

# General Assembly

Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Attendance:** 11 Executives and 36 Senators

**Meeting Started:** 3:05 pm

**Call to Order:** By the Vice President

**Roll Call:** By the Secretary (we had a quorum with a total of 11 Executives and 36 Senators in attendance).

**Approval of Minutes and Agenda:** Seeing no changes requested, meeting minutes were approved.

## Guest Speakers

- J. Clevenger; Assistant Director of Tutoring Services, The Learning Commons
  - Helps graduate students with course-based tutoring and research
  - Inquiry form available and graduate students are encouraged to fill this form
  - The Writing Center
    - Most used by graduate students
    - Over 1300 students visit the writing center
    - Services are offered both online and in-person
    - 50 mins appointment for each meeting; 2 appointments per week
    - Graduate students are advised to schedule appropriate time frames and days for assistance with thesis papers
  - Questions
    - The President asked if there is a webpage for graduate student's support

- There are services for graduate students but there is no specific webpage for graduate students
  - The Chair for Graduate Professional Development asked if graduate students could volunteer to assist at the Learning Commons
    - The first approach the Learning Commons uses is to reach out to the graduate student's department or faculty for assistance for the student in need
  - The Representative of Philosophy Masters asked if there are available courses for first-time teachers and student writers
    - Yes, this is available
- Abby Coon; The Coordinator for Student Case Management
  - Student Resources on Campus – ODOS Student Case Management
  - The Goal is to help students by connecting them to the appropriate campus and community resources
  - Food assistance/ Falcon Care Program
  - Financial Assistance (Student Emergency Fund, Voucher/Gift cards, Basic Need Assistance)
  - Student Concerns
  - Examples of additional campus/community resources
    - Falcon Food Pantry on campus
    - 2-1-1
    - Mr. Agne's Career Collection
    - Connect to services: [bgsu.edu/dean-of-students/support-and-guidance.html](http://bgsu.edu/dean-of-students/support-and-guidance.html)
  - Drop-in hours: Monday – Friday: 11 am – 5 pm
  - To report affected/disturbed students
    - [Bgsu.edu/report-incident.html](http://Bgsu.edu/report-incident.html)
  - To report any hazing incidence

- 419-378-HAZE(4293)
  - Email: [odos@bgsu.edu](mailto:odos@bgsu.edu)
  - 419-372-2843
  - Instagram: [bgsu\\_odos](#)
  
- Lauren Albert; Health Educator - Community Focus ([Imandre@bgsu.edu](mailto:Imandre@bgsu.edu))
  - Anti-Hazing and Wellness Resources
    - Three important things to note
      - Recognize
      - Prepare
      - Act (Together we can prevent hazing)
  - Question
    - The Representative of Philosophy Masters asked how broadly the law discourages student organization
      - Only recognized student groups and organizations are accepted at BGSU
  - An important to note is that academic hazing is a thing; please report it to the university if this is experienced or witnessed in any way
  - Amnesty
    - If a student in good conscience helps another student who requires urgent medical attention, the student who rendered help is eligible for a form of amnesty which allows a review of illegal acts such as underage drinking performed by such student
      - This is strictly on a case-by-case basis
  - Reporting & Resources
    - Hazing Reporting line: 419-378-HAZE(4293)
    - Office of the Dean of Students: 419-378-2843
    - Counseling Center: 419-372-2081

- Contact Lauren Albert: 419-372-9809
- Health and Wellness Resources
  - Gym membership included in tuition fees (depends on credits)
  - Thrive
    - Meditation seminars
    - Yoga Flow
  - BGSU Paws Therapy Dogs
  - Wellness Connection at REC Center
    - Free and Confidential HIV Testing
    - 50 condoms for \$10 (purchase at the front desk)
    - The Representative of Philosophy Masters asked if the test covers STI testing.
      - It only covers HIV tests; Falcon Health does the STD tests
- The Representative of Philosophy Masters asked for clarity on amnesty; what kind of amnesty would students get?
  - There must be exterminating circumstances for the university not to give a student amnesty after reporting an important issue

## Officer Reports

- President
  - Student Resource Hub Project
  - Follow-up on Top 3 GSS Initiatives:
    - GA Stipends
      - 70% of Graduate Student Stipends requested for this.
      - Dean Waldron working on benchmarking
    - Transportation/GA Parking

- 47% Transportation/Parking requested for this – In the President’s interview with the Mayor, we asked about the transit system, and he said there was a discussion with the university and city officials on expanding the BGSU transit system downtown
- He motioned to have a CDBG grant from the federal government for the city transit system
- Student Health Insurance
  - 45% of Student Health Insurance requested for this
- GSS Semester Highlights
  - At the beginning of the academic year, the President and the Vice President made community convergence a focus for GSS through the pathway of:
    - active listening
    - diversity, equity, and inclusion
    - community engagement.
  - Many of these areas overlap – but as a part of these we have,
    - Designed and Launched a Survey of over 3,000 Graduate Students to better understand and serve their interests
    - GSS SEC has sat on and maintained an active role on 27+ Different Committees/Subcommittees throughout the semester
    - (Will have) held 4 GSS SEC meetings and 4 GSS GA meetings with 12 Guest Speakers
    - Implemented a Creative Category into the Charles E. Shanklin Graduate Student Awards Colloquium
    - Actively participated in or hosted 12 events at BGSU
- Vice President

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- Location change for GSS next semester; new location: Olscamp 221
- Follow-up on election day resolution
  - Working out minor details; should be up for vote in early next semester.
- Follow-up on questions with President Rogers
  - Endowment for graduate students lower than undergraduate students
  - The President and his team are working to find lasting solutions to graduate student's problems on campus
- Censorship Reminder and requirements for Senators
  - Presence and availability of senators at GA and committee meetings are important
  - Sanctions for missing two consecutive meetings or three meetings in a semester
- Shanklin Colloquium Award
  - Celebrating graduate student's research; 14th Annual Event
  - Wednesday, 5th of April, 2023: 12 pm – 9 pm
  - Charles E. Shanklin Award for Research Excellence
    - 1st place: \$1250, 2nd place: \$750
    - Research must be completely done
    - The research must have been done at BGSU
    - Research work conducted outside BGSU is not eligible
    - Application opens January 1st 2023 and closes January 31st, 2023
  - Paper Presentations: Abstract submission only
    - For incomplete research
    - 1st place: \$300, 2nd place: \$150, 3rd place: \$75
  - Poster Session: Abstract submission only
    - 1st place: \$300, 2nd place: \$150, 3rd place: \$75
  - For more information, contact GSS at [gss@bgsu.edu](mailto:gss@bgsu.edu)

- Treasurer
  - Funds for Professional Development breakdown for Fall.
    - Deadline for payment collection: 30 days after the semester ends.
  - Funds for Professional Development application opens December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
  - Application closes on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
  - Committee for the FPD meets and decides on awarding successful applicants by Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.
  
- Chair for Multicultural and Accessibility Graduate Student Affairs
  - MLK Day of Service and Learning
    - Event will be held on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023
    - Symposium on Diversity: call for papers
      - Reach out to Dr. Cordula Mora (Director of the Center for Undergraduate Research and Scholarship) at [cmora@bgsu.edu](mailto:cmora@bgsu.edu) for more information.
    - Latino/A/X Issues Conference
      - Call for Papers: Deadline is end of January
      - Event will be held March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

### Unfinished Business

- None to Report

### New Business

- Election Protocol for New GSS SEC Elected Positions
  - Vice President began by announcing an additional meeting may need to be held to elect new positions after Constitution change at prior GA. Vice President opened the floor to discussion.

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- The Representative-At-Large motioned to extend the current appointed SEC members position to the end of the academic year
  - The Representative-At-Large later rescinded motion.
- President offered point of clarification that this may impact stipends for these positions.
- The Representative of Philosophy Masters motioned to table this discussion till the next GA meeting in January and this was seconded by the American Culture Studies, Doctoral Representative

## Adjournment

- Meeting Adjourned: 4:59pm