



Graduate Student Senate
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**Graduate Student Senate General Assembly
Friday October 29, 2010
3:00-5:00pm
Gallery, McFall Center**

Handouts

- Flyer, Graduate Professional Development Day - November 6, 2010
- Flyer, Brown Bag Lunch - November 3, 2010

Agenda

- Call to Order
- Roll Call (Senators not present at roll call, or from censured departments or organizations must see the Secretary at the end of the meeting)
- Approval of Minutes from October 15, 2010

Motion to approve passed unanimous

- Guest Speakers for Oct. 29, 2010:
 - Dr. Richard Kennell – Dean, College of Musical Arts

RK Majority of senators attended events at the Moore Hall

500 students

The college has a number of majors with very broad academic base.

Our choirs are open to all students

4 bands

We have a choral group which includes community members and we go beyond the campus to

UT and Toledo orchestra

Collaborations with the college of the school of art

We have created the Arts Roundtable for all students to have access to the arts

We were the first college to become a center of excellence

The Wolfe Center is the newest addition to our repertoire. We currently do over 700 events a year.

Please check out our calendar of events. You can bring your classes to our events. However we can serve you let us know. Thank you for your service.

- Dr. William Balzer – Dean, BGSU Firelands

WB Majority of senators have not been to Firelands campus by show of hands.

Our mission is very different from BGSU. We are focused on 14 AA degree programs with 23 specializations.

We also have 8 BA degree programs

2500 student population

There are some great opportunities for you to connect with our student body and looking at our teaching opportunities. We have doubled in size in the last 10 years.

You can teach both on campus or thru distance learning.

We also have an untapped rich student base for research.

We have the NASA Sandusky Plumbrook Research Station where they are looking for interns where they really are looking for rocket scientists and environmentalist and marketing specialist.

We have faculty members who looking to collaborate with graduate students for research.

We have a number of research opportunities for the Crash Test dummies company (missed acronym of co.) which is right across the street from our campus.

Kalahari and Cedar point is also always looking for a variety of positions.

A number of our faculty are alumni of BGSU doctoral programs

- Dan Caldwell – Vice President, Undergraduate Student Government

911 Life Line Initiative/Proposal

Medical amnesty for underage drinking alcohol for person suffering the from alcohol poisoning

This would cover those who stay with sick individual. To receive amnesty they have to work with the police.

Amnesty viewed as a form of Maturation rather than breaking the underage law.

Laroque: Who is safe by this, somewhat drunk or passed out or both?

DC The idea is only to cover those who are seriously ill. It is to make sure that they get the help they need rather than being collapsed thru the night.

Laroque: Do you see any kind of program linked to this, Like an education program linked to each report?

DC Barb gets a copy of every report that happens. The city position is something that we cannot have an effect on.

DS Alcohol poisoning talks about a deeper problem. Current rules mandate they must follow-up with counseling. Is giving them a free pass really going to help them? Giving someone a free pass is enabling the individual to continue in my personal experience with substance abuse.

DC They will still have follow the in place ordinances.

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- Up Coming Guest Speakers:
 - Nov. 19:
 - Dr. Kenneth W. Borland Jr. - Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs & Provost
 - Dr. Brad Colwell – Dean, College of Education and Human Development
 - Dr. Garrett Gilmer – Director, Counseling Center
 - Dec. 3:
 - President Carol Cartwright – President, BGSU
 - Dean Dale Klopfer – Associate Dean, College of Arts & Sciences
 - Mr. John Ellinger – Chief Information Officer, BGSU
 - Jan. 21:
 - Dean Linda Petrosino – Dean, College of Health and Human Services

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- Vacant SEC positions:
 - Elected Positions:
 - Representative- at -Large
 - Appointed Positions:
 - Multicultural & International Affairs

Laroque: Can any grad run for any position?

DS Yes they can. Even if they have not been a senator they can run for this position.

- Old Business:
 - BG1 Campaign Letter of Support

How do we sign this letter and where should it be delivered

SD The One BG campaign has suggested we send it to the local papers.

Theater and Film it should be the SEC committee to sign it for

Motion for SEC to sign 2nd Closed and 2nd

Vote to expedite 39 – 0 – 1

Vassiliki brought up that we need to decide where to send it.

Heads Send letter via email to all grad students in addition to news outlets

Art can it be sent to the whole student body

SD we do have that connection

Laroque: I took this letter the UGS

JS I would like to see it sent to everyone

BGSDA I concur

Technology Could this go out on Campus Update

Sociology Make this a direct email because its more personal and direct and less likely to be deleted

DS how would you like to see it.

Political Science Isolate it and send it to as many people as possible.

Intervention Services the deadline is 5pm today

DS Send it today rush,

Alice We can only do a list serv for grads and faculty

UGS can send it along with their letter on Monday

DS We have numerous ways to send it.

Theater All of the above

Sociology everything but campus updates

Vassiliki: is it still being sent to the news outlets

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Theater I support sociology,

Move to close discussion

BGSDA Motion for everything without campus update

DS motion send it

- New Business:

- 911 Legislation

SD I can provide the documents that were passed in the UGS. But I would like to open to discussion

Theater is the police chief going to behind this

USG She instituted a similar initiative in Kent State. She takes office on 11/30 but I have mtg with her on 11/4

AJ she seems to be very much on the level of this college being a learning experience without the influence of the family. I would be very surprised if she weren't behind it

Grad student Theater org. Is this similar to the hospitals stand to treat without the police being called?

USG Yes this is designed to

Is there a conduct management component on campus?

We cannot write it into law, however there are many great ways to market this to the student population.

Laroque: I understand it cannot be written into law, but I would like to see a policy where the health center becomes involved with counseling.

UGS The policy is already kind of in place. We have a system in place for students who go to the hospital to get help also on campus.

Theater: What are you hoping the GSS will do?

UGS I hope to get a letter of endorsement. I am not looking for a resolution but an endorsement. I appreciate the support from all of you as you all work with students

Comm Disorders: Does the person have to be call on campus or in the city?

UGS It will only work with the city police inside city limits.

Family and Consumer Sci: Is this all dependent upon whether everyone is disorderly?

UGS They will, but the sick person will not lose their amnesty.

FCS Can you define disorderly

UGS We are following the city's rules and definitions

SD Any more discussion?

Sociology; do you have a timeline?

UGS we are waiting for One BG to settle down. I didn't realize how slow government is until I started working on this project. We don't know the exact time line, but have to work with city government?

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SD

BGSDA I am support of this but I think that we should be careful of our endorsement.

UGS This endorsement will go to Pres. Cartwright and the City.

Tech: This is a way to take care of a culture of fear. It is about getting the help that the sick person

Motion to close 2nd

SD Motion to endorse

39-2-2

We will draft a letter of support. The writing committee as headed by Leslie

Laroque: I would suggest a letter so that we can bring this back to the senate for final

Motion to endorsement without letter 10-18-10

Motion to endorse with letter 31-2-8

DS this moves us to forming a committee to develop the letter with Leslie to head committee

So noted.

We will have letter back by next GA Meetings

- GSS and Post-Unionization Vote

SD The faculty voted to unionize. I would like to have the blessing of the senate to send a letter to recognize the power of this new union.

Math: Now that they have unionized how does that affect us?

SD: As soon as I get a reply from them

Math: I want to know where we stand so that we do not lose our voice.

SD There is a lot of questions right now because of the unionization process.

Sociology: I think that we should write a similar letter as last year clearly stating our neutrality.

Laroque: We are recognizing this new entity

Sociology: I agree. I think it is important to support all sides

SD None of our representation is in jeopardy with faculty senate. What should we do?

Laroque: Motion for letter

Leadership two letters

Laroque: Send it to both if its no

Motion to close 2nd

SD who writes the letter

Laroque I nominate myself 2nd

- GSS and Graduate Council

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SD I want to put an initiative into place so that GC cannot push thru things without bring them to the GSS FIRST.

DS Proposed to create a committee to govern communication and policy changes by GC

Math I am in support of us being involved especially if that means we create legislation to control their actions that affect us.

Motion to create 2nd passed unanimously

- Student's Bill of Rights – Extremely Preliminary Stage
 - Minimum Expectations of Advising
 - Excused Academic Absence
 - Work outside of Assistantship Policy

SD very early stages of planning:

- Senate Executive Committee (SEC) Reports
 - President – Steve Dinda
 - Vice President – David Sleasman
 - Survey

DS Each of you have received a copy of this email with the graduate student experience survey.

Next Saturday is graduate development day. I need volunteers for this event. Between now and next Wednesday I am going to ask that you please get back to me with when you can help me.

I also need to help tomorrow to help me put up flyers for this event which is a week away.

Math: Are buildings open and flyers approved?

DS Yes and flyers are approved.

- Secretary – Jonathan Sudler

2nd Life development of online museum of student work with an interactive interface allowing work to be seen/searched .

- Treasurer – AJ Wilhelm
- Representative at Large – Jeff Larocque

Print Responsibility to be examined and a increased quota for grad students

- Representative at Large – Ann Weedon
- Student Affairs – Vassiliki Leontis

Nothing new

- Academic Affairs – Jason Ratliff
- Professional Development Programming – Michael Witte

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Nov 6 continental breakfast and lunch. I would hope that all of you would be there as earlier in the semester we sent a letter stating that we want to be involved. This is your time to walk the talk.

Please spread the word about this event in your classes.

- Graduate Allocations Representative – Rachael Drennen
- Local Regional National Affairs – Velina Dinkova

We are planning a panel discussion in april which is sexual assault awareness month. The humanity troupe will hopefully collaborate with us. I am looking for other individuals and groups to collaborate.

- Publicity – Stacey Freyer

Brown Bag lunch with President Cartwright is Wednesday. Please get the word out.

- University and Faculty Senate Committee Reports
- Graduate Dean’s Report

Dean Messer-Kruse The deadline for the thesis is Monday. If you have any technical problem please come see us as we will be more lenient as we have staffing issues.

We have a new grad college website rolling out in the next two weeks.

We would like your input.

Theater: I think the announcements for deadlines

Face book seems to be the majority way to communicate online over twitter

Please be patient as we work out the snags in our changes. We are retroactively publishing the grad catalogue

Is there some where we can see the stipend and tuition waiver policy?

MK I will make that available through our website and I believe that the GSS will also have access to that information. As you are aware, I have pushed to have each of the departments/colleges have a more direct hand in those policies. They haven’t been individually crafted yet, but you will be able to see them soon.

Continuing students will follow the same policies that they were contracted under moving forward.

Laroque: Has a process been created to continuously review the policy to protect against inequities?

MK I wouldn’t call them inequities, perhaps differences or variations. I believe these variations will have an impact on new recruits rather than continuing students.

We are looking at changes which will happen “around the edges” such as summer tuitions, etc. We have to keep our core programs from being at risk.

- Announcements

Sociology: If you get funding your first year for funding in doctoral studies how long do you get it

General consensus 4 yrs

Our funding policy changed without notice.

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- Adjournment

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