable skills that you may want to include on your resume. Student positions are considered temporary employment and do not earn paid time off (i.e., sick leave, paid vacation, holiday pay, medical/dental/vision benefits). Student positions that involve cash handling and/or use of university vehicles/machinery require the successful completion of a criminal background check (paid by the university).

Work Study – Work Study is a federally–funded award, and a student must apply when completing his/her annual FAFSA (February 15 deadline). Work Study is a financially need–based award, and students must meet eligibility guidelines to qualify. The Federal Work–Study Office on the Columbus campus will determine a student’s annual award in accordance with the federal guidelines each year.

There are three steps to the Federal Work–Study Program: APPLY … AWARDED … ACCEPT

APPLY: Complete the necessary information on the annual FAFSA form. Students must apply each year during the FAFSA process.

AWARDED: The Federal Work–Study Office on the Columbus campus will determine who is eligible and the amount of the annual award. Students are able to see their award on their Student Center financial page.

ACCEPT: A student may receive a Federal Work–Study Award, but until she/he accepts the award online, the award funds will not be disbursed to pay wages for a student employment positions.
How to Apply for a Student Employment Position on the Marion Campus – Go to the following website: https://intraweb.marion.ohio-state.edu/a2/main.php. Don’t have a password? Select “If you would like an OSUM intraWEB password,” and type your lastname.# (your OSU email address); you do not need the “@osu.edu.” A new password will be sent to your email address. Once you have your temporary password, return to the intraWEB site and sign in. You must change your temporary password to continue. Select the “Student Jobs” link on the left side of the screen. All open student positions for the Marion Campus will be listed on this site. Select one or all of them; then complete and submit the application(s). A tutorial is available on this site if you need assistance.

**Please Note:** A student cannot start working until the required employment paperwork is completed in the Human Resource Office. Any hours worked prior to the completion of the required employment paperwork will be considered volunteer time.

**Office of Human Resources:**
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http://osumarion.osu.edu/hr