

THE SENATE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY

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A Resolution formally opposing the policy changes affecting the scheduling of events on the Master Calendar in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union for Fall 2013.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY

February 11, 2013

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XXXX, 2013

Approved by the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Body, and prepared for presentation to the President of the Undergraduate Student Body.

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Approved by the President of the Undergraduate Student Body, and so ordered into effect.

Melissa Dzienny
Speaker of the Senate

Alex Solis
President of the Undergraduate Student Body

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In the senate of the Undergraduate Student Body here assembled,

1. **Whereas**, Patrick Nelson, the Director of the Bowen-Thompson Student Union, has stated in this
2. position that his “overall mission for students” is “To increase access and ensure fairness to all BGSU
3. student organizations’ desire to use our facilities while enhancing our services, technology, meeting
4. environment, and marketing outreach in support of student events managed through The Conference
5. and Event Services Office located in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union.”; and

6. **Whereas**, on Friday, February 1, 2013 Patrick Nelson presented policy changes to the scheduling of
7. events in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union on the Master Calendar to the members of Ex-Officio
8. who represent twenty-three student organizations; and

9. **Whereas**, Ex-Officio was opposed to these policy changes because of the implications they have on
10. student organizations and expressed their concerns and disapproval of said policy changes; and

11. **Whereas**, on Monday, February 4, ²⁰¹³ Patrick Nelson presented these same policy changes to the
12. Undergraduate Student Government’s General Assembly meeting and;

13. **Whereas**, The Undergraduate Student Government expressed at length their concerns with the policy
14. changes regarding student organizations’ ability to schedule reoccurring events in the Bowen-
15. Thompson Student Union on the Master Calendar; and

16. **Whereas**, the Undergraduate Student Government expressed opposition on behalf of all
17. undergraduate student organizations to points in all three of the “new rules for Fall of 2013” (as titled
18. and referred to by Patrick Nelson in his presentation to the Undergraduate Student Government on
19. February 4, 2013) on the grounds that they would have significant and wide-ranging effects on student
20. organizations; and

21. **Whereas**, we express significant reservations about the data presented concerning the current usage of
22. the Bowen-Thompson Student Union in that the timespan in which the data was collected may not be
23. representative of the true usage of the Bowen-Thompson Student Union meeting facilities throughout
24. an academic year; and

25. **Whereas**, the data as presented does not show demand exceeding the availability of the Bowen-
26. Thompson Student Union meeting facilities on a weekly basis; and

27. **Whereas**, in addition to the inadequate data presented about Bowen- Thompson Student Union, no
28. data or similar policies as collected from the “Four Corner” institutions of Kent State, Ohio University
29. and Miami University, Mid- American Conference institutions or other peer institutions were
30. presented as benchmarks for this policy; and

31. **Whereas**, the new rules as stated would assess student organizations fees for exceeding the newly
32. revised hours of operation and/or altering the base sets of rooms 314, 315, 316, and 318; and

33. **Whereas**, student organizations have not been properly notified of these changes in order to
34. appropriately accommodate these fees into their budgets for academic year 2013-2014; and

35. **Whereas**, the open forum meetings concerning these policy changes previously scheduled for
36. February 12, 2013 and February 13, 2013 were cancelled by Patrick Nelson further hindering student
37. organizations' abilities to adequately express their concerns and adapt to the policy changes; and

38. **Whereas**, Patrick Nelson's discussion with the Undergraduate Student Government regarding
39. exceptions to these "new rules for Fall of 2013" that would be assigned to organizations at the
40. discretion of The Conference and Event Services Office; and

41. **Whereas**, currently, there has been no quantifiable criteria presented as to which groups would be
42. granted exceptions, which the Undergraduate Student Government sees as a loophole which upstart
43. groups may never be informed of and at which non-exempted groups may level charges of favoritism
44. in the future; and

45. **Whereas**, on February 15, 2013 the Master Calendar scheduling process will proceed with these
46. policy changes in place despite the above stated concerns and a lack of adequate communication with
47. undergraduate student organizations at Bowling Green State University; and

48. **Whereas**, because of this lack of adequate communication, student organizations may not be aware of
49. these policy changes and their significant implications on the bodies affected; and

50. **Therefore, Let It Be Resolved** that the Undergraduate Student Government does not approve of the
51. new policies as written; and

52. **Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved**, that the Undergraduate Student Government does not
53. approve of the implementation timeline of these policies on February 15, 2013 because the
54. aforementioned student body was not promptly and adequately notified of the changes; and

55. **Therefore, Let It Be Further Resolved**, that while the Undergraduate Student Government protests
56. these policies and their implementation timeline, we would be open to discussion on alternatives to
57. better accommodate the needs of students and to better address the misuse by student organizations of
58. scheduled space through a probationary system, searching for alternatives to the "exceptions" concept
59. presented, and to suspend the implementation of these policies as written for the 2013-2014 academic
60. year, to proceed with scheduling on the 15th of February with the policies from academic year 2012-
61. 2013 in place and to rewrite the policies for Bowen-Thompson Student Union scheduling using the
62. shared governance model of academic year 2014-2015; and

63. **Therefore, Let It Be Finally Resolved**, because of concerns regarding data collection, assessment of
64. fees, allowing exceptions to the "new rules for Fall of 2013", and the inadequate dissemination of
65. information of the policy changes affecting the scheduling of events on the Master Calendar in the
66. Bowen-Thompson Student Union for Fall 2013, the Undergraduate Student Government in
67. representing the interests' of the undergraduate student body and the undergraduate student
68. organizations assembled therein, formally opposes the policy changes affecting the scheduling of
69. events on the Master Calendar in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union for Fall 2013.

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Passed by the Senate and ordered presented to the president of the Undergraduate Student Body for Approval or Veto.

Melissa Dzienny

Speaker of the Senate

I do hereby approve, and order this legislation into effect.

Alex Solis

The President of the Undergraduate Student Body

I do hereby disapprove, and order this legislation to be returned to the Senate.

Alex Solis

The President of the Undergraduate Student Body



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