



Graduate Student Senate
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GSS General Assembly Meeting Agenda Friday, October 16th, 2009

Handouts

- General Assembly Minutes: October 2nd, 2009
- Fall Research Conference Awards Handout
- GSS GradJAM – SnowBall flyer
- NOH8 – LBGTQ Handout (*provided as a supplemental handout at General Assembly*)
- Student Recreation Center Letter (*provided as a supplemental handout at General Assembly*)
- USG Presentation of Shuttle Services (*provided as a supplemental handout at General Assembly*)

Guest Speakers

- Dr. Carol Cartwright – President
- Bryan Benner – Vice President for Administration

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: History, Psychology, African Peoples' Association, Graduate Women's Caucus, Graduate Writers Club, Higher Education & Administration Doctoral Students
 - Departments/Organizations Censured: Economics, African American Graduate Student Association
- Approval of the October 2nd Minutes
- Old Business
 - Transportation Fee Request – Legislation Update
- New Business
 - R2009.F3: Student Hard-Waiver Option for Health Insurance Legislation – First Reading
 - R2009.F4: Shuttle Fee Proposal – First Reading
 - Graduate Student Satisfaction Survey

- Other items of new business
- University and Faculty Senate Committee Reports
 - LBGT Taskforce (Gary Washington)
 - CUE Committee (Carl Walling)
 - Ice Arena Advisory Committee (Carl Walling)
 - Other Committee Reports
- Senate Executive Council (SEC) Reports
 - President – Carl Walling (wallinc@bgsu.edu)
 - Graduate Student Issues committee is examining several areas for the upcoming year including: a policy on graduate assistantships/graduate courses for major university health concerns, evaluating the quality of experience for a graduate student in graduate assistantships, creation of a minimum set of expectations for a graduate advisor, and re-issuing the graduate student satisfaction survey. If you have any concerns or issues about graduate education please contact me.
 - The Connecting the Undergraduate Experience (CUE) Committee will be giving several open forums to engage the campus community with the committee's on-going work. The open forums will be held on the following dates:
 - Wednesday, October 28th, 6.00-7.00pm, BTSU 202B
 - Thursday, October 29th, 3.30-5.00pm, BTSU 308
 - Friday, October 30th, 10.00-11.30pm, BTSU 308
 - Thursday, November 5th, 12.00-1.30 and 5.30-7.30pm, BGSU Firelands Campus
 - GSS is currently looking for a publicity chair and parliamentarian for the current year. Please contact me if you are interested in the position.
 - H1N1 vaccination shots are expected to be distributed to the campus community in the next few weeks. The health center anticipates that shots will be given free of charge to the student community. More information will be provided in the future, and students should watch for more information about the various on-campus locations that the health center will set-up as distribution sites for the shot.
 - Vice President – Michael Landis (mlandis@bgsu.edu)
 - The forum for Campus Safety has requested that a GSS representative attend informal gatherings on sustainability. The forums are held every third Monday over a brown bag lunch. Interested Senators should contact me promptly.
 - If you have asked to serve on a committee and have heard nothing from the respected chair, please contact me as soon as possible.
 - The Graduate College & University Libraries wishes to highlight that the first printing of the new 6th edition of the American Psychological Association (APA) publication manual

(published in July) has several errors. More information regarding the publication's errors and a provided electronic correction list for the July printing of the 6th edition is available on the library website at:

<http://blogs.bgsu.edu/ulnews/2009/10/09/new-apa-manual-published-with-7-pages-of-errors/>

- Please send committee updates to me by the Tuesday at 5:00pm before the GA so that I can include you notes in the GA packet.
- Secretary – Gary Washington
 - Out and Greek National LGBT & Ally Fraternity & Sorority Leadership Conference. Will be held in Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS November 19-22, 2009. Registration for Graduate Student before October 16th, 2009-165\$ and After October 16th, 2009-255\$ Registration includes all Programs Materials, Keynotes, Entertainment, and Select Food during the three day Conference.

<http://www.lambda10.org/outandgreek/index.html>
- Treasurer – Zippy Nyaga
 - Funding for Professional Development Update
- Graduate Allocations Representative – Eric Miller
- Representative at Large – Steve Dinda
- Representative at Large – Chanelle Vigue
 - Submissions for the October edition of the GSS Newsletter is due on October 20th. Please contact Chanelle If you have any items that your organization or department would like to include. (such as spotlighting graduate research in your department, major upcoming events, or graduate organization meeting times).
 - If any graduate student is interested in helping with developing blackboard survey questions or topics, please contact Chanelle regarding your interest.
- 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
 - Shanklin Awards – We are currently looking for judges for Graduate Student Senate's Shanklin Awards. The Shanklin Awards are a set of three \$1250 and \$750 awards for excellence in presenting research. Any suggestions or nominations for faculty judges would be greatly appreciated.

- Social – Andrea Stout
 - October 22nd Social Event – Pumpkin Carving
 - November 13th Social Event – Hockey Night
 - December 11th - Grad JAM “SnowBall” in BTSU 308 from 5.00 to 8.00pm
 - Tickets are \$5.00 for the event, we will have space for 100 people
 - To reserve your ticket, please stop by the GSS office or contact the GSS office by phone at 419.372.2426
 - Proceeds from the GSS’s annual silent auction will go to Classified Staff Council’s *Helping Hands* program
- Publicity – *vacant*
- Parliamentarian – *vacant*
- Announcements
 - Family Weekend – October 23rd – 25th
 - The next BGSU home football game will be on Saturday, October 24th at Noon (vs. Central Michigan). As a reminder, all BGSU students can attend all home athletic events free with a BGSU student ID.
 - Continental Concert
 - The College of Musical Arts will present its fall opera production: *Don Quixote* on November 6th at 8 pm and November 8th at 3 pm in Kobacker Hall. For ticketing and/or more information, contact the CMA Box Office at 419-372-8171.
 - The Department of Theatre & Film is presenting its fall musical “You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown”, which is directed by graduate student Macaela Carder. There will be performances on October 22nd – 25th in the Eva Marie Saint Theatre. Tickets are \$12 for BGSU students and \$6 for children under \$12. For tickets or more information, contact the Theatre Box Office at 419-372-2719.
 - The BGSU Faculty Association invites all interested parties to a presentation and discussion regarding university finances. The discussion will be led by Dr. Rudy Fichtenbaum, Professor of Economics at Wright State University. The event will occur on Thursday, October 22nd in BTSU 314.
 - The Fine Arts Center Galleries will present two exhibitions, entitled “The Poetic Dialogue Project” and “Contemporary India,” both open Friday, October 16th.
- Adjournment

Note: The next meeting of the General Assembly will be on Friday, October 30th at 3.00 – 5.00pm.

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GSS General Assembly Meeting Minutes Friday, October 2nd, 2009

Handouts

- General Assembly Minutes: September 25th, 2009
- Minimum Expectations of a Graduate Advisor

General Assembly Meeting

Call to Order, *Meeting Called to Order at 3.03pm*

- Roll Call (*Senators not present at roll call must see the Parliamentarian at the end of the meeting*)
 - Departments/Organizations at Risk of Censure: Art, Music, College of Technology, African American Graduate Student Association
 - Departments/Organizations Censured: Economics

Guest Speakers

- Dr. Craig Vickio, *Counseling Center*
 - The most common issues for students at BGSU is the following: Depression (33%), Relationship issues (30%), and Anxiety/Stress (29%).
 - The counseling center also has a wide range of mental health services including: expedited mental health services, availability of emergency services, established walk-in hours on 1:30-4pm Monday-Thursday, and the elimination of the student waiting list.
 - Expansion of group services: therapy groups, support groups, and stress clinics. Students gain more out of group sessions. We also have provisions for consultative services, outreach, heightened collaboration with other units, development of an emergency protocol for mobilizing mental health resources, expansion of on-line resources, and launching of a new “community of care” initiative. The counseling center has a psychiatrist available six (6) hours a week.
- Chief James Wiegand, *Director, Public Safety*
 - Chief Wiegand generally talks about the police side of student life; however, he also handles parking and the shuttle services. The shuttle is funded by parking fees, which

amounts to approximately half a million dollars. In 1997-98, we expanded our shuttle services, which was first started in 1989. We established the off campus south and the two-ride services. In 2004, there was an additional request for a north route, Kroger, the Woodland Mall, and Court Street. For the last 3 yrs the Undergraduate Student Senate has said that they want a late-night and downtown route. Right now, we are at the point where we can keep the shuttle service as is and parking; however, we are looking to establish a fund for better buses, parking, and expansion. The \$20 transportation fee would allow for the expansion a downtown route and late night route.

- Faculty and Staff in the 2010-2011 year will have to pay for their parking.
- Parking Committee Meeting will meeting in the next couple of weeks.
- Q: Extend the shuttle route for major apartment's complexes?
A: We looked a few years ago, Winthrop terrace and Enclave already established there own shuttle service. 20 fees would give about 600 thousand dollars.
- Q: Handicap accessibility?
A: Majority of the Buses is handicap accessible and we have one hybrid bus.
- Q: How many students run the shuttle on the day?
A: Approx half a million students of the year
- Q: With the student fees, would student need to pay every semester? Including the summer session?
A: Fees every semester . The Summer Session was overlooked but can be factored.
- Parking fees has gone up about 60\$ in the last 13yrs and it has been a slow increase. The Fee will also establish a 3-5 yr renovation plan for the parking lots on the campus.

Old Business

- Approval of the September 25th General Assembly Minutes.
 - Motion to waive reading, Seconded.
 - The September 25th Minutes are approved.
- GSS Budget Presentation
 - Zippy Nyaga, GSS Treasurer presented the 2009-2010 GSS Budget for the general assembly's approval.
 - There is a motion to approve the 2009-2010 GSS Budget. Seconded.
 - The 2009-2010 GSS Budget is approved.
- International Student Health Insurance Update
 - The new GSS representative to the Student Health Services (SHS) committee, Yury Shtarkman (Senator, Biology) updated the GA regarding the SHS committee's first meeting.
 - Additionally, he attended a working group of international students with Paul Hofmann. Yury would like to gather data from the graduate students by sending an e-mail with simple questions to get this issue help. First, to ask about the decreasing the premium for the insurance. Second, to construct a survey on vendors and finding optional plans for students, and also looking where the money goes.

- Yury would like to send out those questions over listproc to gain responses.
- There were concerns about data in terms of specific ailments, the potential for underestimating the actual numbers, and receiving accurate answers students..

New Business

- Transportation Fee Request

Questions on Transportation:

Q: What about establishing a late night fee of 75 cents/ 50 cents. System works at other institutions. Jeff Larocque will find more information (Senator: Theatre).

Q: Where do Grad students fit in – how are our transportation needs met by the shuttle service?

Q: Parking passes costs?

Q: Demand?

Q: Regarding the evening route expansion: what about the dial a ride system?

Q: Would graduate fee waivers cover the cost?

A: The amount of money available for fee waivers has decrease, so even though most fees are covered by assistantship, they may not continue to be as deliberations over fees are ongoing.

- Graduate Student Organization Request

- Carl asks that representatives from graduate organizations stay after the meeting to discuss the student retreat.

- Minimum Expectations for a Graduate Advisor

- In the packet. Grew out of Emmanuel's initiative: revised at the end of last year.
- Is this still what we want? Can we send it forward to Graduate Concerns Committee?
- Revise the language regarding the graduate time table.
- Perhaps add that the graduate advisor should inform student of certification programs.
- Otherwise, Graduate Student Senate can move forward with the proposal.

- Other items of new business

Malcolm Campbell: United Way campaign on campus.

Volunteer drive: ask for a gift, coupon, or cash card at local businesses to give prizes for the payroll campaign. Looking for 100 prizes.

- University and Faculty Senate Committee Reports

- The University Naming Committee has approved the naming of the Video/Digital Viewing Room and Resource Center (in Hanna Hall) in honor of Dr. Ralph H. Wolfe. The proposal has gone forward to the Board of Trustees for final approval during their October 2nd meeting.
 - Please report to the GA if you are representing graduate student concerns on a committee, we need senators to relay information back to the General Assembly.
 - If your committee has not contacted you and you have been assigned to a committee, please let Michael Landis or Carl Walling know.
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 - If anyone is interested in helping me with the Graduate Certificate Brochure project, please email me at garyw@bgsu.edu.
 - 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.
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 - Homecoming Weekend

- Homecoming Football Game (vs. Ohio) will be on Saturday, October 3rd at 4.00pm
- Department of Theatre & Film Production: *Burning Patience*
October 2nd through 4th at the Joe E. Brown Theatre in University Hall
- Adjournment, Meeting Adjourned at 4.45 pm

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Graduate Student Senate Announces

GSS Research Conference Awards

\$50 Cash Prizes awarded to 3 Graduate Students

for Excellence in presentation and research at BGSU Research Conference



***All Graduate Students presenting at Conference are
automatically eligible for the Award.***

2009 Research Conference Online Submission Form at

http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/ospr/research_conference/page57181.html

Deadline: Friday, October 23, 2009, 5 pm (Electronic Submission REQUIRED)

Graduate Student Senate
Presents...

Dinner

Entertainment

Raffle

Semi-formal

SnowBall

December 11, 2009 - 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.
BOWEN THOMPSON STUDENT UNION
ROOM 308

Get your tickets at the GSS office or call 419-372-2426
Tickets are limited

**\$5 PER
TICKET**

Sale proceeds benefit
Bowling Green's Helping Hands.

ANNOUNCEMENT/GUIDELINES

KATZNER AND UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE FUNDS FOR GRADUATE STUDENT RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PURPOSE: The Katzner and University Bookstore Funds for Graduate Student Research and Professional Development are designed to supplement costs for graduate student research (project, thesis, or dissertation) and professional development activities. Proposals will be evaluated based on their ability to promote high quality, independent research.

ELIGIBILITY: Any fully admitted graduate student who is currently enrolled and in good academic standing is eligible to apply. Up to 20 (10 in Spring and 10 in Fall) awards of no more than \$1000 may be awarded each year. Graduate Departments/Programs may submit up to two applications per semester.

Requests for Research Support:

Students requesting funds for dissertation/thesis/project research must have an approved topic on file. A faculty committee will evaluate the quality of each proposed project.

The following items are **allowable budget requests**:

- Research related materials and supplies
- Photocopies of required materials (surveys, forms, etc.)
- Travel necessary for conducting the research project (in most cases travel in Wood County and adjacent counties will not be reimbursed)
- Equipment and/or repair of equipment or computer software that is essential for the project and not otherwise available on campus
- Payments to human subjects, if justified

The following items are **not** allowable expenses:

- Direct financial support of the applicant
- Clerical and research assistants, transcribers or consultants
- Routine office materials and general office supplies, standard lab materials, chemicals and glassware
- Cameras and camcorders, cell phones, local telephone costs, or hardware
- Copying, duplicating and/or binding of the thesis, dissertation or project

All expenses must be incurred after the request for funding is approved. Expenses incurred earlier will be decided on a case-by-case basis.

All equipment and non-disposable materials obtained with these funds will become the property of Bowling Green State University and returned to the student's department.

Requests for reimbursement of travel to conventions, conferences, workshops and meetings sponsored by professional organizations:

Students must be presenting their research in the form of a panel, paper, poster, etc. to be eligible for funding.

The following items are allowable travel expenses:

- All travel expenses reimbursable under BGSU's *Travel Reimbursement Policy* including transportation, lodging, and registration. A copy of this policy is available on the Business Office website at the following link: <http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/business/>

APPLICATION: To have an application considered for funding, students must:

- Complete an application and have their faculty advisor or graduate chair comment as to whether or not their conference participation is required by their program or necessary for their degree completion.
- Attach a copy of the program or letter of invitation (an E-mail is also acceptable) *with the applicant's name clearly listed* verifying participation in the conference.

AWARDS: Students may receive *only one* award from the Katzner/University Bookstore Funds (either domestic or international, not both) during the course of their graduate career

NOTIFICATION: Applicants will be notified of the results in writing.

DEADLINE: Only complete applications submitted by the deadline will be considered for funding. Applications must be received in the Graduate College PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE. Completed applications will be reviewed on a first come, first served basis. PLEASE NOTE THAT NO APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING RETROACTIVELY. The deadlines are as follows:

Fall Semester: November 15

Spring Semester: March 15

*These deadlines are firm; however, if one should fall on a weekend or holiday, it will be extended to the following business day. Completed applications are to be sent to **Dr. Deanne Snavelly, Associate Dean, Graduate College.**

Funding is limited and may become exhausted at any time. These guidelines are subject to change. Changes will be effective immediately. Please check the website for the most current guidelines before submitting an application. Note that each application will be considered on an individual basis according to each student's circumstances, and that it is the responsibility of the student to ensure their application is complete and submitted by the deadline. Incomplete applications will not be considered for funding.

Bowling Green State University
Graduate Student Senate Resolution 2009.F4

Resolution Opposing the Proposed Shuttle & Transportation Fee

WHEREAS, the graduate student body recognizes the utility of the shuttle service, the effort of its dedicated employees, and the benefits, both in convenience and safety, of the shuttle service to the student population,

WHEREAS, the majority of the graduate student body does not regularly use the shuttle service and an expansion of the shuttle service to include a late night downtown route would serve little benefit to the majority of the graduate student body,

WHEREAS, the graduate student body anticipates the increase in parking permit rates for students, faculty, and staff in the upcoming years, which may increase revenue for parking services,

LET IT BE THEREFORE RESOLVED that the graduate student body does not support a \$20 per semester transportation fee, and

ALSO, LET IT BE THEREFORE RESOLVED that the graduate student body recognizes that by not supporting the Shuttle & Transportation Fee proposal that this may lead to a reduction in shuttle services as a result in order to meet budgetary constraints.

Submitted by: Steve Dinda, Representative-at-Large
 Eric W. Miller, Graduate Allocations Representative

Approved by the BGSU Graduate Student Senate General Assembly, _____

Carl Walling, President

Bowling Green State University
Graduate Student Senate Resolution 2009.F4

Support for the Hard-Waiver option for all Graduate Students

WHEREAS, a 2005 Board of Trustees resolution approved the “hard-waiver” option for all graduate students,

WHEREAS, a result of the Board of Trustees resolution, the Bowling Green State University 2009-2010 Student Handbook clearly states that any full-time graduate student that can meet the university defined minimum requirements for health insurance is entitled to a “hard-waiver” exemption to the university’s health insurance policy and that international students must provide an English-language copy of their alternative insurance plan for hard-waiver exemption to the Student Health Insurance office.

WHEREAS, 2005 Student Health Services Advisory committee endorsed the “hard-waiver” option,

WHEREAS, in 2005 both GSS and USG supported and ratified a resolution, supporting the “hard-waiver” option for all full-time students, both domestic and international,

WHEREAS, a student with a “hard waiver” has provided the university student insurance office proof of their health insurance plan that exceeds or meets the university’s expectations for minimum coverage,

WHEREAS, students applying for a “hard-waiver” option should be evaluated equally regardless of national origin, and that insurance plans that exceed or meet the minimum guidelines for the “hard-waiver” exemption should be treated equally,

WHEREAS, if repatriation expenses are considered to be a necessary additional minimum health insurance requirement for international students, that the additional requirement for this coverage could be obtained by alternative insurance methods,

WHEREAS, the communication of changes in student health insurance policy needs to be more effective to affected groups in a more timely and effective manner,

WHEREAS, Graduate Student Senate, as the graduate student constituent representative body, should be directly consulted regarding major changes in student policy as they are being discussed,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that Graduate Student Senate re-endorses “hard-waiver” option for all graduate students enrolled full-time at BGSU,

ALSO, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that both domestic and international students should have clear definitions of the minimum standards for “hard-waiver” exemptions, and that graduate students have easy access to those standards and the health insurance deadlines,

ALSO, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that Graduate Student Senate expects that all graduate student applications submitted for the “hard-waiver” exemption are examined objectively only on the basis of the university’s pre-described guidelines.

Submitted by: Steve Dinda, Representative-at-Large
Patrick El-Khoury, Student Affairs Chair
Rachelle Barr, Senator: Mathematics and Statistics
Ana Gustisus, Senator: Mathematics and Statistics
Yury Shtarkman, Senator: Biological Sciences
Ellen Rooney, Local, State, and National Affairs Chair

Approved by the BGSU Graduate Student Senate General Assembly, _____

Carl Walling, President