**General Assembly**

Friday, March 6th, 2020, 3:00pm-5:00pm – MSc 210

**Call to Order**

Called to Order at 3:04 pm

**Roll Call**

Quorum achieved!

**Approval of Minutes and Agenda**

Representative-at-large, 2nd by Biological Sciences, PhD.

All in favor

Motion Carries!

**New Business**

***Canvas Accessibility Resolution***

* A motion to vote will be carried, someone can also make the motion to postpone
* Motion to open to vote – Biological Sciences, PhD, 2nd by English PhD
* Assembly opens for discussion –
* Theatre and Film, PhD: gave information and recap of all things discussed in the last meeting
* President: The resolution came out of conversation with several faculty, it is the knowledge and the awareness that needs to be addressed.
* Economics and MBA: Thankful for the awareness
* Biological Sciences, PhD: Will this motion be just a statement from GSS providing trained resources to the Faculty or GSS will actually hold up the workshops?
* Robin: GSS should not be responsible for arranging the training resources; University isn’t trying to put this down, the main point is to create awareness; once the statement is passed and process will start along with it through Center for Faculty Excellence
* Data Sciences: Term “Implementing Canvas Accessibility” – 2nd one in the resolution is more accurate in spirit, tools are already implemented. ***Taken as the proposed amendment to the resolution.***
* Motion to vote: History, 2nd by Data Science; Favor: 32, Oppose: 0, Abstain: 1; ***The motion passes***

***Shanklin Colloquium and awards ceremony***

* Event on April 23rd
* Interested students in paper and poster presentation; application up till April 15th; abstract and cover page required; can apply to only one of them
* Reason of setting separate applications on Canvas, to make the segregation easier for both the categories
* Other opportunities: Outstanding Graduate Student, Outstanding International Graduate Student, RAI and RAII; If someone(undergraduates) wish to nominate you, can give them the GSS email, they will be provided with the information
* Questions:
* Biological Sciences, PhD – Do the undergraduates already know about the awards? Answer: Robin, Yes, It is on the canvas updates.
* Keep a check on email, process on how to RSVP still under progress; do RSVP if attending the event

***Nominations for 2020-21 Positions***

* Taking the nominations in; even after nominating here in the assembly, still need to fill the application on the Canvas
* Info sessions on the positions will be on Tuesday in BTSU at 12:00 PM
* Nomination process:

1. President: *No nominations*
2. Vice-President: *No nominations*
3. Academic Affairs Representative – Patrick Felton, Theatre and Film, PhD, 2nd by Blessy McWan, Media and Communication PhD
4. Student Affairs Representative: *No nominations*
5. Treasurer: John Pierandozzi, Media and Communication, MS nominated by Blessy McWan, Media and Communication PhD

2nd by Cheyanne

1. Secretary: *No nominations*
2. Representative-at-large: *No nominations*

* Other positions will be appointed after the elected positions are filled

***Treasurer elections(for rest of the semester)***

* Assembly opens for nominations:
* Sajjad, 2nd by English, PhD
* Nomination closes
* Sajjad addresses the Senate; floor opens for questions:
* Cheyanne – next year Treasure? Answer: will be too much work for the final year
* Biological Sciences, PhD – As the Treasurer for the remaining time, will start working on making FPD more competitive? Answer: hard to make that decision as don’t have enough data, also, the person in charge next year will have a good perspective on that, on how it is more focused on the writing part; Robin: The next round of FPD is in summer, so incoming Treasurer takes the lead on that
* Sajjad leaves the room; ballots distributed to the Senators
* In favor – 33, Oppose – 1
* Sajjad is the elected Treasurer

**Officer Reports**

* President:

1. BG City Council Tenant’s survey

* Requires graduate student support in City Council meetings
* Next meeting: March 16th, 5:00 PM, Robin attending, Senators can ask for constituents too to attend
* Location: City offices next to the Wood County Library

1. Learning Commons workshop

* Literature reviews and product planning
* Attendance encouraged; If get good attendance, workshop will be able to continue for future too
* Location: Learning Commons, Jerome Library
* Vice-President:
* Board of Trustees GSS Representative
* Deadline extended, March 10th
* Students interested in higher education and what work goes inside the institution regarding that, should apply
* Academic Affairs:
* Healthy mind survey: must have got an email; for assessing mental health on campus, automatically you get registered into the raffle(incentive) from two places, BGSU and University of Michigan
* Class Capacity Determination survey: If you are a graduate instructor, fill the survey, came from Faculty Senate, might have gone to Trash or marked spam
* Environmental Affairs:
* Green fund initiative, can find examples on the Canvas about the projects
* Can apply for funding; also, can find someone in the Department too who can give some partnered funding for the project
* Questions: Biological Sciences, PhD – money gets rolled over in green fund? Answer: Cumulative money over the last few years, which hasn’t been distributed a lot, trying to find people with projects that they can invest upon
* International Affairs:
* Event – 6:30 PM, Movie Night, only four spots available
* Monday – 4:00-6:00 PM, International Women Day, BTSU 207
* Final workshop for taxes – March 12th, 4:30-6:00 PM, 316 BTSU, need to register, more information on BGSU International Programs & Partnership Facebook page
* No updates from the rest

**Announcements**

* Theatre and Film, One performance tonight, Broadway Cares; March 26th, Ashley presenting her one woman show, Sex Education in Olscamp 101
* Jessica – The vagina monologues, 5:00 PM, Sunday, Olscamp
* Popular Culture – Saturday, Conference starting at 10:30
* Robin – If received funding under FPD and for some reasons, conference got canceled, then won’t be penalized for the amount funded.

**Adjournment**

* Motion to adjourn: Popular Culture, MS, 2nd by English MFA
* All in favor
* Adjourned at 4:00 PM