



Graduate Student Senate  
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# General Assembly

Friday, January 28, 2022 - 2:00-4:00 pm

**ATTENDANCE:** 10 Executives and 36 Senators

**MEETING STARTED:** 2:00 pm

**CALL TO ORDER:** By the Vice President

**ROLE CALL:** By the Secretary (we had a quorum with a total of 10 Executives and 36 Senators in attendance)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA:** CMA Representative moved to approve, seconded by Higher Education PhD Representative.

CSP Representative moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Gerontology Representative.

## GUEST SPEAKERS

- **Stacey Hartley, CCAMPIS Director**
- Federal Grant:
  - Primary health care available on Mondays - Fridays: 8 am – 8 pm For those in need of child care
  - It opens recently every calendar year but at a different time and different priority
  - Notice received mid-September for the funding approval
  - Invitation priority changes yearly, e.g., help single student-parents support
  - Primarily, it was created in 1998 to aim at low-income single parents to get their students into an early quality education program
  - 6 programs in Ohio received the funding last year,
  - It provides

- Vouchers for the parents and children, paying the bills of the student-parent directly
- Application
- Application
  - Application
  - Nationally accredited
  - Agreement with the school district
  - Application fee based on the available funding
- The graduation rate of the students is being assessed
- Provide support for the coordinator in charge of the application and the eligibility process; it's a position being recruited currently and open to students for application
- She provided her email for further contact: [staceyh@bgsu.edu](mailto:staceyh@bgsu.edu)

➤ **Questions and Answers**

- **Chemistry Representative:** What other criteria do applicants need for the funding as grad students
  - Answer: Initially, it was for undergrad, but low-income/international grad students have been included in the scheme in recent years
  - Undergrad students need to be eligible for Pell grants; since graduate students cannot be awarded Pell grants, graduate students that would otherwise receive Pell funding are still eligible to apply

➤ **Dr. Chelsea Chandler, Center for Faculty Excellence Director**

➤ Center For Faculty Excellence (CFE)

- She gave a quick presentation (attached to the minutes)
- Upcoming workshop on organizing the Canvas Course Shell against the Fall 2022 semester
- Plans to have more programs tailored to Graduate student instructors needs, teaching and learning certificate updates
- Contact her for further questions or inquiries:
  - <https://www.bgsu.edu/center-for-faculty-excellence.html>
  - [chelsbw@bgsu.edu](mailto:chelsbw@bgsu.edu)
  - [cfe@bgsu.edu](mailto:cfe@bgsu.edu)

➤ **Questions and Answers**

- None

➤ **Katie Ware, Environmental Chair, & Green Fund Representatives**

➤ **Green Fund**

- The representatives gave a quick presentation (attached to the minutes)
- Students opt-out fee of \$5/semester goes into the Green Fund project
- The initiative was created in 2009
- The fund committee comprises three undergrads (one in the UGS), one grad (in the GSS), one admin staff member, and one faculty member
- Different projects carried out from 2015 to present
- Any current BGSU students can apply for the Green Fund towards a project that can promote the sustainable growth
- There is no limit to the funding request; however, the Green Fund decides if to fund it or fully partially
- Application is online using the link on the slides/ link on the office of sustainability  
BGSU Green Fund
- Contact [krware@bgsu.edu](mailto:krware@bgsu.edu) for further questions or concerns

➤ **Questions and Answers**

- The President: Gave compliments on the notice on the school shuttles and recognized Katie Ware for her hard work on the committee and the Green Fund committee in general

**OFFICER'S REPORTS**

➤ **The President:**

- Application for Student Trustees open to all students whose constituent is in good standing with the GSS
  - Undergrads that are transitioning into grad school are welcome to apply
  - Applications are available on the Canvas
- Other Shanklin Award applications will also be open soon; look out for it

➤ **The Vice President:**

- Graduate Student Therapy
  - Group on Zoom through the Counseling Center

- Held on Tuesdays 12- 1:30
  - Exclusively for graduate students
  - Contact psychologist Emily Shrider ([shrider@bgsu.edu](mailto:shrider@bgsu.edu) ) for more information
- Free Mindfulness Programs for Students, Staff, and Faculty throughout the semester
  - Flyer in chat (attached to the minutes)
  - Mental health educator Ashley Hartman: [ashthom@bgsu.edu](mailto:ashthom@bgsu.edu)
- The Treasurer:
  - Spring 2022 FPD Reminder
    - Application opens January 21 – February 11
    - Three categories: conferences, membership, and others
    - The activities date range till May 12, 2022
      - This means that the event, membership, etc., that the individual is applying for must fall within the date range of January 10, 2022 - May 15, 2022.
      - The due date for the FPD application is still February 11, 2022.
      - <https://www.bgsu.edu/student-government/graduate-student-senate/funding-options/funding-for-professional-development.html>
  - Sweatshirt Poll Reminder, link below
    - [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe0UUCqW0cKzcCpfKP L7KZZ39mltQm9kpwxg5JbjWCZE6pCXA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe0UUCqW0cKzcCpfKP L7KZZ39mltQm9kpwxg5JbjWCZE6pCXA/viewform?usp=sf_link)
  - Contact [gss@bgsu.edu](mailto:gss@bgsu.edu) for further questions or concerns

#### **OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- **Review Voting Procedures**
  - Once we review the resolution, we need to move a motion to discuss it
  - Discussion on the resolution
  - Vote on the resolution using a poll
- **Student Legal Services Fee Increase Resolution**
  - Graduate Student Senate supports the increase of the student legal service fee from \$9 to \$13 beginning the academic semester Fall 2022
  - CSP Representative moved the motion for discussion seconded by MACIE Representative
- **Discussion:** None
- **Student Legal Services Resolution Vote**
  - 34 voted 'YES.'

- 2 voted 'NO'
- 3 abstained

## NEW BUSINESS

- Graduate Trustee Application Open
  - Available on Canvas page
  - Encourage your constituent to apply
  - It is a 2-year term
- Nominations for Graduate Trustee Search Committee
  - Seeking members that will be conducting interviews
  - Not a huge time commitment
  - Interested in this office, reach out to the GSS as soon as possible
  - Self-nomination/volunteer is welcome
- **Discussion**
- **The President:** Conversation about the working culture of the GSS
  - An observation by a senator about women in positions of leadership who hold PhDs is being referred to by their 1st name, whereas men in similar positions of leadership who have PhDs are most often referred to as Dr. (last name).
    - Academic achievement for a PhD should be addressed with the appropriate title
    - A senator noticed discrepancies in use of doctor titles based on gender
    - We should refer to senators by their title if they have one irrespective of their gender
    - We should promote an environment to respect peoples academic titles
- **Popular Culture (MA):** Some Individuals prefer to go by their first name, based on their pronouns/gender orientation; acknowledged in the chat that doctor is generally a safe gender-neutral title
- **The Vice President:** Apologies for any misunderstanding/miscommunication in addressing senators and contributing to the culture; acknowledgement that some people come from departments where first names for titled faculty are standard

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- None

**ADJOURNMENT:** History (MA) Representative moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Public and Allied Health Representative.

**MEETING ENDED:** 3:00pm