**General Assembly Minutes**

November 16, 2018; 3pm-5pm

Graduate Student Senate

* Call to Order – President 3:01 pm
* Roll Call
  + Please come see us after the meeting if your name was not called
* Approval of the Minutes and Agenda
  + Motion: American Culture Studies PhD
    - Second: College of Musical Arts
* Guest Speakers
  + Mr. Paul Valdez
    - Martin Luther King Day Weekend
    - In the past, we have had 700 or more students to do service projects
    - There has been a food drive the week before
    - Brown bag food project
    - Joining forces to participate with the food drive
    - 150-200 volunteers
    - 2 hour shift
      * Go door to door to ask for donations
    - **10am-4pm on January 19**
    - **12-6pm on January 20**
    - The food will be divided among the participating food pantries
    - Unique opportunity to serve with faculty, staff, students and community
    - Grounds for Thought will be the collection area
    - Link to sign up to volunteer: <https://www.bgsu.edu/center-for-community-and-civic-engagement/MLKJrDay.html>
* Officer Reports
  + Chair for Professional Development of Graduate Students
    - Not present
  + Chair for International Graduate Student Affairs
    - None
  + Chair for Multicultural and Disability Graduate Student Affairs
    - Not present
  + Chair for Environmental Affairs
    - Went to meeting this week
    - Will be funding two charging stations
    - There will also be an educational component and info about the building
    - Water bottle station in College of Musical Arts
  + Chair for Online Graduate Student Affairs
    - Not present
  + Representative-at-Large
    - None
  + Secretary
    - None
  + Treasurer
    - **Spring FPD will be live by the end of the meeting and it is due February 14th**
      * It will be on the GSS Canvas page under “Modules”
        + If your constituents haven’t accepted their GSS Canvas invitation yet, please encourage them to do so

It is needed to apply for FPD, Shanklin, and GSS Awards

* + - **Questions/Comments**
      * President
        + Can you send a link to it on canvas? Can a website link be emailed out?

Yes, since it’s through Qualtrics. Vice President can send a form out through it. The link will be housed on the canvas page, but you can access it through other means as well.

* + Student Affairs Representative
    - Not present
  + Academic Affairs Representative
    - None
  + Vice President
    - Spring Regalia will be live on Canvas under “Modules” by next Tuesday
      * **Spring 2019 Regalia Application due February 25th**
        + Full funding of regalia for masters
        + PhD you get the rental cost (can apply it towards the purchase of regalia)
    - Call for Papers for Shanklin 2019
      * + **Shanklin Application due February 12th**
    - GSS Awards
      * **Due March 4th** 
        + There are five of them:

GSS Outstanding Contributor to Graduate Education (OCGE) Award

GSS Outstanding Graduate Student Award

GSS Outstanding International Graduate Student Award

GSS Outstanding Graduate Research Assistant-1 Award

GSS Outstanding Graduate Research Assistant-2 Award

* + - * **Questions/Comments**
        + Academic Affairs Chair

She is telling you this now because it is so important!

This is still peer reviewed, and there is still an award.

Start spreading the word to get your manuscripts ready

This is the largest student research event on campus

* + - * + President

The reason we have awards for R1 and R2 and not for TA & TI is because the Graduate College already offers TA and TI awards.

* + - * **Shanklin is on April 18, 2019**
  + President
    - Our Student Affairs and Academic Affairs Chair go to a lot of the sub-committee meetings
      * A lot of the things that come from the President’s report are things that are discussed afterwards at full committee (after they move on from the sub-committees)
    - New TDP/DARS Policy
      * This is being removed because this was about TDP
      * There is an update to the financial information policy that will be coming soon
      * They will be removing some of the outdated information
      * Feel free to contact Dr. Goberman for more information.
    - With the GSS Canvas page
      * **October 3rd they the invites were sent out and resent on November 5**
      * **Monday December 3rd they will receive the email again**
      * He cannot send the email out to individual people. It must be a mass email sent out to all graduate students.
    - **Question/Comments**
      * Environmental Affairs Chair
        + **The GSS Canvas invitation is still available in students notifications on the Canvas page**
    - Ohio President Meeting
      * Monday they had a conference call
      * Many of the other colleges were having similar issues
      * We talked about collaboration with other universities
    - Ex-Officio meeting
      * **Giving Tuesday is on November 27th**
        + Activities that you can participate in that will help others, too
        + You get a T-shirt and get to make a difference
        + You can donate blood as well or help with the blood drive
      * University is passing a Free Speech policy
        + It seems pretty fair overall
        + We may not always be in agreement with the topic
        + The policy is making sure to try to do better at regulating the time or place that they are able to do their speeches.
      * Recreational Center
        + Banned clothing

Open toed shoes

Clothes that includes metal

* + - * + Everything else is recommended attire
        + They are also going to make sure they have cleaning supplies
    - **Question/Comments** 
      * School of Art
        + He talked to the Recreational Center

Part time students only have to pay $40 hours for those with 6 credit hours (it costs more if you are taking less credit hours).

* + - * Human Movement, Sports and Leisure
        + It’s free if you are a full time student
    - Ideas regarding cyber bulling are not in our code of conduct. Is this something we are interested in?
      * Overall yes was the decision
      * There will be a resolution for the December 7th meeting
    - If you have submitted fall FPD they are still trying to get vendors to respond back with their vendor form
      * If your funding was pending:
        + A lot of the associations have not gotten back or have been slow at responding.

**The Vice President will reach out to see if you are able to help in speeding up the response process for your vendors.**

* + - **Questions/comments**
      * Treasurer
        + They have responded to the vendors multiple times
        + If the Vice President contacts you, we want to get this money out, so if you can please help to reach out to the vendors as well.
  + Advisor
    - None
* New Business
  + Emergency Clause
  + Changes
    - FPD is a large burden for only two people to do
      * We have expanded this to two other people
      * The Student Affairs and Academic Affairs chairs will be added to the FPD committee
    - Professional Memberships are no longer a category on their own. They are now grouped with the “Other” category
* We need to vote on these before we can do this
  + - President
      * Second: MACIE
    - Vote
      * **Yes: 37**
      * No: 0
      * Abstentions: 0
  + Shuttle Service Resolution
    - Environmental Affairs Chair
      * Today we have a new resolution
        + Resolution was passed out to members for review
        + This is a proposal for a shuttle service that would help to bridge transportation for BGSU to Detroit Airport.
      * Move to Approve: Environment Affairs Chair
        + Second: Theatre and Film-PhD
    - Vice President
      * Discussion
        + President

We cannot do this on or own this is just to get this started, so that we can get partnerships and proposals to get something in process

* + - * + MACIE

Would this proposal affect tuition?

Environmental Affiars Chair

That would depend on how it is set up. The money would have to come from somewhere that is why we would have to have this conversation with these people

President

It is likely that it may not be free, but maybe for a fee.

This is something that I would be looking for

* + - * + Biology PhD

Would this be something that would be happening all year or seasonally?

Environmental Affairs Chair

This would be a year-long service

* + - * + Representative -at- Large

What have we done from past experience of them trying to do this?

Environmental Affairs Chair

There was shuttle that ran in a loop to Toledo. It was not advertised well from what we could tell from students, staff and faculty that were there at the time. This is something that because of lack of use it got phased out.

Many students didn’t know it existed

* + - * + Vice President

They want to know that you would use this. Even if you would email the department in charge this would increase the number of students who would use this

* + - * + Representative- at-Large

Would it be good to have students start sending the emails? So that when they go to the meeting they already have had the feedback.

President

I would advise against that because as GSS we want to have a good relationship with them.

* + - * + Theatre and Film PhD

The way I am understanding this is resolution is us as GSS giving you permission to explore this on behalf of GSS

* + - * + President

Yes

* + - * + Environmental Affairs Chair

As a group we discussed many places, but we found this to be the most important

* + - * + English PhD

I was talking to someone who travels a lot and they said that $30 would be a deal super cab was about $180

* + - * + English MFA

Only concern I would have is conferences happen at different dates and different times. I don’t like that you have a fee as well as an increase in tuition due to the cost

Environmental Affairs Chair

We don’t know how the fees or the cost will be yet

President

We each pay $9 for Student Legal services the $9 out of our tuition is what keeps that office open.

This is not a lot to keep an office going or a bus to run for example.

Most of the fees are not a large amount

* + - * + School of art

Do we just have to get permission to use the existing shuttles on campus?

Environmental affairs chair

This would have to be asked

* + - * Vote
        + **Yes: 40**
        + No: 0
        + Abstentions: 0
* Unfinished business:
  + Funding for Professional Development Discussion
    - We had a 3 ½ hour SEC meeting and a 2 hour FPD committee meeting last week
    - Thank you for all SEC for your thoughtful work on this
    - SEC feels that this should ultimately be moved to a more competitive process
    - This upcoming Spring semester we will not be changing to make it more competitive as we are midway through the fiscal year
      * **IF it is a complete application, it will be funded**
      * Money will dilute
    - After this and pending how it works, it may be put in the constitution as a permanent change
    - The goal is to make this a process to make this more competitive in the coming years
    - For Spring
      * Explanation on how this relates to BGSU ideals of being a public university for the public good
      * Clear objectifies of how this will contribute
      * Application professionalism
        + Have you proofread it, have you completed all the question?
      * External funding
      * Application number
        + First application would be a higher priority than someone who has received 2 other awards.
      * There will be a limit of three awards awarded per year.
    - **Questions/Comments**
      * Representative-at-Large
        + How strongly can you do this?

President

Each application will have you provide rationale.

What does BGSU get out of it how does it serve the public? These are things that they are looking at as well.

* + - * + Theatre and Film PhD

Are there things in place to make sure there is equity between the departments?

President

There are things in place, such as asking if you are getting other forms of funding.

* + - * + Popular Culture

Is there a place that this criteria will be on the internet?

President:

GSS BGSU website

On the application

Canvas page as well

* + - * + Psychology

Concern about the application criteria

If you are rating on syntax or grammar, international students would need to proof read or have someone look over them

President

This is just to see if someone took care to do the application

Many times in the past people wouldn’t fill it out completely.

* + - * + Treasurer

Syntax and grammar are the things that will be the last thing that is looked at when deciding.

This is something that will be considered when looking at applications

* + - * + Biological Sciences PhD

We will be having these discussions later right? Because these are changes that will be affecting us next year.

President

We have to see what happens

* + - All award recipients will be required to submit a reflection as to how their award contributed to their professional development
      * Chrome river reports will not be processed until this reflection is in
      * This will be in effect this spring
    - **Questions/Comments**
      * + Environmental Affairs Chair
        + For conference presentations, they are highly weighted toward the sciences

President

For music you are a sole presenter

On the form it will be very clear

Sole Presenter, co presenter, Contributing might be a better name (this will be changed on the form)

* Dr. Rodney Rodgers, BGSU President
  + First year in this role
  + Has been the Provost and Senior Vice President
  + Strategic planning refresh
    - Board meeting in December
      * The mission and objectives will be discussed
    - 16 different themes were led to a reordering and a preauthorization
      * 6 objectives
    - Would like to make some comments about the plan and open it up to comments and concernes
      * Higher education is going through a time of great change
      * Three large demographic shifts in the Midwest beginning in 2024
      * Declining in the number of high school graduates
        + Traditional residential university
        + Most graduates and undergraduates have been full time
        + Many have needed to move to Bowling Green and stop employment to be able to get their education.
      * If this pattern is going to continue, we will need to shrink
      * This shift has a rippling effect through the university
      * We want to make this University better for post-traditional students.
        + Online classes
        + Hybrid classes
        + Weekend classes
        + Many other universities have done this 4-5 years ago
        + We want to make a shift toward this
      * We want to have a model that allows us to thrive throughout the coming years
      * They want to make sure they can articulate why public higher education has a role in society to ensure we are moving the human condition forward. We are creating a public good. That we have productive equitable and good society.
      * OBJECTIVES:
        + 1. Provide undergraduate and graduate students (traditional and post-traditional) a demonstrably superior and innovative learning experience that intentionally prepares them to lead meaningful and productive lives.
        + 2. Support and focus BGSU's research and creative activities to serve the public interest and support our commitment to the public good.
        + 3. Support all individuals to build a quality learning community that fosters diversity and inclusion, collaboration, creativity, and excellence.
        + 4. Expand domestic and international engagement and partnerships to benefit students, academic programs, research, and outreach.
        + 5. Enhance the quality and value of a BGSU education by developing a physical, organizational, academic, and financial infrastructure that ensures the University's short- and long-term vitality and success.
        + 6. Raise BGSU's profile as a national, comprehensive research university that drives the social, economic, educational, and cultural vitality of our region, nation, and world.
        + For more information on the objectives pleases visit the following link.

<https://www.bgsu.edu/focus-on-the-future.html>

* + - * Upcoming news and partnerships
        + Lake Erie Center
        + Relationship with Mercy Health & Mercy College
        + Partnering with Cedar Fair

Resort and Attraction Management Programs

* + - * Aplu Meeting on Monday
        + BGSU was Awarded a designation
        + We positioned the impact that the University has on this region

Water

Opioid

* + - * Everything we do continues to improve the reputation
      * Question/Comments
        + Public and Allied Health

I have greatly benefited by the BGSU UT partnership

For those in the last cohort, does this mean you get both universities on your application?

In theory if you are in the last program my understanding is it would have to be both universities on the program

* + - * + English MFA

At the beginning of your presentation, you mentioned there would be fewer high schoolers graduating and due to that this would mean the university would have to get smaller. What would that look like?

The board doesn’t believe we should get smaller

They believe we should be responsive and serve post traditional student to make up for this

* + - * + Representative-at-Large

Can you discuss the process of creating the new strategic plan from the comments and feedback people provided?

President:

When we had the open forums as well as the website that allowed for comments.

Out of that there were 800-900 ideas and people could put dots that said you agree or disagree

They looked at this data

One weekend they had two teams look at the data.

For each station of suggestions, they came up with a series of themes for each station

There were some comments that only one person suggested the item and those were set aside for later

Each group would then critique the work of the other group as a safety check

The dean’s council did something similar

22 themes

19 themes

16 overarching themes were found

They had a retreat to discuss the themes and how to build on them and find what was missing as well

Objectives were then formed

6 objectives total

* + - * + Higher education PhD

We are trying to attract more nontraditional students. How can we recruit more international students and show them BGSU is a better university in this region?

Yes, Objective One and Objective Five

This discusses ways we align programs to specific regions of the world where we think we would be a good match

The other way is some universities will do a blanked advertising to the whole country.

We need to get better. I hope we have a community that is welcoming of all.

Do you think there is an influence with Trump’s presidency?

Many universities have shown a decrease in international enrollments?

BGSU has not

We have not had a huge BGSU international student population overall, so we may have also not have had as much of a change.

* + - * + School of Art

I have been in communication with University of Toledo as well. I found that the university of Toledo has an animation program and it is shrinking. Is there any interest in a collaboration with them?

**This is something he will make note of**

* + - * + Biological Studies PhD

I came here because I want to teach. When it comes to online classes, would there be a possibility for students to teach them because when you graduate many teaching jobs want you to have that experience.

There is some difference in departments. There are some departments that allow PhD students to be the teacher of record

I would have to talk to Dr. Booth. I assume it is a departmental policy

* + - * + Theatre and Film PhD

One area I see underrepresented is the humanities. The humanities seem to be the first departments to have to make cuts. Can you make sure this will not happen?

When you are beginning to look at program, historically over 100 years you will see some programs growing while others go down. In recent years (the past 15-20 years) with the emphasis on STEM in the United States, there has been more of an emphasis on that

If you look at enrollment in humanities, they have declined

Years ago, we had a philosophy undergrad that had 6 students total

Today we have an interdisciplinary philosophy/pre-law program that has around 75 students in it

I think we need to be ever mindful of the value of these programs.

How do you see the department of Theatre and Film connect with these objectives?

Theatre drives the culture of the region

We are not doing the outreach we need to do with our productions

How do we do more to demonstrate how they can drive the cultural vitality of the region?

* + - * + Physics and Astronomy

With more non traditional students coming in, how much of this is due to the way the younger generation is viewing an education? Also, how is this seen as an investment vs an insurance policy.

The demographic shift is more about birth rates

This has to do with many not choosing to have children during the recession

These is a large amount of worrying as well whether it is worth it

We want to make sure all of our students have a good experience

* + - * + Thank you all have a great break next week!
        + Contact information:

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* Announcements
  + **2018 International Dinner is Saturday, November 17th**
    - 6-9 pm in the BTSU Ballroom
    - Student tickets are $15
  + Next General Assembly: **December 7th from 3-5pm** in the McFall Gallery
    - Guest speakers are: Mr. Chris Bullins, Dean of Students; Ms. Michele Schmitz, Graduate College Budget Administrator; and Ms. Dawn Chong, Director of Student Employment Services
  + If you have any questions about FPD, we will take them via email
* Adjournment – 5:00pm
  + Motion
    - Gerontology
  + Approval
    - College of Musical Arts

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