



Graduate Student Senate
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<http://www.bgsu.edu/gss>

General Assembly

Friday, September 20, 2019 – 3:00-5:00 p.m. – Education 115

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 3:01pm

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes (from Sept. 6th meeting)

English MA first, Pop Culture Seconded Approved

Officer Reports

President: Robin Hershkowitz – robinh@bgsu.edu

Marketing and Communication update

Interested in writing from Grad Student Perspective for Falcon Media?

Let Robin know!

Dental Plan for the new Health Insurance

Optional plan; information on Student Health Insurance website

Deadline to enroll is September 28th

Vice President: Ashley Hendricks – ashendr@bgsu.edu

Funding for Professional Development Application

Available now on Canvas until September 30th

Treasurer: Ivan Johnson – ivanj@bgsu.edu

Funding for Professional Development Presentation

Dates to pass on:

Within a Month: Notified of Award Status

Fall application covers August 26th-Dec. 31st

Three types

Membership in Professional Organization

Academic Conferences (attending or presenting)

Other Professional Development Activities

Not funding for Thesis qualifications/tests

File as many as you need; file them separately for each case

Preference will be given to folks who have not received funding this year

Need good standing in Graduate College, department in GSS

Attendance is important; Cannot receive funds if censured

Please fill in all required parts of the application

Evaluation criteria on Canvas

Funds

Limited amount of funds; we do not cover costs of food
Will need to provide receipts for purchases stated in application

Student Organization Allocations Board Presentation

Board responsible to give funds to all student organizations

If organization is recognized for 2 years Access to funding

Starting a new organization? Information is on BGSU's website

Organization leaders must attend Sept. 29th meeting to get funding

Academic Affairs: Katzener Award for funding Thesis/Diss. Work

Oct 1st deadline to apply

Old/Unfinished Business

Vice President

Committees for 2019-2020

Committee assignments are finalized

Be aware of what the time schedules are for your specific committee

Notify chair if you wish to attend non-assigned committee meeting

Two seats need filled on Academic Honesty Committee

May be Senators/non-Senators; contact Vice-President if interested

New Business

Professional Development Chair: Ashley Justice – ashjust@bgsu.edu

Professional Development Day information

Professional Development Day is October 11th, 2019 from 1-5pm

Covering variety of topics/sessions/panels

Marketing yourself for career in/out of Academia

ABCs of Graduate School (Thesis/Diss writing process)

Self-Care & Health/Wellness Panel

Mentoring & Mentorship

Working Relationships with Peers, Faculty

Light refreshments/raffle during the day as well!

RSVPs posted on GSS website

Save the Dates & Fliers will be sent out soon

Guest Speakers

Garret Gilmer – Director of the Counseling Center and **Mandisa Sherife-Kekulah** – Liscensed Professional Counselor

and Graduate Student Liaison

Ms. Sherife-Kekulah is Liaison for Graduate Students

Issues getting into Counseling Center? Contact me!

Services at the Counseling Center (located at 104 College Park)

Individual, group counseling

Connect with community resources

Crisis Management (can call in; one counselor is always on call)

No additional cost to attendance unless mandated for alcohol/drug counseling

Confidentiality – Counselor is the only person to see your notes

Staff: Psychologists, Liscensed counselors, advanced graduate students

19 clinical staff, one case management person
Walk-in hours are 1:30-4pm Monday-Friday
Fastest way to get in: walk-in hours

Counseling Center is very busy

Seen 421 students in first three weeks of Fall 2019 semesters
Shifting personnel to help fit this need, increased programs as well
Mandisa is the point of contact for us to get into the center
20% of students we are seeing right now are Graduate students

Remote services are not offered yet; State of Ohio have specific rules about this
Clinical services committee looking at need for this

How do we work with graduate students specifically?

Mandisa is assigned to be the graduate student point of contact
Can create support groups (i.e. Dissertation, Work/Life balance)
Goal: help you be productive in your life as graduate students

Question: How do we increase mental health awareness in our departments?

Any way we can get conversation going in departments can be helpful
Request to attend faculty meetings to talk about these topics
Counseling Center happy to help speak to faculty/students
Faculty have reached out to help graduate students too

Questions from General Assembly

Handouts/brochures/business cards/fliers available on the way out

Professional Development Initiatives

President: Professor Dena Eber will help with Graduate Student Professional Development
Faculty fellow for Graduate students, improve mentoring for graduate students
Focused on diverse professional pathways
Includes research advising, professional development, etc.
Also working with graduate faculty
Want to meet with folks to see what is currently in place, what is needed
Some departments could be useful model for other departments

Would like to meet with all of us

Schedule passed around, find a time for Dr. Ebert to meet
Meeting is in 120 McFall Center

Questions? Please contact Dena Eber: deber@bgsu.edu

Announcements

Environmental Affairs: Focus groups being held for inclusive pedagogy
List of dates/times listed below
Interested? Let Bird know – babowen@bgsu.edu

September 25th 7-9 pm 412 Kuhlin Center
September 26th 7-9pm 412 Kuhlin Center
September 29th 6-8 pm 412 Kuhlin Center
September 30th 6-8 pm 412 Kuhlin Center

October 13th 6-8 pm 412 Kuhlin Center
October 16th 7-9pm 412 Kuhlin Center

Multicultural & Accessibilities: Peer Education/Training Session

Two-day training to deal with stress, student health, etc.

Training is Oct. 5th and 6th to help lead these sessions

Can email Sima for more information – simas@bgsu.edu

Theatre & Film PhD: Graduate Disabilities support group, looking to expand
Support work, education, advocacy, and safe space

History: **Oct 3rd-6th: American Presidents Film Festival**

Held at Rutherford B. Hayes Library & Museum in Fremont, OH

Vice President: Please sign up for Ohio residency!

Part of guidelines for Ohio Residency; important for voting

President: will have folks coming in upcoming GA for residency issues

Dr. Booth: Important for any/all graduate students

<https://www.bgsu.edu/center-for-public-impact/programs-and-partnerships/bgsu-votes.html>

President: **Graduate/Professional Fair: Sept 26th 11-2pm at Grand Ballroom in BTSU**

12pm-1pm: Session on Being a Graduate Student of Color held in BTSU 308

Student Affairs: **Title IX Summit October 4th**

Please register; the deadline is September 21st, 2019

Need help with registration at beginning of day

See Jessica Puder afterwards or email (jpuder@bgsu.edu)

BGSU is currently looking for new director of Title IX

Dates for talks (open to public) forthcoming

International Affairs: For residency: F, J, M, Q Visas cannot gain residency (international)

Data Science: New program!

Talk to me or Dr. Green about teaming up with Data Science PhDs

Can help you process data, information

Email: dschell@bgsu.edu (Data Science Senator) or greenr@bgsu.edu (Dr. Green)

Environmental Affairs: Sustainability advisory committee: open for all to join

Meet for coffee afterwards

Theatre & Film PhD: Center for Faculty Excellence great resources for instructors

New gradebook, Canvas, experiential learning, etc.

Can have badge for completing information matched to LinkedIn

Vice President: Raffle!

Winners see us afterwards for a choice of a \$5 gift card!

Adjournment

English MA motion, MACIE seconded; Adjourned at 4:29pm

Full transcript of questions available upon request