



Graduate Student Senate  
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# General Assembly

Friday, January 14, 2022 - 2:00-4:00 pm.

**ATTENDANCE:** 12 Executives and 38 Senators

**MEETING STARTED:** 2:01 pm

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

**ROLL CALL:** By the President (we had a quorum with a total of 12 Executives and 38 Senators in attendance)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA:** History (MA) Representative moved to approve, seconded by CSP Representative.

## **GUEST SPEAKERS**

- **Dr. Lawrence Monger, Falcon Health Medical Director, & Christal Morris, Falcon Health Director of Operations**
- **Falcon Health Center Services:**
  - Primary health care available on Mondays - Fridays: 8 am – 8 pm; Saturdays and Sundays: 9 am - 5 pm
  - Visit ER at Wood County
  - Covid-19 PCR Screening through the urgent care
  - Oral medication for a potential treatment for covid-19
  - Urgent care for minor illnesses
  - Full laboratory services
  - Full x-ray services
  - Covid-19 vaccination: Falcon Health Center on Wednesdays & Fridays: 9 am – 4 pm; Tuesdays and Thursdays at Wood County Hospital

- Full women and men health services
- Full pharmacy on the first floor with good price matching: Mondays – Fridays: 8 am-6 pm with an extension on weekends based on the community need.
- Psychiatric services and mental health services for BGSU students
- Excellent chiropractic with an appointment for chiropractic cares
- Sports Medicines with availability to take care of injuries and physical therapy
- Allergy injection services as directed by their physician
- Travel medications are available any day of the week
- Dr. Monger is available to provide discussion to any group setting

➤ **Questions and Answers**

- None

➤ **Rodney Fleming, Student Legal Services**

- His presentation is attached to these minutes
- Student Legal Services is proposing to increase from \$9/semester to \$13/semester beginning Fall 2022
- He discussed the impact of legal problems students faces and the importance of getting legal needs taken care of quickly to help the students
- He discussed some services impacting graduate students: Criminal-traffic, legal documents, name changes, notary services and others
- High client satisfaction
- BGSU is currently the lowest with their fee as compared to other schools in Ohio state
- Solicit for our support to the program and encourage other students to use their services
- They answer questions students may have regards any legal matters

➤ **Questions and Answers**

- **Communication Sciences and Disorders (Ph.D.) Representative:** The need for an additional attorney staff despite the trend downwards
  - Answer: The trend has been flat but falling on the type of students eligible to participate in their programs. They are looking at providing other traditional students with some services. They want to get back to pre-Covid when they have three attorneys

## OFFICERS REPORTS

### ➤ The President:

- She welcomed everyone to the semester and appreciated all for their excellent work last semester
- The wellness connection will be doing a program
  - The University of Michigan will host **the Depression on College Campuses Conference** on March 9<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup>
  - The cost for faculty and staff is \$175 before January 7 and \$15 for students
  - To register, use this link: <https://members.depressioncenter.org/docc/>
  - There is a grant to assist with registration fees.
  - If faculty, staff, or student is interested in attending and **need assistance with registration fees, contact Ashley by January 6 at 5 pm** to process your registration: ashthom@bgsu.edu
- GSS promotion items: Mugs and sweatshirts
  - Here is the link to indicate sweatshirt sizes, so we have an estimate of the cost:  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe0UUCqW0cKzcCpfKPL7KZ339mItQm9kpwXg5JbjWCZE6pCXA/viewform>
  - An email will also be sent out requesting sweatshirt sizes
- Call for participants in the MLK Day of Service on January 17
  - Anyone interested should contact V.Jane Rosser, Ph.D. through [rosser@bgsu.edu](mailto:rosser@bgsu.edu) or 419 494 9628 (mb)/419 372 9288 (wk)
- Introduction to Canvas Workshop for Graduate Teaching Assistants
  - Provides experience with Canvas features, including settings, notifications, assignments, discussions, grading, modules and quizzes.
  - This workshop includes a facilitator-led demonstration of Canvas and its features and an open question session.
  - To be conducted online via Zoom, to register, use this link: <https://cfebgsu.wufoo.com/forms/wljrt600otyy2/>
  - You will receive the link to join the Zoom session in the automated email confirmation that you will receive after submitting your registration

- Individuals with disabilities, please indicate if you need special services, assistance or appropriate modifications to fully participate in this event by contacting Accessibility Services, [access@bgsu.edu](mailto:access@bgsu.edu), 419-372-8495. Kindly signify before the event.
  - The Black Issues Conference is upcoming, and registration is encouraged
    - Kindly share the registration link widely:
      - [https://events.bgsu.edu/event/black\\_issues\\_conference\\_7083](https://events.bgsu.edu/event/black_issues_conference_7083)
    - Contact Ana Brown for any questions or further inquiries through [acbrown@bgsu.edu](mailto:acbrown@bgsu.edu) or 4193722994
  - We will be visited by the new director for the Center of Faculty Excellence, and he has requested feedback from us
    - We'll be sending out an email about graduate assistants event planning from CFE
- The Treasurer:
  - Fall funding for professional development must be claimed by January 16, 2022
  - Spring FPD Dates: Open January 21 and Close February 11
  - Spring Regalia Dates: Open February 10; closes February 28 (Application to apply for graduation due February 4)
  - See link below to indicate size for GSS sweatshirt:
    - <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe0UUCqW0cKzcCpfKPL7KZZ39mItQm9kpwxg5JbjWCZE6pCXA/viewform>
- The Student Affairs Representative:
  - The academic affairs committee requested our feedback regards the lockdown browser
  - For more feedback or concerns, reach out to him at: [ocelis@bgsu.edu](mailto:ocelis@bgsu.edu)

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

- **Discussion: Student Legal Services Fee Increase**
  - History (MA): She has used their services before and highly recommends the increase to motivate them
  - The VP also encourage the increase as they are an excellent contact for even services they don't offer as they provide support for student inquiries

- The President shared her experience of using SLS to resolve a rental issue for international students
  - Human Movement Sport: shared his experience of using their services regards traffic issues he had with an officer, especially for international students; hence he encouraged the increase
  - The next step will be to prepare a resolution which will be brought forward on January 28, and if passed, the resolution will be forwarded to the relevant parties. She encouraged the majority of participants at the net GA
- **Discussion: Call for Feedback from Academic Affairs Committee on the lockdown browser**
- History (MA): She has no feedback on the technology itself but its mode of operation
  - Media and Communication (Ph.D.): She stopped using it because it's not fully accessible and non-compatible with Chromebooks
  - The VP: She said there are accessibility issues with the browser as it is also non-compatible with screen reading software
  - World Languages: He said they use it for their quizzes and exam, but it allows them to switch between different devices but still had issues with plagiarism; hence he's not sure of how effective this could be.
  - For more concerns and continued conversation regards the browser, reach out to the Student Affairs Representative at: ocelis@bgsu.edu

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- None

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **Communication Sciences and Disorders (Ph.D.) Representative:** Question on the BGSU 1914 from the office of Diversity and Belonging
  - The President responded:
    - Statement from the President's office regards BGSU 1914 from the office of Diversity and Belonging.
    - An emergency SEC Meeting was held in December during finals week.
    - Voted in Faculty Senate SEC to pass motion, wasn't strong.
    - They released Joint USG and GSS statements against the formation of the Ad-hoc committee.

- FS SEC Voted to take Ad-hoc committee motion to Faculty Senate GA, passed.
  - In GA, after discussion and edits, the motion passed.
- **Communication Sciences and Disorders (Ph.D.) Representative:** Moving forward, what is the role of GSS in the process
  - None
  - We will still attend the SEC Meeting as regular, but we have and will not participate in the committee
- **President:**
  - MLK Day: Amazing concert on January 19 by 7 pm-8 pm at Moore Musical Arts Center with a free ticket
  - Winter Wonderland events are currently going on around the campus
  - Upcoming Take Over Tuesday for the Marvin Center of Leadership
    - Seeking for GA Senators to volunteer
  - 2022 Shanklin Award for Research Excellence is currently available on Canvas, and the application is due by January 31
  - Keep an eye on your canvas regards upcoming awards
  - We have a second GA meeting on January 28, 2022, and we will be voting on the Student Legal Services fee increase resolution. Attendance is highly encouraged

**ADJOURNMENT:** Public and Allied Health Representative moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Higher Education (Ph.D.) Representative.

**MEETING ENDED:** 3:26pm.