

General Assembly Friday, February 12th, 2021 – 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Call to Order- 3:05pm

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

- HMSLS motions, History seconds

Guest Speakers Heidi Nees, Land Acknowledgement (hlinees@bgsu.edu)

- Have a land acknowledgement at every campus.
- The group has been meeting to look at land acknowledgements as well as the history of the tribes native to this area.
- They are looking build relationships with the tribes in the area and do decolonization work.
- Working to make the presence of those ignored known.
- Other countries (Canada, New Zealand, Australia, etc.) have land acknowledgements.
- Aligns with the strategic plan and Focus on the Future (Objective 3)
 - Foster a diverse community.
- They are looking for support from the governing bodies on campus before taking it to the Board of Trustees.
- Questions?
 - History MA- What can we do to further this mission in the community and on campus?
 - Doing a land acknowledgement is the first step, make it available to faculty and staff to put on their syllabi and Canvas pages, have it read before any large event (sporting event, art event, grad`, commencement, etc.), have a dedicated page that has the statement and a link to allow people to contribute information, signage in high traffic areas (stadium, Wolfe center, student union, etc.).
 - Think about guest speakers & artists we can support and bring to campus, work with tribes on programs related to the use of the land (ex. Lake Erie and algae blooms)
 - Stories of the Woods project.
 - MACIE- Is this group made up of indigenous students/staff/faculty?
 - There are not a lot of Native undergrad students (there is one on the committee).
 - Many invitations were extended, and some were declined.
 - Lots of tribes have been hit heavily by COVID-19.
 - She has reached out to someone from Miami University to seek their input.
 - Open to input from others as well
 - HMSLS- Are those resources available?
 - They are looking to the governing boards round campus before going to the Board of Trustees.

- None of the ideas (besides the Stories of the Woods) are not in practice yet, but they are working to make them happen.

Officer Reports

Vice President Ikpemesi Ogundare- ogundio@bgsu.edu

- Blessy sends her greetings while she is away.
 - If you would like to send her condolences for the loss of her mom, use Facebook.
- Shanklin
 - Please apply and remind your constituents to apply.
 - Encourage senators to talk to their graduate coordinators as well to promote this for our constituents.
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- WebEx Issues
 - Refer to the minutes if you miss something, may look into a different platform.
 - Will discuss with Blessy when she returns.
- Office Space
 - We have an office and we have moved!
 - If anyone wants to drop by and chat or help, you are welcome to!
 - A great way to see our physical space.
 - Ikpemesi will send email updates.

Old/Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- None

Announcements

- Next week Thursday and Friday are wellness days! Take care of yourself!

Adjournment-3:29pm