

General Assembly Friday, April 16, 2021 – 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Call to Order- 3:03pm

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Political Science motions, HMSLS seconds

### **Guest Speakers**

Andrea Gutierrez Assistant Director, Career Center (gandrea@bgsu.edu)

- Located in 225 Bowen Thompson Student Union (above Falcon Outfitters)
- Grad students usually utilize the Career Center for job searching.
  - Handshake is BGSU's platform for job searching.
  - Numerous jobs are posted daily.
- Encourages grad students to check Handshake in their MyBGSU.
- The Career Center is offering free professional headshots on Fridays from 1:00-3:00pm
- How can I stand out from other candidates?
  - Look at unique talents and experiences that set you apart from other candidates.
- All the services from the Career Center are available to alumni as well as current students.

### **Questions**

- HMSLS- It's difficult for people in my field (kinesiology) to look for specific jobs, is there a way to generalize my search?
  - Using keywords can be helpful.
  - Don't abandon hope yet, might just be the timing.
- History MA- Are services available over the summer?
  - Yes! We are open and available with services all summer. They may not be at full capacity but will have staff in the office. Check with Andrea for things like headshots.

### **Officer Reports**

President Blessy Mcwan- bmcwan@bgsu.edu

Shanklin and GSS Awards Update

- Over 77 applications and over 25 faculty judges for Shanklin.
- Gave out over 18 awards to graduate students.
- Officer elections are today!

Vice President Ikpemesi Ogundare- ogundio@bgsu.edu

#### Update about the Student Advisory Committee

- Discussed cleaning up the language and the code of conduct, including the possibility of taking back a degree. No final decisions yet, will meet again in May to look at details.

Treasurer Student Affairs Representative Morgan Durfee - mdurfee@bgsu.edu

#### Summer and Spring FPD

- Letters were sent out for accepted and declined awards. If you or someone else is waiting on reimbursement, the Graduate College said they cannot send them till after commencement. Apologies for the inconvenience.
- Summer FPD closes on Sunday, no word yet on funding for travel. We cannot guarantee travel funding yet, waiting on the university to make a decision.

Student Affairs Representative Jaclyn Shetterly – jshetterly@bgsu.edu

#### GSI Sub-Committee Update

1. Graduate Student Issues Committee
  - a. Credit hours for advanced students
  - b. Top 10 Grad Student Issues
  - c. New Concerns: Overworked GAs
2. Student Affairs Advisory Committee
  - a. Continued to edit policies to ensure clarity
  - b. Next steps: review by General Counsel

#### **Old/Unfinished Business**

None

#### **New Business**

##### Resolution for Graduate Student Stipend

An ongoing concern has been graduate stipend levels for grad students. This resolution proposes a standing committee to monitor graduate student financial welfare and suggest changes as needed. The committee should have students from all disciplines, the Graduate College, Dean of Students, and others.

Treasurer motions to introduce the resolution, Student Affairs Representative seconds

## GSS Resolution for Climate Action Plan

The Green Counsel is looking for support in creating a Climate Action Plan with the city of Bowling Green. The goal is net 0 emissions by 2040 which is in line with the university's goal. The city wants to emphasize community education and outreach. The city is looking for support with making the plan. So far, USG and faculty Senate have both passed resolutions and sent letters in support. We are not voting on the plan itself, just telling the city we support the idea.

Alessia motions, College of Musical Arts seconds

## Questions

- Ikpemesi- Will GSS be able to get updates as they move forward?
  - Alessia believes so, it sounds like the city council plans on keeping the organizations who support the plan posted on the progress.
- MACIE- Where can we find information about BGSU's climate action plan?
  - There is a webpage with BGSU's plan.
  - <https://www.bgsu.edu/campus-sustainability/ClimateActionPlan.html>

## Officer Election

### Presidential nominees

#### Ikpemesi Ogundare

- Current VP, stepped in at the beginning of this semester. Authentically represent graduate student needs. Plans to bring compassionate, direct, and focused leadership. Graduate students have immense power and knowledge. So much joy working with GSS and hopes to continue.

#### Kat Nic

- Second year PHD student in Higher Education Administration. Has been inspired by the current leadership team. Looking to leverage the power we have as a community.

#### Oscar Celis

- Current first year in the College Student Personnel program. Has a passion for student success. Look at how FPD is distributed. Social justice and equity are his passions as well, has planned social justice retreats in the past. Looking to be an advocate for graduate students

## Questions for presidential candidates

- Jaclyn- This is a time-consuming position, how do you plan to handle it?
  - Oscar- utilizing Outlook calendar and self-care.
  - Kat- prioritizing and managing time well. Has learned through the pandemic what healthy coping mechanisms look like.

- Ikpemesi- Outlook and planner are her friends. Organization and preparation are key.

#### Voting

- 6 For Oscar, 1 for Kat, 25 for Ikpemesi, 4 abstain

Ikpemesi wins the Presidency

#### Vice Presidential Nominees

Kat Nic

#### Questions

- Theater and Folm PHD- VP is an intense position, how aware are you of the job responsibilities and the skills you bring to it?
  - Yes, Kat has looked over the position descriptions and is prepared to take it on. Bring years of hard work, leadership skills, and teamwork to the table. In addition, has a lot of organizational skills.

#### Voting

- 30 for Kat, 6 abstain.

Kat Nic wins the Vice-Presidency

#### Academic Affairs Representative nominee

Chioma Amadi

- Originally from Nigeria, has a degree in Education and Chemistry and was the most outstanding student in the department. Worked as a K-12 teacher in Nigeria before moving to the U.S. to work towards a degree from the School of Teaching and Learning. She is currently in the Leadership Studies program. Has a strong passion for academics in the sense of teaching, learning, and research. Looking to give back to BGSU through this position. The position will help her build personal skills as well.

#### Questions

- None

#### Voting

- 35 For Chioma, 1 abstain

Chioma Amadi wins the Academic Affairs Rep

## Student Affairs Representative nominee

### Amanda Taylor

- First year PHD student in the School of Media and Communications. Will be running for treasurer as well. Ethically responsible and reliable person with leadership skills. Has experience handling budgets in the past. Strives to be reliable in committee and GA meetings. Takes a servant leader approach to leadership.

### Oscar Celis

- In a program that works with student affairs, so has a passion for that area.

## Questions

- Theater and Film PHD- There's been a lot of changes in the structure of student affairs over this semester, what is your knowledge and comfort level with student affairs on campus.
  - Oscar- works in the Dean of Students, so very comfortable with the changes and asking why.
  - Amanda- Haven't had much experience at BGSU, but there was a restructure in a past position. So, she is comfortable with changes.

## Voting

- 28 for Oscar, 5 for Amanda, 3 abstain

Oscar wins the Student Affairs Representative

## Treasurer

### Amanda Taylor

## Questions

- Need pretty good campus knowledge and tech skills, what do those look like for you?
  - Amanda- is not a professional, but has worked with different technology programs in the past and is able to learn quickly.

## Voting

- 34 for Amanda, 2 abstain.

Amanda wins the Treasurer

Secretary nominees

Esther Oyedele

- Originally from Nigeria, has a degree in Physics and this is her first year in her program in Geology. Loves talking to people and organizing things. Has great oral and written communication skills. Looking to give back to BGSU.

Questions

- Ikpemesi- Do you have any secretary experience in the past?
  - No experience in secretary positions but has leadership experience.

Voting

- 35 for Esther, 1 abstain.

Esther Oyedele wins Secretary position.

Representative at Large nominee

Charity Anderson

- Finishing her second year in her PHD program. Since she is finishing her classes and will have time, she is looking to get involved on campus. She is a cofounder of a non-profit organization in Toledo. Looking to get involved in GSS to give back and connect with graduate students.

Questions

- None

Voting

- 35 for Charity, 0 abstain.

Charity Anderson wins the member -at-large position

**Announcements**

**Adjournment- Ikpemesi motions, Theater and Film PHD seconds**