



Graduate Student Senate  
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## **GSS General Assembly Meeting Agenda Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

### **Handouts**

- General Assembly Minutes: October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009
- GSS GradJAM – SnowBall Flyer
- GSS Hockey Night Flyer
- R2009.F4: Opposition to the Shuttle Fee Proposal
- R2009.F5: Support for Fifth Year PhD Funding
- B2009-2010.F1: Naming the Graduate Student Colloquium after Charles E. Shanklin
- B2009-2010.F2: Funding for Professional Development Allocation by Experience
- B2009-2010.F3: Endorsement for Compensation of the GSS Vice President
- African People's Association Cultural Conference Flyer
- Print Responsibly Flyer (ITS)

### **Guest Speakers**

#### **Agenda**

- Call to Order
- Guest Speakers
  - Dr. Craig Zirbel (Associate Professor, Mathematics and Sciences)
  - TBD Guest from Dance Marathon
- Roll Call (*Senators not present at roll call must see the Parliamentarian at the end of the meeting*)
  - Departments/Organizations at Risk of Censure: Applied Statistics & Operations Research, Sociology, Popular Culture
  - Departments/Organizations Censured: Art, Economics, African American Graduate Student Association, Graduate Writers Club
- Approval of the October 30<sup>th</sup> Minutes
- Old Business
  - R2009.F4: Opposition to the Shuttle Fee Proposal – Second Reading

- New Business
  - R2009.F5: Fifth Year PhD Funding
  - B2009-2010.F1: Naming the New Graduate Student Colloquium after Charles E. Shanklin
  - B2009-2010.F2: Funding for Professional Development Allocation by Experience
  - B2009-2010.F3: Endorsement for compensation of the GSS Vice President
  - Other items of new business
- University and Faculty Senate Committee Reports
  - Faculty Senate Budget Committee (Zippy Nyaga)
  - Centennial Anniversary Celebration Committee (Emily Wyatt)
  - Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee (Carl Walling – Refer to SEC Report)
  - Other Committee Reports
- Senate Executive Council (SEC) Reports
  - President – Carl Walling (wallinc@bgsu.edu)
    - The Print Responsibly campaign is entering a trial period to examine cost savings and other efficiencies in implementing a leasing program with a printing company that will manage printing services. The university estimates that implementing this program will save the university approximately \$1.5M in operating expenses. The savings from this program will stay within each individual department, program, or office. I am currently in the process of arranging a representative from ITS to provide more information to the GA at a future date. More information can be found online at:  
  
<http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/mc/page72756.html>
    - The Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee met last week to discuss several issues and proposals. Currently, athletics is working on the final stages of an RFP (request for proposals) process, which will help the university to decide whether or not to partner with an outside firm to help manage the Stroh Center (and possibly the Ice Arena). The Falcon Club completed a successful member drive with 215 new members. The home football game versus Boise State was the first sellout at the Doyt since 2003. Currently there are discussions regarding student-athlete travel policies, these discussions will continue throughout the Fall semester.
    - The Office of Residence Life is holding two suites in Founders Hall for graduate students in the 2010-2011 academic year. If you are interested Contact residence life for more information at: [reslife@bgsu.edu](mailto:reslife@bgsu.edu)
    - Graduate organizations that wish to promote their organization's functions in the written announcements section within the GSS agenda should contact Carl by Wednesday at 3.00pm on the week of General Assembly.

- 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.
- GSS is currently looking for a publicity chair and parliamentarian for the current year. Please contact me if you are interested in the position.
- The General Assembly guest speaker for December 4<sup>th</sup> will be Dr. Deanne Snavelly (Interim Dean of the Graduate College). We are currently trying to schedule additional speakers for the meeting.
- Vice President – Michael Landis (mlandis@bgsu.edu)
  - Representatives needed for:
 

Health Services Advisory Committee  
Domestic graduate student representative needed to represent the graduate student body. This is a non-voting, guest member; however, a volunteer would be able to give input to the larger body resulting in second voice for fellow graduate students.

Multicultural Affairs Committee (College of Education)  
Any interested member would be immersed in issues related to multicultural affairs within the College of Education and possibly the larger university environment. This is a wonderful opportunity don't pass it up!

Please pass this along to your constituents. Interested parties should contact me directly ([mlandis@bgsu.edu](mailto:mlandis@bgsu.edu)).
  - If you have asked to serve on a committee and have heard nothing from the respected chair, please contact me as soon as possible.
  - 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
- Treasurer – Zippy Nyaga
- Graduate Allocations Representative – Eric Miller
- Representative at Large – Steve Dinda
- Representative at Large – Chanelle Vigue
  - Submissions for the December edition of the GSS Newsletter will be due in the next couple of weeks for the December edition of the newsletter. 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 – Rachelle Barr
- 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.
  - If you have any ideas for sessions at Professional Development Day in the Spring semester, please contact Elizabeth.
- Social – Andrea Stout
  - November 13<sup>th</sup> Social Event – Hockey Night
    - 5.00p                      Food (Chipotle and Pizza)
    - 5.15-7.05p              Free Curling Lessons (provided by the BGSU Curling Club)  
~~ Bring Clean Sneakers with You ~~
    - 7.05p                      Home Hockey Game vs. Alaska (Free w/BGSU Student ID)
  - December 11<sup>th</sup> - 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
  - Graduate organizations that wish to work on collaborative social programming with GSS should contact Andrea regarding interest and/or ideas for the Spring semester.
- Announcements
  - Did you know that the GSS website lists scholarship and grant information for Graduate Students? During the course of the semester, we update the webpage with additional information. Check the page at: [www.bgsu.edu/gss](http://www.bgsu.edu/gss)
  - Housing Fair 2009 on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> 10.00am to 2.30pm. There are free giveaways to the first 250 students. Raffle Prizes and Free Food throughout the day (including a chance to win free rent for a year). Sponsored by Off-Campus Student Services, Wood County Apartment Association, Office of Residence Life, BGSU Dining, BGSU Bookstore. Contact: [offcampus@bgsu.edu](mailto:offcampus@bgsu.edu) for more information.

- The Centennial Kick Off Concert is set for January 10, 2010 in Anderson Arena. Headlining the concert is Gavin DeGraw with special guest Michelle Branch. Tickets are \$20 for BGSU students and can be purchased in the Office of Campus Activities. Students can purchase two tickets with a BGSU ID.
- The upcoming Kwanzaa Celebration is on Friday, Dec. 4, in 101 Olscamp Hall, featuring special guest Dr. Safisha Hill from Dallas, Texas. There will be African dancing and drumming, singing and light refreshments. The event is free and open to all in the BGSU community. For more information, contact Sheila Brown at [stbrown@bgsu.edu](mailto:stbrown@bgsu.edu).

▪ Adjournment

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## **GSS General Assembly Meeting Minutes Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

### **Handouts**

- General Assembly Minutes: October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009
- GSS GradJAM – SnowBall flyer
- R2009.F3: Student Hard-Waiver Option for Health Insurance Legislation
- R2009.F4: Opposition to the Shuttle Fee Proposal
- Local Elections Information Packet
- Student Leaders/City Administration Report
- Centennial Concert Flyer (University Activities Organization)
- Diwali Mela Flyer (Indian Student Association)

### **General Assembly Meeting**

#### **Guest Speakers**

- No Guest Speaker

#### **Call to Order**, *Meeting Called to Order at 3.00pm*

- Roll Call (*Senators not present at roll call must see the Parliamentarian at the end of the meeting*)
- Approval of the October 16<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Minutes.
  - Motion to waive reading, Seconded.
  - The October 16<sup>th</sup> Minutes are approved.

#### **Old Business**

- R2009.F3: Student Hard-Waiver Option for Health Insurance Legislation – Second Reading
  - Senator Vigue stated that she thought the legislation was good, but thought that American students should be referred to as domestic students and recommended that we use “and” in some places
  - Legislation Passes (35 in favor, 0 against, 3 abstentions)
- R2009.F4: Opposition to the Shuttle Fee Proposal – Second Reading

- Carl and Steve will be meeting with Sherideen Stoll, VP Finance, to discuss this issue further. Vice President Bryan Benner will be attending General Assembly in the future.
- USG will be conducting a non-binding vote of the undergraduate student population on November 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>
- Senator Vigue: Motion to table until we have more information
- Motion to table Passes.

## **New Business**

- Funding for professional development discussion
  - A discussion was lead by the Senator from the Sociology Graduate Student Association regarding getting funding for professional development based on the type of professional development experience (Presenting, Leadership, Attending). Give an increased amount for those who are presenting at conferences rather than those who just attend .
  - Vice President Landis recommended that if this is something we want to do, then individuals interested in working on this topic should collaborate with an executive member and draft legislation.
  - A small committee will be contacted to identify a method that would work. That committee will receive information regarding the breakdown of types of participation in FPD and the distance travel. We'd be very interested in what a group of you would have to say.
- Graduate Certificate Program in Online Education
  - Gives background and qualifications to participate in online opportunities.
  - The General Assembly agreed to investigate this topic further.
- Obtaining a teaching license
  - Report on the feasibility of this topic.
  - What can you do to obtain a teaching license after your master's degree? You must take a 4-year education program in order to do that. There are a few classes that will be actually transferred. The alternative route involves you finding a high-school to sponsor you and could possibly take a few catch-up classes in order to teach sooner. This is more realistic for more specialized programs.
  - Q: (Senator, Music) Will this damage the reputation of BG's teaching program?  
A: No, I do not believe that it will
  - There issues with converting undergrad courses for graduate credit. The state of Ohio will actually have a certificate program. In that sense I will presume the issue will be taken care of at state level. This can take up to 3 to 4 years to obtain in terms of paper work.

## **University and Faculty Senate Committee Reports**

- No additional 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 University Budget Committee has been given its charge to create a budget proposal for FY 2011. GSS will provide the general assembly with more updates in the upcoming months about the university's plan to be fiscally responsible in the upcoming 2010-2011 academic year.
- 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 last main campus forum was today. We will invite the committee representatives to present information to GSS at a future general assembly (most likely early in the Spring).
- 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.
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- Vice President – Michael Landis (mlandis@bgsu.edu)
  - 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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/>  
  
 APA will release a new edition of their style guide, which will be provided free of charge to those students who purchased the first printing of the 6<sup>th</sup> edition APA publication manual. Please refer to the APA website for more details.
  - 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009-165\$ and After October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009-255\$ Registration includes all Programs Materials, Keynotes, Entertainment, and Select Food during the three day Conference.

<http://www.lambda10.org/outandgreek/index.html>

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  - Paul Hofmann sent out a survey to the international student community. Students receiving the survey should fill it out for the center of international programs.
- Local, Regional, and National Affairs –Ellen Rooney
  - Tuesday is Election Day. On the ballot with be a Bowling Green city proposal for a .08% Temporary Income Tax increase.
  - In May 2010 Wooster will be repaved and restored. A new city ordinance ( 94.04) requires you to bring your garbage in within 24hrs, if an individual is cited by the city the fines will be \$50-\$200.
  - There will be a meeting for the committee of the fall research conference award immediately after the General Assmebly
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  - The India Student Association (ISA) would like to invite you to come experience Indian classical and contemporary dance, music, food, fashion and much more at the 2009 DIWALI MELA!!.

WHERE: Lenhart Grand Ballroom, Bowen-Thompson Student Union

WHEN: November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 starting at 6.00pm

TICKETS: Purchase Tickets at the Information Desk in the Union or Contact: Purnima Gopalkrishnan (678-763-2337; purnimg@bgsu.edu) OR Senthil Velan Yuvraj (419-575-5700; ysenathi@bgsu.edu) OR Deepa Oommen (419-494-3392; doommen@bgsu.edu)

- The College of Musical Arts will present its fall opera production: *Don Quixote* on November 6<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm and November 8<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm in Kobacker Hall. For ticketing and/or more information, contact the CMA Box Office at 419-372-8171.
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**Bowling Green State University**  
**Graduate Student Senate Resolution 2009.F4**

Resolution Opposing a Shuttle and Transportation Fee Indiscriminate of Student Use, and Supporting Investigation of Alternate Means of Levying a Shuttle and Transportation Fee

WHEREAS, the Graduate Student Senate recognizes the utility of the shuttle service, the effort of its dedicated employees, and the benefits in both convenience and safety of the shuttle service to the student population, and endorses sustaining the shuttle service, and

WHEREAS, the graduate student body recognizes that parking services can no longer finance the shuttle service through parking passes and citations alone, and that an added student fee has therefore been proposed to maintain the shuttle service, and

WHEREAS, the Graduate Student Senate supports the Undergraduate Student Government in their request for an expansion of the shuttle service to include all resident parking lots and a late night downtown route, and

WHEREAS, the Graduate Student Senate recognizes that a majority of the Graduate Student body may not regularly utilize the shuttle service, and

WHEREAS the Graduate Student Senate believes that Shuttle and Transportation Fee should only be applied to Graduate or Undergraduate students who choose to utilize the shuttle service, and

WHEREAS the Graduate Student Senate believes that a Shuttle and Transportation Fee should not be applied to those Graduate or Undergraduate students who do not choose to utilize the shuttle service, and

WHEREAS representatives from GSS have discussed alternate means of levying the proposed fee in a manner consistent with the above stated beliefs, and

WHEREAS, the Graduate Student Senate eagerly awaits the opportunity to continue working with Chief Wiegand, Parking Services, and the Office of Vice President Stoll on the proposed Shuttle and Transportation fee; each of whom GSS commends for their consideration of the welfare of the Bowling Green State University student body as a whole,

LET IT BE THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Graduate Student Senate does not support a Shuttle and Transportation fee levied indiscriminately as to individual student use of the Shuttle Service, and

ALSO, LET IT BE THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Graduate Student Senate supports the investigation of alternate means for levying the proposed Shuttle and Transportation Fee that would take individual student utility of the Shuttle service into consideration.

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

**Approved by the BGSU Graduate Student Senate General Assembly**

**Voted upon by the GSS General Assembly on -----**  
**Senators For: -                      Senators Against: -                      Abstentions: -**

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Carl H. Walling, GSS President  
Signed on

**Bowling Green State University**  
**Graduate Student Senate Resolution B2009-2010.F1**

Creation of the Charles E. Shanklin Colloquium

WHEREAS, Bowling Green State University alumnus Charles E. Shanklin's extraordinary service to the BGSU community has had immeasurable impact on all aspects of the university, including graduate education.

WHEREAS, Article II Section 2.C of the GSS Constitution states that the GSS may "institute any measure or function deemed proper to the interest of the BGSU graduate student community," and

WHEREAS, Article II Section 3.B of the GSS Constitution bylaws states that the Academic and Professional Development Programming Chair will serve as a lead in the planning and implementation of all aspects of the GSS and Shanklin Awards program (held in April), and

WHEREAS, the 2009-2010 GSS President and Academic and Professional Development Programming Chair are working to create a Colloquium to further encourage and promote graduate student research in all disciplines, and

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Shanklin Awards are to be accompanied by the Charles E. Shanklin Colloquium, and that this colloquium event will be named in memory of Charles E. Shanklin's significant service to graduate education, graduate student research, and the university at-large, and

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the planning and implementation of this event will be added to the duties of the Academic and Professional Development Programming Chair and the GSS President, and that the Academic and Professional Development Programming Chair may create an ad hoc committee to aid these efforts as needed.

Submitted by: Steve Dinda, Representative-at-Large  
Chanelle Vigue, Representative-at-Large

**Approved by the BGSU Graduate Student Senate General Assembly,**

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Carl Walling, President

**Bowling Green State University**  
**Graduate Student Senate Legislation B2009-2010.F2**

**GSS Bylaws Amendment: Funding for Professional Development**

WHEREAS, the Graduate Student Senate awards professional development funds for graduate students attending professional development events, and

WHEREAS, according Article III Section 4(b.3) currently states that “[f]unding will be distributed equally among all approved applications except when requested amount is less than award. In such case, the award will equal the request.”, and

WHEREAS, Graduate Student Senate would like to acknowledge the additional effort and workload of those graduate students presenting or accepting leadership roles in professional organizations, and

WHEREAS, Graduate Student Senate would like to encourage these efforts by awarding an additional 15% more for professional development funding to those graduate students who commit to the greater effort and workload involved in presenting research or accepting a leadership role, and

WHEREAS, Graduate Student Senate would still award funding for those graduate student attending or otherwise participating in professional development events.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that in the Graduate Student Senate Bylaws Article III, Section 4 (b.iii.1) be amended as follows:

Current Language: “1. Funding will be distributed equally among all approved applications except when requested amount is less than award. In such case, the award will equal the request.”

Amended Language: “1. Funding will be distributed equally among all approved applications, with those applicants that serve in leadership positions or present research receiving an additional 15 percent above the base attendee or other participant distribution.”

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Submitted by:        Julia Mack, Senator: Sociology Graduate Student Association  
                             Chanelle Vigue, Representative-at-Large

**Approved by the BGSU Graduate Student Senate General Assembly,**

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Carl Walling, President

**Bowling Green State University**  
**Graduate Student Senate Legislation B2009-2010.F3**

Support for the Compensation of the GSS Vice President  
Starting in the 2010-2011 Academic Year

WHEREAS, Bowling Green State University Graduate Student Senate recognizes the significant time commitment of individuals serving as GSS Vice President, and

WHEREAS, Article II Section 2(c) of the GSS Constitution states that the GSS may “institute any measure or function deemed proper to the interest of the BGSU graduate student community,” and

WHEREAS, Article III Section 4(a) of the GSS bylaws states that “GSS uses its budget for the accomplishment of the GSS mission as provided for the Constitution”, and

WHEREAS, the position of Graduate Student Senate Vice President has traditionally served as an integral and essential component of the day-to-day functioning of GSS.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that Graduate Student Senate supports the proposal of compensating the individual serving in the role of GSS Vice President starting in the 2010-2011 academic year, and

LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that GSS will allocate a maximum of five hundred dollars to assist that individual’s continued professional development, by means of financial reimbursement for conference or research travel. The GSS Vice President will receive up to the half the maximum designated amount from these funds each semester, as reimbursement for their professional development travel during the course of the academic year. The funds will be paid to the individual following the successful completion of the Vice President’s duties, as defined by the GSS Constitution and Bylaws, at the end of both the fall and spring semester. The Vice President cannot apply for additional professional development funds through GSS.

Submitted by:        Steve Dinda, Representative-at-Large  
                         Michael Landis, GSS Vice President  
                         Carl Walling, GSS President

**Approved by the BGSU Graduate Student Senate General Assembly,**

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Carl Walling, President

b. Funding for Professional Development

i. Eligibility

1. Applicants must be currently enrolled graduate students within BGSU's Graduate College, registered for at least 6 credit hours, and in good standing with the Graduate College.
2. Applicants must be graduate students in academic departments in good standing with Graduate Student Senate (GSS) at the end of the previous semester during the academic year. (Applicants from departments not in good standing with GSS at the end of the previous semester during the academic year will not be considered for FPD. Applicants are responsible for tracking their own department's status with GSS.) All departments will be considered in good standing at the beginning of the new academic year.
3. Each eligible student is limited to one FPD application per professional development activity per semester.

ii. Application Process

A complete application will include the following information:

1. Applicant's name, P-number, applicant's academic department, contact information, activity details, total amount requested, and applicant's signature (including date) (cover page);
2. Description of the professional development activity;
3. A detailed (line) budget to describe all anticipated and researched expenses for which funding is being requested and revenues (specifically from funds provided by a department or other organization); and
4. Printed documentation supporting the conference registration, lodging, and transportation costs for which funding is being requested. Proof of purchase or payment is not required at the time of application, only documentation of reasonable expected costs. This may include, but is not limited to, printouts of plane or hotel reservations, searches on travel sites such as Travelocity or Orbitz (with clear marking of estimated price or range of price), major hotel chains as well as conference registration websites.

iii. Funding Guidelines and Appropriate Use of FPD

1. Funding will be distributed equally among all approved applications except when requested amount is less than award. In such case, the award will equal the request.
2. FPD will be considered only for expenses related to transportation, lodging, and registration as well as dissertation, thesis, and other program requirements.
3. FPD will not be provided for meals, food expenses, or other social activities.
4. FPD will only be granted as reimbursements, with original receipts, within 30 days of travel.
5. Applicants are eligible for a maximum distribution of \$275 per academic year. Please note this is the maximum amount; actual allocation is dependent upon the number of applications and funding available within any given semester.
6. Applicants may only apply for FPD during the semester in which the activity will take place.
7. BGSU standards must be used in calculating expenses (i.e. current mileage rates, etc.), and current information is located at [www.bgsu.edu/offices/business/page22084.html](http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/business/page22084.html).
8. All applications and proposed budget materials will be verified and considered anonymously by the GSS FPD Allocation Committee, chaired by the Treasurer.



9. Appeals of funding decisions will be considered by the GSS SEC.
10. Written appeals must be received by GSS within the timeline determined, prior to the due date of the application, by the GSS Treasurer: typically, six (6) days from the date the applicant receives notification of the original GSS FPD decision. Written decisions of appeals will be available to applicants in a timely fashion, following consideration by the GSS SEC.

BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

# AFRICAN PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION

*presents...*

## STORIES FROM THE HOMELAND



**DATE:** SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>, 2009

**TIME:** 1:00PM-3:30PM

**VENUE:** BOWEN-THOMPSON STUDENT  
UNION ROOM 308

**COST:** ABSOLUTELY FREE!

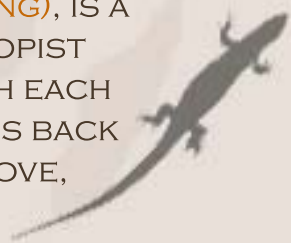
GET AWAY FROM THE FROST OF NOVEMBER BY  
WARMING YOUR HEART AND REVITALIZING  
YOUR SENSES TO THE STORIES AND CULTURE  
OF THE WARMEST CONTINENT ON THE PLANET

STORIES ABOUT THE RESILIENCE AND  
SURVIVAL OF A CONTINENT'S STRUGGLES  
AND PAIN RETOLD BY THE GREAT MADAME  
GRIOTTE.

ENJOY POETRY, DANCE, AND OTHER LIVE  
AFRICANA PERFORMANCES. THERE WILL BE  
PLENTY OF COMPLIMENTARY REFRESHMENTS!



**GUEST SPEAKER:** MADAME GRIOTTE (NORMA ASHONG), IS A  
VIBRANT EDUCATOR, STORYTELLER, AND PHILANTHROPIST  
WHO SPECIALIZES IN AFRICAN ORAL TRADITION. WITH EACH  
TRIP MADAME GRIOTTE MAKES TO GHANA SHE BRINGS BACK  
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