



Graduate Student Senate
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GSS General Assembly Meeting Agenda Friday, September 25th, 2009

Handouts

- Resolution 2009.F1: Endorsement in Principle of the Strategic Plan
- Resolution 2009.F2: Creation of GSS Awards for Research Conference
- General Assembly Minutes: September 4th, 2009

Guest Speakers

- Barbara Hoffman -- Interim Director, Student Health Services
- Paul Hofman -- Director, International Student Services
- Sarah Dariano -- Director, Homecoming Committee

Agenda

- Call to Order
- Guest Speakers
- Roll Call (*Senators not present at roll call must see the Parliamentarian at the end of the meeting*)
 - Departments/Organizations at Risk of Censure: Accounting and MIS, American Culture Studies, ASOR, Economics, Political Science
 - Departments/Organizations Censured: None
- Approval of the September 4th Minutes
- Old Business
 - Professional Development Update
 - Status and Feedback
 - Resolution 2009.F1: Strategic Plan – 2nd Reading
 - Resolution 2009.F2: Creation of GSS Awards for Research Conference – 2nd Reading
- New Business
 - GSS Newsletter
 - Graduate Certificate Brochure

Highlights:

- International Student Health Insurance
- Other items of new business
- University and Faculty Senate Committee Reports
- Senate Executive Council (SEC) Reports
 - President – Carl Walling
 - Vice President – Michael Landis
 - Secretary – Gary Washington
 - Treasurer – Zippy Nyaga
 - Graduate Allocations Representative – Eric Miller
 - Representative at Large – Steve Dinda
 - Representative at Large – Chanelle Vigue
 - Academic Affairs – Irina Seceleanu
 - International and Multicultural Affairs – Emily Wyatt
 - Local, Regional, and National Affairs – Ellen Rooney
 - Student Affairs – Patrick El-Khoury
 - Academic and Professional Development – Elizabeth Sherwood
 - Social – Andrea Stout
 - Publicity – *vacant*
 - Parliamentarian – Scott Boston
- Announcements
 - BG vs. Boise State Football Game – September 26th at 7.00pm
 - GSS Pub Night – October 1st
- Adjournment

Note: All senators and guests must sign in. If you have not signed in see a member of the GSS Senate Executive Council (SEC) immediately after the General Assembly meeting. Also, please make sure to return voting cards at the end of the meeting.



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GSS General Assembly Meeting Minutes Friday, September 4th, 2009

Handouts

- Resolution 2009.F1: Endorsement in Principle of the Strategic Plan
- Resolution 2009.F2: Creation of GSS Awards for Research Conference
- Election Application: Treasurer, Zippy Nyaga
- Election Application: Graduate Allocations Representative, Eric Miller
- Welcome Letter
- GSS Constitution and Bylaws
- Open University and Faculty Senate Committees
- Robert's Rules of Order/Parliamentary Procedure Handout
- GSS Social Events Calendar

Highlights:

General Assembly Meeting

Call to Order, *Meeting Called to Order at 3.05pm*

- Roll Call (*Senators not present at roll call must see the Parliamentarian at the end of the meeting*)
 - Departments/Organizations at Risk of Censure: None
 - Departments/Organizations Censured: None

Guest Speakers

- Ohio State Representative Randy Gardner
 - Ellen Rooney, Local, Regional, and National Affairs Chair provided the introduction
 - Representative Gardner received both his masters and bachelors degree from Bowling Green State University.
 - Representative Gardner recognizes BGSU's excellence by referring to the recent announcement of BGSU's ranking in US News and World Report as tied for 11th in its commitment to undergraduate education. He also noted the positive impact of graduate students and graduate student teaching on this ranking.
 - Representative Gardner highlighted the recent construction projects on-campus include the groundbreaking of the Stroh center, the Wolfe Center for the Arts, and the funding for the Ice Arena renovations.
 - Through state-government support BGSU has received \$150,000 for ice arena renovations and \$200,000 for solar energy research. Rep. Gardner noted how BGSU's

efforts in solar technology have been positively received by industry; especially when compared to other area universities.

- Rep. Gardner discussed the centers of excellence program and noted how BGSU's emphasis on particular "centers of excellence" should not be seen as a move away from other academic programs. He supports a continuation of the variety of academic disciplines here at the university.
 - The current economic environment is very difficult. The state has decided to reduce the amount of funding to higher education for the 2010-2012 budget. However, Rep. Gardner recognizes that BGSU is a critical component to both Wood County and Northwestern Ohio.
 - Representative Gardner is willing to talk to Graduate students about issues in the future. Please feel free to follow-up inquires with his office.
- Sundeep Mutgi & Kevin Basch, *Undergraduate Student Government*
 - Due to unforeseen circumstances, Undergraduate Student Government could not present at the General Assembly this week. They will be rescheduled for a future date.

Old Business

- Elections: Treasurer
 - Only one nomination has been received by Graduate Student Senate for the office of Treasurer. The candidate, Zippy Nyaga (1st year, EdD student in Leadership Studies), provided an election application prior to the meeting. There were no additional nominations.
 - The candidate gave a speech to the general assembly and a vote for treasurer was held.
 - Zippy Nyaga is the new GSS Treasurer for the 2009-2010 academic year.
- Elections: Graduate Allocations Representative
 - Only one nomination has been received by Graduate Student Senate for the office of Graduate Allocations Representative. The candidate, Eric Miller (1st year, Math graduate student), provided an election application prior to the meeting. There were no additional nominations.
 - The candidate gave a speech to the general assembly and a vote for Graduate Allocations Representative was held.
 - Eric Miller is the new GSS Graduate Allocations Representative for the 2009-2010 academic year.

New Business

- GSS Attendance Policy for Department and Organization Senators
 - Michael Landis referred the GA senators to the GSS constitution regarding the attendance policy for the general assembly meetings. Senators are asked to provide written communication to the Senate Executive Committee of substitute representation (proxy). Senators were asked to look at Article 3, Section 2 for more information.

- New Funding for Professional Development Guidelines
 - Accessible at: <https://orgsync.com/forms/show/14816#>
 - This year Graduate Student Senate has decided to go green and the Funding for Professional Development application is on OrgSync! This will help the environment, increase accessibility to the forms, and ease the professional development process.
 - It is important to note that a graduate student applying for funding does not need to be a member of OrgSync to submit an application.

- Resolution 2009.F1: Strategic Plan – 1st Reading
 - Chanelle Vigue and Steve Dinda has sponsored legislation regarding this issue.

- Resolution 2009.F2: Creation of GSS Awards for Research Conference – 1st Reading
 - Ellen Rooney and Irina Seceleanu have sponsored legislation regarding this issue.

- Other items of new business
 - There was interest in the General Assembly in finding out more information regarding obtaining state certification in secondary education along with a non-education graduate degree. The Academic Affairs chair will follow-up with more information at a future GA.

- University and Faculty Senate Committee Reports

- Senate Executive Council (SEC) Reports
 - President – Carl Walling
 - The next general assembly meeting will be on September 25th (three weeks from today's meeting).
 - Overall, the GSS budget was reduced by 10% for the 2009-2010 academic year. However, the Senate Executive Committee has provided \$24,000 toward professional development funding.
 - This year, graduate student senate is very interested in pursuing topics within academic affairs this year.
 - The graduate student satisfaction survey will be reissued in Spring 2010.
 - GSS is currently working on developing a graduate student organization retreat, graduate student organizations should contact Carl if they are interested in attending.
 - We are looking toward expansion of the Shanklin awards for the 2009-2010 academic year into a conference opportunity for all graduate students. More information will be provided in the upcoming months.

- There are two vacancies on SEC for the upcoming year, parliamentarian and publicity chair. If you are interested in serving in either capacity, please contact Carl immediately after the meeting.
- Vice President – Michael Landis
 - Please read the GSS constitution and bylaws. If you have any questions, please let Michael know.
 - Also, if you are interested in serving on an university or faculty senate committee, contact Michael by next Friday with your committee preferences.
- Secretary – Gary Washington
 - No Report
- Treasurer – Zippy Nyaga
 - No Report
- Graduate Allocations Representative – Eric Miller
 - No Report
- Representative at Large – Steve Dinda
 - Steve would like to talk to any Senators who are interested in the question of how to better assess their assistantship experiences. Please contact Steve via e-mail if you are interested in this topic.
- Representative at Large – Chanelle Vigue
 - Chanelle is currently working on a GSS Newsletter to help inform graduate students about current events in the General Assembly, promote graduate student centered programming, and other news. Please contact Chanelle Vigue if you would like to submit information for the newsletter.
- Academic Affairs – Irina Seceleanu
 - Please talk to Irina for any issues, concerns, or question about academic affairs/policies. Irina invites all senators to participate in her academic affairs committee meetings. She will hold three meetings during the course of the semester.
- International and Multicultural Affairs – Emily Wyatt
 - No Report
- Local, Regional, and National Affairs –Ellen Rooney

- Ellen will correspond with Representative Gardner and express our thanks for speaking at the General Assembly.
- Student Affairs – Patrick El-Khoury
 - No Report.
- Academic and Professional Development – Elizabeth Sherwood
 - No Report.
- Social – Andrea Stout
 - Family Game Board Night on September 10th, 2009 (5.00p to 7.00p)
The event will be at the Black Swamp Pub.
- Publicity – *vacant*
- Parliamentarian – *vacant*
- Announcements
 - The recent passing of Charles Shanklin
- Adjournment, Meeting Adjourned at 4.45pm

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Bowling Green State University
Graduate Student Senate Resolution 2009.F1

Expressing Support Toward the Bowling Green State University “Charting Our Future” Strategic Plan

WHEREAS, Bowling Green State University has formulated a strategic plan titled Charting Our Future; and

WHEREAS the document was generated with active input from the University Community at large; and

WHEREAS, the stated goals of Charting Our Future are:

1. Facilitate lifelong learning, critical thinking and personal growth;
2. Produce high-quality scholarship and creative achievements throughout the University;
3. Build a diverse community and a culture of inclusion;
4. Develop mutually beneficial relationships between all stakeholders;
5. Support faculty and staff performance and development;
6. Create an optimal fiscal and physical plant infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the strategies of Charting Our Future are:

1. Create distinctive coherent undergraduate learning experiences that integrate curricular and co-curricular programs;
2. Expand the student populations for BGSU enrollment and implement programs to recruit them and retain them to successful program completion;
3. Identify and pursue economic development and curricular engagement opportunities;
4. Enhance institutional capabilities for research and creative achievements;
5. Realign individual and institutional incentives and resources to support institutional priorities;
6. Adapt institutional processes and resources for attracting new faculty and staff and for the development of their talent and contributions;
7. Increase institutional diversity and inclusion through communication of benefits; and

WHEREAS, the Bowling Green State University Graduate Student Senate represents the Graduate Student Body; and

WHEREAS, the Bowling Green State University Graduate Students make up a key component of the University Community; and

WHEREAS Graduate Students have a vested interest in the long term development in the University through a strategic plan; and

WHEREAS Graduate Student Senate anticipates being an integral part of the implementation process of Charting Our Future through University, Faculty, Senate, and various ad hoc committees in the future; and

WHEREAS the Graduate Student Senate applauds the spirit of the Charting our Future Strategic Plan;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Bowling Green State University Graduate Student Senate expresses its support in principle for the Charting Our Future University Strategic Plan; and

BE IT THEREFORE ALSO RESOLVED that the Bowling Green State University Graduate Student Senate will continue to be an integral part of the “Charting Our Future” implementation process.

Submitted by:
Stephen Dinda, Representative at Large
Chanelle Vigue, Representative at Large

Approved by the BGSU Graduate Student Senate General Assembly _____

Carl Walling, President

Bowling Green State University
Graduate Student Senate Resolution 2009.F2

Expressing Support Toward the Bowling Green State University Research Conference by
Establishing the “GSS Research Conference Awards”

WHEREAS, the Bowling Green State University Graduate Student Senate’s mission is to support the academic success of all graduate students;

WHEREAS, the Annual Bowling Green State University Research Conference for Faculty and Graduate Students is an opportunity for graduate students to present academic research and develop Curriculum Vitae conference credentials;

WHEREAS, the Annual Bowling Green State University Research Conference for Faculty and Graduate Students is an opportunity for graduate students to foster and create new relations with graduate students and faculty from different departments;

WHEREAS, the Bowling Green State University Graduate Student Senate has means to promote the Annual Bowling Green State University Research Conference to all Graduate students;

WHEREAS, the Bowling Green State University Graduate Student Senate has the right to propose and vote upon implementing academic programming efforts in the interest of the graduate student body according to Article II, section 3./b./i. of the Bowling Green State University Graduate Student Senate Constitutional Bylaws;

WHEREAS, the Bowling Green State University Graduate Student Senate has the right to propose and vote upon funding for academic programming awards according to Article III, section 4./a./ii. of the Bowling Green State University Graduate Student Senate Constitutional Bylaws;

WHEREAS, “GSS Research Conference Awards” is established as cash awards funded by Bowling Green State University Graduate Student Senate to graduate students who participate in the Annual Bowling Green State University Research Conference and demonstrate excellence in innovation of research and excellence in presentation and communication of research through the conference displays;

WHEREAS, the Bowling Green State University Graduate Student Senate has the right to propose and vote to form a committee to establish, implement, and judge the “GSS Research Conference Awards” at the Annual Bowling Green State University Research Conference; in accordance to Article III, Section V./a./iii. of the Bowling Green State University Graduate Student Senate Constitutional Bylaws;

WHEREAS, the Bowling Green State University Graduate Student Senate proposes the following guidelines for the establishment of the “GSS Research Conference Awards” committee and their duties:

- I. The Academic Affairs Chair and the Local, Regional and National Affairs Chair nominate five judges from the General Assembly and/or the SEC so that a diverse representation of the graduate student body on campus is ensured;
- II. The committee for the “GSS Research Conference Awards” then consists of the five selected judges and is chaired by the Local, Regional and National Affairs Chair;
- III. The duties of the committee include:
 - a. To establish the criteria and methods for the judges;
 - b. To encourage all Graduate Students to participate and/or attend;
 - c. To encourage Senators to promote, participate, and/or attend;
 - d. To oversee and confirm the judging at the BGSU Research Conference presentations for excellence in innovation of research and excellence in presentation and communication of research through the conference displays;
 - e. To award three \$50.00 cash prizes to winning graduate students;
 - f. To promote and introduce the Shanklin Awards to new Graduate Students;
 - g. To create a GSS display at the Annual Bowling Green State University Research Conference which promotes GSS, the “GSS Research Conference Award,” and the Shanklin Awards;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Bowling Green State University Graduate Student Senate expresses its support to establish the “GSS Research Conference Award” for the Annual Bowling Green State University Research Conference.

Submitted by: Ellen Rooney, Local, Regional and National Affairs Chair
Irina Seceleanu, Academic Affairs Chair
Chanelle Vigue, Representative at Large

Approved by the BGSU Graduate Student Senate General Assembly, _____

Carl Walling, President



What is GSS?

A brief guide to what the GSS does for you!

GSS, the governing body for graduate students at Bowling Green State University, is committed to being an efficient and effective governance organization for its constituents. Graduate Student Senate works for and represents the 3000 graduate students at Bowling Green State University. Through legislative efforts, active representation on University committees, and ongoing communication with administration, faculty, staff, and students we serve as the chief advocate for graduate student needs and issues throughout the university. Additionally, we work for improvements in every area, from support for graduate assistants to social and cultural engagement.

Decisions are made at BGSU every day that affect graduate students. Subtle changes, such as veteran's rights and adjustments to the student healthcare policy can occur without graduate student input. Graduate Student Senate exists to ensure the graduate student voice, when key issues are being addressed, is ever present and always heard.

Last year, GSS was active in the effort to acquire our newly available Student Dental Insurance option, provided over \$20,000 for student research and travel grants, as well as a number of research awards and social events.

INTRODUCING YOUR 2009-10

REPS-AT-LARGE



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We believe that the graduate students at Bowling Green are a crucial component of the University and we want to play a part in ensuring that the needs of the graduate community are well known and represented. We believe that change can happen and we will work to maintain and improve the quality of the graduate student experience here at BG. How so, you ask?

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GSS FALL FUNDING APPLICATIONS DUE SEPTEMBER 25TH!

Looking for some cash to fund a professional development opportunity?

GSS provides funding for graduate students throughout the year! The application process has been moved to an online format. Please note the dates of activity for the application process as they are approaching quickly for the Fall!

- Students asking for funding should keep in mind the policies set forth by GSS. These policies are online [HERE](#).

- The **online application**, with instructions for submission and reimbursement, can be found at: <https://orgsync.com/forms/show/14816>

See chart for due and activity dates on Page 2

This Just in! Watch President Cartwright and members of the Cabinet discuss the University Budget [Here!](#)

GSS EVENTS:

Grad Night September 10th -
 Family Board Game Night!
 Black Swamp Pub 5.00p - 7.00p

Grad Night: Homecoming
 October 1st - Grocery Bag Bingo!
 Black Swamp Pub 5.00p - 7.00p

Grad Night October 22nd -
 Halloween Festivities!
 Black Swamp Pub 5.00p - 7.00p

Hockey Night in BG
 Friday, November 13th
 Ice Arena meet @ 6:50p - 9.00p

GSS GradBash 2009



Grad JAM Friday, December 11th
 Student Union 6.00p - 10.00p

GSS Funding for Professional Development (Continued from Page 1)

Schedule of dates for activities, application due dates, decisions, and appeals:

Semester	Window of Activity	Applications Due (5:00pm)	Decisions Available	Appeals Due (5:00pm)	Appeal Decisions Available
Fall 2009	August 31 - January 11	September 25	October 2,3	October 9	October 19
Spring 2010	January 12 - May 10	January 29	February 5,6	February 12	February 22
Summer 2010	May 3 - August 25	April 2	April 9,10	April 16	April 26

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE GSS WEBSITE?

WHY NOT? GO TO WWW.BGSU.EDU/GSS

YOU CAN FIND CURRENT LEGISLATION, DEADLINES, AND ALL OUR CONTACT INFO!

WE'RE ALSO ON BLACKBOARD SO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR UPCOMING ANNOUNCEMENTS, OPINION POLLS, AND REMINDERS!

MEET YOUR SEC: GSS SENATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PRESIDENT: Carl Walling

Carl Walling is a fourth year Theatre PhD student at Bowling Green State University. He holds a Master of Fine Arts degree from Kent State University in theatre studies as well as a BA in theatre from Susquehanna University.



VICE PRESIDENT: Michael Landis

E-mail : mlandis@bgsu.edu
Works with the internal constitutions of GSS and University Officials
Degree: College Student Personnel

SECRETARY: Gary Ariel Washington

Hometown: Spanish Harlem, NY
Degree: 2nd Year Public History & Women's Studies Graduate Certificates
Student Organizations: Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity Inc, Alpha Phi Omega National Co-Ed Service Fraternity, Latino Student Union, and Humanities Troupe.
Contact Info: garyw@bgsu.edu

TREASURER: Zippy Nyaga

Degree: Ed.D in Leadership & Policy Assistantship: Research Assistant
Email: znyaga@bgsu.edu



I am responsible for the finances of the GSS and maintaining the budget of the group. I am excited because it gives me an opportunity to use some of the knowledge I am acquiring in class on leadership!

LOCAL, REGIONAL, AND NATIONAL AFFAIRS CHAIR: Ellen Rooney

Doctoral Candidate and Fellow in Theater and Film.
Local Regional and National Affairs brings wider political spheres to the attention of GSS and the Graduate Student body. This semester we sponsored Representative Randy Gardner to speak with the GSS at the Sept. 4th General Assembly.

STUDENT AFFAIRS CHAIR: Patrick El-Khoury



4th Year PhD Chemistry and Photochemical Sciences
Favorite food: Lebanese (I'm a bit biased though, so do not take my word for it!)

SOCIAL PROGRAMMING CHAIR :

Andrea Lee Stout

Degree: MA, College Student Personnel

Email: avoll@bgsu.edu



This year I will be planning social events for ALL graduate students, their friends and their families. I would hope that people of all ages and from every department will attend. Our first event will be Grocery Bag BINGO at the Black Swamp Pub in the BTSU on October 1st from 5-7PM. Come join us play BINGO and win FREE groceries!



PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT CHAIR:

Elizabeth Sherwood

Email: ezimmer@bgsu.edu

Degree: MA, Literature

I look forward to organizing new and helpful ways in which to serve the graduate population's professional development needs. I am looking to do more, smaller workshops this year, each with a specific topic that affects the graduate population. I welcome any suggestions you may have!

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS CHAIR: Irina Seceleanu

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PhD Candidate in Analysis, Pure Mathematics
I meet regularly with University officials to discuss academic affairs. This semester I will engage in conversations on academic advising; quality program assessment, in particular that of online courses; options for extending the academic curriculum; and department specific issues to enhance the academic performance of graduate students. Please contact me with any concerns you may have!

INTRODUCING YOUR GRAD REPS
(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1...)

From Steve:

I truly hope that I can meet many of my fellow grad students and become aware of problems or other issues. I would like to be of help in promoting changes beneficial to either a few grad students or the community at large.

Currently, I am heading up a project to assess the quality of assistantships across the university as a whole. I greatly desire to know what is important to graduate students from as many different departments as possible. I would appreciate as much feedback as I can get! I want to know what you as a grad student feel is helping you develop professionally, and what aspects of your BG experience have room for improvement. I would be happy to talk with any grad student, or set up a meeting with a group of grad students, to talk about aspects of your assistantship and your thoughts about the experience. You can contact me at sdinda@bgsu.edu.

*Sincerely,
Steve Dinda*

From Chanelle:

I ran for graduate representative-at-large because I felt that there was a lack of community amongst BGSU graduate students. The graduate population of this University is easy to overlook unless we remain an active, vocal, and involved part of the University community as a whole. I have made it my job to work with the rest of the SEC to bring our community together. The first steps for me are this newsletter and blackboard announcements. You have a right to know what the GSS is doing on your behalf and to add your voice, concerns, or opinions to our work. I will continue putting out this newsletter to inform you of what we are doing. I will ask for your opinion on specific resolutions and issues, but I also expect you to bring your concerns to our attention as necessary. I will soon be putting opinion polls on Blackboard to ask you how I should vote on and write future legislation. I ask that you help me by taking advantage of those tools to make your voices heard.

*Yours,
Chanelle Vigue*

Interested in starting a student organization?

Graduate Student Senate encourages you to do so!

For more information contact Michael Landis, graduate assistant for student organizational development, at mlandis@bgsu.edu

OR

Visit the Organization Services site: <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/sa/getinvolved/page62439.html>

CURRENT GSS LEGISLATION!

The GSS acts as the voice of all BGSU graduate students when we pass resolutions. Passed resolutions are reviewed and considered by University committees, often including officials at the highest levels. They truly do have an impact on the day-to-day decisions of the University.

There are two resolutions currently on the floor of the GSS General Assembly.

GSS 2009.F1:

A resolution to express GSS support, in principle, for the University's new Strategic Plan. The plan was developed with input from students, faculty and staff over the last year and can be found [HERE](#).

We understand that this plan is broad and that specific implementation plans have not been laid out and we believe that this resolution addresses that. The resolution can be found [HERE](#).

GSS 2009.F2:

This resolution is to create GSS-Sponsored awards and cash prizes for the Research Fair in the Fall. This event will help promote and facilitate the GSS Shanklin Awards in the Spring. Info on Shanklin Awards can be found [HERE](#).

*Thanks for reading our Update!
Have feedback? Questions?
Opinions? Please email them to
viguecr@bgsu.edu and I will get
back to you ASAP!*

-Chanelle Vigue