



Graduate Student Senate
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General Assembly

Friday, September 6, 2019 – 3:00-5:00 p.m. – Education 115

Call to Order

Called to order at 3:01pm by Vice President

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Approve minutes of 4.9.19

Computer Science Approve
Economics & MBA Seconded

VOTE!

Motion carries!

Board of Trustees Representative (Leah F.)

Board of Trustees Rep: I'm in the College Student Personnel program

Rep for Board of Trustees

Non-voting member; attend all meetings

For board, student body, etc.

Role: Bring Graduate Student voice to board

Bring our concerns to the table

Will leave business card up at the front (Convocation tonight; must leave)

Questions? Email/Call me (Fridays best days to do this, can be flexible)

Guest Speakers

Dr. Margaret Zoller-Booth – Dean of the Graduate College

Been faculty member for 23 years here

School Director, Assoc. Dean at one time

Our dean (since we're grad students)

Grad College first contact; admitted you, see you → graduation

Senators spread the word to your departments on this and other issues

Charge of Grad College important/huge

Foundation of Institution!

We bridge faculty and undergraduates

Helping us teach the future of NW Ohio

Connected with faculty (mentors, etc.)

Important that I help you get what you need

Advisor for GSS

GSS used to be connected to Graduate College, moved to Student Affairs

Report to Dean of Students

Our unique needs dovetail with Graduate College's work/mission

3 years ago → Move back to the Graduate College

Better communication w/ leaders of GSS

Grad College Office, Office of GSS President, Vice President in McFall Center

Used to be the original library of BGSU

Educational Psychology background

Focus on teaching/learning and human development

"Womb to Tomb"

Important enterprise because of my passions in research

Cross-culturalist

See effect of cultural context in learning/education

Spent years in Kenya, Swaziland (Eswatini; new name)

Appreciate everything we do in research, service, teaching, etc.

Helping across campus; work that would not survive without us

Help us be a better public institution

Public institutions are important & feel need to make it better

Future of the U.S.: High quality of public institutions

Not Dartmouth, Harvard, etc. (Shamus Khan book)

Thank you for contributing as governing body

Will be here when I can

Schedule is a bit busy; always best to contact Stephanie Boman

Assistant to Dr. Booth

Problems, concerns, answers? Come see me

Officer Reports

President

Robin Hershkowitz – robinh@bgsu.edu

2nd year PhD in ACS; GSS President

Use this time to introduce SEC

Graduate Student Podcast

For graduate students

Interviews, announcements, etc.

Chance to express interest, see after meeting

Vice President

Ashley Hendricks – ashendr@bgsu.edu

Funding for Professional Development Application

Available for events in the whole semester (Aug 26-Dec 31st)

Window for applications on Canvas: Sept. 16-30th

Any questions, concerns? Let Vice President know

Information about the application criteria will be on GSS website

Applying for more than one 1 conference? Make separate applications!

Send out email on information coming out

Application will be on Canvas

Econ & MBA: Use Funding for Professional Development for club?
Treasurer: Recognized club → through SOAB
Open year-round for expenses

Pop C: Open/close when?
Opens Monday, Sept. 16th, closes Monday, Sept. 30th
Last minute call at GA meeting before final due date

Quick officer introductions

Academic Affairs Chair

Lauren Dial – ladial@bgsu.edu
Faculty Senate, Sub-committee (Academic Affairs)
Grad Council Curriculum Review
Side-Committee: Self-Care/Mental Health Working Group
For more information reach out to me

Student Affairs Chair

Jessica Puder – jpuder@bgsu.edu
Committees → USG Liaison Committee, Title IX committee
Monthly meeting with Dean of Students Chris Bullins

Guest Speakers (cont.)

Rodney Rodgers – President of BGSU

Responsible for welfare, fiduciary responsibility; answer to trustees

14 Trustees:

9 appointed by gov, 3 national appt trustees
Undergraduate, Graduate Trustee

Trustee Nyberg (National Trustee)
Retired Banking executive

Introduce Nyberg

Open for questions as well as President Rogers

Welcome back & Strategic Plan

Work on developing Strategic Plan over the last few years

6 overall objectives for Strategic Plan

Robust Undergrad, Grad programs

Robust Research

Achieve Excellence

Partner in/out of university

Excellence in efficiency, quality

Tell our story (6th point)

Score Sheets on website, at back of the room

Can fill out I believe

Objective 1

Beyond “post-traditional students”

Strengths here

Objective 2

Research initiative → Grad students more focused on research
Creating new knowledge, pushing bounds of our understanding
Makes our degree program stronger
Focus on 3-4 themes, areas of research for intl./natl. prominence
Not individual program; groupings of programs
Provost/Deans working in those areas
Planning on what does that mean in research standpoint
Previous keys: Environmental Health (water quality)
Env. issues, health
Opportunities to make additional investments here
Thank Graduate Students in teaching of Undergrad students
Provide students with demonstrably good education
Teaching, assisting faculty, doing own work: Ex to move SP forward
Our work is instrumental to have good experience
Make sure we have the support we need

Feel free to pick up score sheet; on president's website (focus on the future)

Questions

Treasurer: National v. State appointee?

Trustee Nyberg: State trustees appt by Government (9 years term)
Natl elected by Board of Trustees; don't live in state of Ohio
Serve 3 year term, get second 3 year term
State trustees get votes; decisions they make in public meetings – voice

English MA: Job?

Trustee Nyberg: Evaluate strategic plan, how it is carried out
History major (UG), went to history class today to sit in
Offering right programs? Doing the right thing?
Sounding board too;

MBA: As graduate students, how do we better our mission?

Trustee Nyberg: got involved in sports, groups
Wish I had gone to plays, musicals, get involved in lectures, etc.
Love the city movements
Get involved in those please
Stay involved in the community
Be well-rounded, be involved in everything

Environmental Affairs: Perspective on Betsy DeVos (Trustee)

Trustee Nyberg: Not been on her 12 yachts; disaster for Michigan, country (personal take)

Thank you!

Vice President: Let us know questions ahead of time so they are better informed on questions

President: If we ever pause during debate, we're making sure we do our best to follow the rules

Quick officer introductions (cont.)

Treasurer

Ivan Johnson – ivanj@bgsu.edu
On SOAB, Professional Development board
Main \$ contact
Conferences → Answer questions as need for the conferences
Organizations, questions applying for it: Ask away!
Shoot me an email!

Secretary

Brian Timm – btimm@bgsu.edu
I take minutes and send them out to you
It is your responsibility to send them out to your department
You can do so with the listserv
Email me with questions about the listserv
Also serve as Parliamentarian
Make sure we follow correct procedure
Important to do so for our organization to run meetings smoothly
Training later will give you the tools to engage/lead with us

Representative-At-Large

Cheyenne Jeffries – cheyaj@bgsu.edu
Helping out/filling in on several events, etc.
Professional Development Day, Shanklin, etc.

Chair for Professional Development

Ashley Justice – ashjust@bgsu.edu
2nd year MACIE program
Execution of Professional Development Day (October 11th), Shanklin Colloquium & Awards
Look forward to working with you all this year

Chair for Multicultural & Accessibility Graduate Student Issues

Sima Sharghi – simas@bgsu.edu
Looking forward to meeting with folks, finalize vision for this year
With Lauren Dial on Mental/Physical Health committee

Chair for International Graduate Student Issues

Sajjad Afroosheh – sajjada@bgsu.edu
Vision: Bring Intl. Student voice to administration
Serve on the Funding for Professional Development committee
Issue, questions? Please email me

Chair for Sustainability Issues

Bernadette Bowen – babowen@bgsu.edu
2nd year PhD Media & Comm
Committees: Green Fund Initiative (Sustainability)
Tuesday meeting: \$0.5 Mil
PACS: President's Advisory Committee for Sustainability
Focus on sustainability v. profit
Change sustainability in action items on Campus

Chair for Online Graduate Student Issues

Julia Ringma – jringma@bgsu.edu

Several MA eCampus programs

Vision: to make them feel included

Last year: Did survey for particular issues, etc.

Experience as Online Student? Please let me know!

Interested in Podcasting idea

Funding, external funding; how to apply for this

Old/Unfinished Business

N/A

New Business

Senator Training

Full powerpoint online, in email with minutes

Right as Senator

Right to make motion for GSS

Ex: "I motion to do..."

Vote on behalf of department

You represent all constituents in department

Write/Propose resolutions to be considered

Ex: Self-Help Resolution from last year

Attend SEC meeting upon notifying Secretary

Today: General Assembly (open to public)

Other folks can come too

SEC meetings: Must get permission to come in

Interested? Let Secretary know

Request/receive information on budgets, etc.

Obligations

Represent interests of your department

Attend/send proxy of meeting

The spot to get information out to your department

Bring issues to attention of GSS

Should let you know of issues, points of clarification

Take information back from GA to your department

Serve on at least 1 committee during school year

Some through GSS, some through University

Gave out committee interests → Send back to Vice President

Send back with Top 3 choices by Friday, September 13th

Must join a committee to be an active senator

Attendance Policy

Fails to have Senator/Proxy for 2 consecutive GA meetings/3 per semester

Censured: No Funding for Professional Development opportunity

Biology PhD: Joining committee, have constituents in mind?

Vice President: Can be personal preference, dept.; up to you

Data Science: Not officially part of Senate yet, first absence?

Not on list yet; Brand new Program

President: Once that is determined, we will go from there

Won't punish for that
Move forward from there
Will talk to Grad Coordinator for this
Thank you for being there

Physics/Astronomy: Show up late, after role call?

Vice President: Give Vice President heads up, do role call before/after

Come up to Secretary after

Attendance Policy (cont.)

Give heads-up if going to be late; don't be 30 minutes late

Can be student from program; cannot be SEC member

President: Two seats? Must have appropriate proxy

PhD Senator needs proxy? Needs PhD student to proxy

What you Share with Department

Important Dates (Shanklin, Professional Development Day)

Will put in announcements at the end

Any department events? Will put in the minutes

Change of deadlines important to know as well

Information shared by speakers/guests

Shared in the minutes

Part of Secretary's job

Issues raised for debate in meetings

Minutes shared by Tuesday

GSS Canvas Page

All information through GSS Canvas Page

This year: using Canvas for application for Funding for Professional Development

Regalia application, nominations, minutes, etc. on GSS page

Questions for President Rogers, future speakers?

May put up; will get more information later

President: Every graduate student has received invite

Must accept the invite

If you don't have it → Email us and we can help

Senator Training Powerpoint will be on Canvas too

Pop C: Check all courses; may not be on dashboard

Our Website is bgsu.edu/gss

Has all SEC board members there too

Will have name/department on there as Senators

President: Resources for faculty/staff regarding GSS

Any suggestions please let President know

Robert's Rules of Order (Short-Hand)

Agenda before meeting, follow agenda to best of our abilities

Purpose of procedures

Provide fair, democratic business to be conducted

Question? Raise placard, say department

This way we will know who's speaking, record in minutes

Today relaxed; will be President, Vice President calling on folks in future

Agenda

Call to Order
Roll Call
Approve Minutes
Speakers/Guests
Reports
Old/New business
Announcements
Adjournment

May jump ahead depending on schedule

Making Motions

We can make motions as Senators!

Can motion yourself, be called on

Keeps process flowing smoothly

Motions should be affirmative/only motion on floor

Motion holder is point of contact for discussion on motion

Voting → Voice or by placard

Mainly using placard vote for elections (near end of year)

Need majority vote for this

President: Majority of our meetings fall outside of procedure for motions

We still have a general order to follow through Robert's Rules

If issues arise, we will refer back to Parliamentary Procedure

Vice President: Main focus is for building resolutions\

Subsidiary motion: change to motion on floor

Incidental motion: question of procedure

Working process

Secretary: Feel empowered about motions!

Available motions

Move to open for debate

Move to Vote on the motion

Move to Table motion until _____ (future date)

Procedure (on Powerpoint)

Committees

Join one committee to make yourself an active senator/have access to Funding for Professional Development

Printed out list of committees, descriptions, and list of committees

Provides list of committees for GSS body

Questions about committees? Please email the SEC chair in charge, President or Vice President

University committees → Outside of the purview of GSS

Part of University operations

Will make sure you get the information for that committee

President: Sending top 3 preferences by Next Friday, Sept. 13th to Vice President

Vice President: Rank them in your order of preference

Any concerns? Let me know

Biological Sciences PhD: Joining committee → Join committee, remove you from receiving?

Vice President: No it does not

President: Something like Regalia? You will remove yourself from the selection process

Data Science: Digital copy of that for the Senators?

Vice President: Will send out to senators to have digital copy

Media & Comm PhD: Send back next Friday, hear back?

Vice President: Will get email, discuss further at the next GA meeting

Vice President: Chairs will then know who is on their committees before next GA/get in contact with them

External Meetings: Not sure on dates yet

Let Vice President know if you're interested; will get those dates to you soon

Online Chair: Way that this is posted on Canvas site for everyone for their committees?

Another point of access for committees

President: Probably not; for graduate students at large; easier to email senators

Data Science: Don't have official senator

Vice President: We will get your information after the meeting

Announcements

College Musical Arts: **BG Philharmony Sept. 21st at 8pm in Kobacher Hall**

Concert of Movie Music; classical pieces from movie soundtracks

Environmental Affairs: **Next Thursday (Sept 12th) Reception in Wolfe Center 4-6pm**

Women/non-binary faculty celebration!

Coffee, snacks

Academic Affairs: **State of University Sept 11th (Wed) at 11am, picnic afterwards**

Learn about the State of the University afterwards

State of University in University Ballroom in BTSU, picnic right afterwards

Theatre Film PhD: **Tuesday (September 10th): support group for graduate students with disabilities**

Multicultural room in BTSU; 1pm-2pm

Information in Campus Update as well

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Mathematics PhD

Pop C second

Vote!

Call meeting at 4:40pm

