



Graduate Student Senate
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GSS General Assembly Meeting Agenda Friday, April 9th, 2010

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- General Assembly Minutes: March 26th
- Resolution 2010.S7: Support for an Opt-In Shuttle Services Fee
- Resolution 2010.S8: Support for the Ohio Higher Education Rail Network
- Resolution 2010.S9: Support for the Partial Shuttle Services Fee
- Resolution 2010.S10: Support for a University Charter Amendment
- Resolution 2010.S11: Support of Fifth Year PhD Funding
- Bill 2009-2010.S1: Constitution and Bylaws Revisions (on-site handout)
- Bill Amendment 2009-2010.S1: Constitution and Bylaws Revisions – Censured Departments
- Bill 2009-2010.S2: A Farewell for Chief Wiegand
- Election Applications (on-site handout)
- GSS Constitution and Bylaws (on-site handout)

Agenda

- Guest Speakers
 - Sara Bushong, Dean: University Libraries
- Roll Call (*Senators not present at roll call must see the Parliamentarian at the end of the meeting*)
 - Departments/Organizations at Risk of Censure: Criminal Justice; German, Russian, and East Asian Languages, Sociology, Higher Education and Administration Doctoral Students
 - Departments/Organizations Censured: Economics, Family and Consumer Sciences, Intervention Services, , African American Graduate Student Association, African Peoples' Association, Culture Club, Graduate Writers Club, World Student Association
 - Departments/Organizations on Probationary Status: Accounting and MIS, Art, College of Technology, India Student Association
- Approval of the March 26, 2010 Minutes
- Old Business
 - R2010.S7: Support for an Opt-In Shuttle Services Fee (Second Reading)
 - R2010.S9: Support for the Partial Shuttle Services Fee (Second Reading)

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 - Readmission of Censured Departments/Graduate Organizations
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- Vice President – Michael Landis (mlandis@bgsu.edu)

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- 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 – Rachelle Barr
- Academic and Professional Development – Elizabeth Sherwood
- Publicity Chair – Andrew Wilhelm
- Announcements
- Adjournment

Note: The final meeting of the 2009-2010 General Assembly will be on Friday, April 23rd at 3.00 – 5.00pm. 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, March 26th, 2010

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- Resolution 2010.S4: Support for Ohio's Third Frontier Program
- Resolution 2010.S5: Support for Exploring the Development of a Rental Car Program
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- Election Application Information (on-site handout)
- GSS Constitution and Bylaws
- Charles E. Shanklin Colloquium Flyer (on-site handout)

Agenda

Call to Order: 3:00pm

Guest Speakers

- Center for Teaching and Learning

The goal of the Center is to professionally develop individuals in their respective fields. We have three graduate students who work with the center as GAs and additional undergraduate student workers. We offer workshops and discussions throughout the year. The Center for Teaching and Learning has learning communities that enhances teaching abilities. We have undergraduate students who can enhance your technology skills. The Center of Teaching and Learning is located at 201 University Hall.

Q: Do you offer more advanced classes?

A: Yes

- Roger Shope (OHERN)

Ohio Higher Education Rail Network. OHERN is the Non-profit educational research group and high speed rail to extending the project from Toledo to Columbus. Benefits of the OHERN, easier mobility, cost saving, reduced carbon footprint, and clean economy growth. Unlimited access for 35\$ semester, and visit the website www.ohern.org

Also be on the lookout for National train day, May 1st.

- **Barbara Hofmann (Health Center)**

Health Service Advisory Board Committee, looks for the student sponsored insurance plan. Wells Fargo, United Healthcare, and Aetna, and we decided to negotiate with Aetna student health and want the chance to negotiate with them at the end of every year. To amend the out of pocket maximum-5000, amending emergency room expense benefit, and implement a waiver audit program. The plan benefits remain the same, dental program-244 annually for students. April 14, student health fair, 10-3 to speak to the Representative. East End of the Health Center is where my office is located.

Q: Do you have to waive out every year? (Stephanie Volbrecht -College Student Personnel)

A: You do have to waive out every year.

Q: Plan modification on the emergency room expense?-(Irina Seceleanu-Academic Affairs)

A: we had to look to make the plans

Q: international graduate students can send a similar email to those students? – (Irina Seceleanu-Academic Affairs)

A: Yes

Q: How can we Access the updated qualifications? - (Puram K De -Photochemical Sciences)

A: Yes, we can help with that.

Q: Does Aetna also have the power of negotiation with us?-(Stephanie Vorbrecht -College Student Personnel)

A: Yes they have the possibility

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 and Operations Research; Computer Science; Education Teaching and Learning (Reading); Geology; Graduate Studies in Business; HMSLS, Psychology, Romance and Classical Studies; Higher Education Administration and Doctoral Students, Queer Grads, World Student Association
- Departments/Organizations Censured: Accounting and MIS, Art, Economics, Family and Consumer Sciences, Intervention Services, College of Technology, African American Graduate Student Association, African Peoples' Association, Graduate Writers Club
- Departments/Organizations on Probationary Status: Chinese Students and Scholars Association, India Student Association

Approval of the March 5, 2010 Minutes – Motion to Approve, Seconded. Minutes Approved

Old Business

- R2010.S3: Print Responsibly (Second Reading)

36 Approve, 0 Against, and 0 Abstentions. Resolution passes.

- R2010.S4: Support for Ohio's Third Frontier Program (Second Reading)

34 Approve, 0 Against, 3 Abstentions. Resolution passes.

- R2010.S5: Support for Exploring the Development of a Rental Car Program (Second Reading)

32 Approve, 1 Against, 2 Abstentions. Resolution passes.

- R2010.S6: Request from the Graduate Student Body (Second Reading)

32 Approve, 5 Against, 2 Abstentions. Resolution passes

- Discussion on Graduate Student “Quiet Space” in the Library

New Business

- Readmission of Censured Departments/Graduate Organizations

Individual departments made presentations to the general assembly to petition for readmission.

Accounting and MIS presentation: Motion to Readmit. Seconded. Motion Passes.

Art Department presentation: Motion to Readmit. Seconded. Motion Passes.

College of Technology presentation. Motion to Readmit. Seconded. Motion Passes.

- R2010.S7: Support for an Opt-In Shuttle Services Fee (First Reading)

Brian Mathias (CSP) made a motion to consider R2010.S7 at the same time as R2010.S9. Motion Seconded. Approved by voice vote.

- R2010.S8: Support for the Ohio Higher Education Rail Network (First Reading):

Q: Does this consider federal funding? [Collin Mapp - Art]

A: Yes, it does. The \$35 pass is the definite price.

Q: Will this be available for spouses?

A: Although it is going to be made for graduate students, it will be available for spouses.

Q: When will they have this project finished? [Mike Plenzler – BGSA]

A: Three to five years

- R2010.S9: Support for the Partial Shuttle Services Fee (First Reading)

Resolution taken off the table and sponsored by David Lehr (Romance & Classical Studies) for first reading.

Q: Was the five dollar idea proposed to us by Chief Wiegand? [David Lehr – R&CS]

A: Yes

Motion to discuss both S7 and S9 at the same time. Seconded.

Discussion followed.

- B2009-2010.S1: Constitution and Bylaws Revisions (First Reading)

- Amendment B2009-2010.S1: Constitution and Bylaws Revisions – Censured Departments

Q: You only mention Academic Department in the revision, does this not include organizations as well?

A: Organizations function differently than academic departments and this is addressed in a later section of the constitution.

Comment: Page 17 shows that there may be some statements that are inconsistent with the Constitution.

- R2010.S10: Request for an University Charter Amendment (First Reading)
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 - Vice President (*The GSS Vice President receives \$250 professional development funding per semester upon the successful completion of their duties*)

Nominations: **Rachelle Barr**
 - Secretary

Nominations: **Elizabeth Sherwood**
 - Treasurer

Nominations: **Andrew Wilhelm**
 - Graduate Allocations Representative

Nominations: none.
 - Representatives-at-large (2 positions)

Nominations: **Jeff Laroque, Jared Brown, Yury Shartkman**
- Other items of new business

University and Faculty Senate Committee Reports

- Information Technology Committee

Tell us what you think about technology at BGSU. All faculty, staff, and students are invited to follow the link provided below and complete a survey providing feedback about technology at BGSU. Completing the survey will also give you the opportunity to be in a drawing for a great prize. Prize options include an iPad, Dell Notebook, iPod Touch or a \$500, \$200, or \$100 Visa gift card. The survey should take about five minutes to complete and is available at:
<http://survey.bgsu.edu/surveys/ir/itcsurvey/itcsurvey.htm>

Please complete the survey by 5 p.m. on April 2 and you will be entered into a drawing to win one of the 4 available prize options. Entries are limited to one per person. No personal information will be recorded in relation to answers provided in the survey. Further information and details are available at the Information Technology Committee web page: www.bgsu.edu/organizations/itc

Senate Executive Council (SEC) Reports

- President – Carl Walling (wallinc@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 Monday at 3.00pm on the week of General Assembly.
 - Nominations will remain open until elections on April 9th. GSS elects seven officers to serve a one-year term. These positions include:
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Please see Carl or Michael for more information. Carl will be available immediately after the General Assembly to answer any questions about SEC officer positions and elections.

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 - The Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program has a doctoral graduate assistantship available for Summer 2010. If interested please send a cover letter, resume/CV, and contact information for three references to Carlos Northern, Practicum Graduate Assistant, Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program at canorth@bgsu.edu. Click [here](#) for complete contact information and position details.
 - The Women's Center has a 2010-11 graduate assistantship position. Applications will be accepted until April 10, 2010. If interested please contact Dr. Mary Krueger at mkruege@bgsu.edu. Click [here](#) for complete contact information and application details.
 - Project Search has a full-time academic year assistantship opening. For consideration, please send a cover letter, resume and contact information for 3 references to Dr. Lisa C. Chavers, Assistant Dean and Director of Project Search. Click [here](#) for complete contact information and position details.
 - BGSU Cheerleading has an assistant coach position available. Collegiate cheer experience is required for the position. If you are interested in the position, please visit our web-page for more information and contact Anne Marie King at ameiers@bgsu.edu.
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 - Summer FPD Application Window will open on March 19 and close on April 2, 2010. We will award funding for summer FPD activities that take place from May 3rd to August 25th.
- Graduate Allocations Representative – Eric Miller
- Representative at Large – Steve Dinda
- Representative at Large – Chanelle Vigue
 - Submissions for the March/April edition of the GSS Newsletter will be due in the upcoming weeks. 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).
 - Please take some time and participate in the graduate student “snap shot” survey on the GSS Blackboard page. Chanelle is currently seeking feedback on several graduate student issues (Print Responsibly, CUE, Shuttle Services).
- Academic Affairs – Irina Seceleanu
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Announcements

Adjournment – Meeting Adjourned at 4.40pm

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**Bowling Green State University
Graduate Student Senate Resolution 2010.S7**

Support for an Opt-In Shuttle Fee

WHEREAS, in the Fall of 2009, the Graduate Student Senate passed resolution F2009.R4 which recognizes the utility of the Bowling Green State University Shuttle service, the needs of Parking and Transportation Services, and the Undergraduate Student Government's desire for the addition of a late-night downtown shuttle route, and

WHEREAS, F2009.R4 resolves 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

WHEREAS, the Graduate Student Senate recognizes that the Undergraduate Student Government passed legislation in the fall of 2009 supporting an expansion of the Bowling Green State University shuttle service to include said late-night downtown route for the benefit of their constituency, and

WHEREAS, the Graduate Student Senate recognizes that there is a population of graduate students that currently utilizes the shuttle service that may also benefit from the said late-night downtown route, and

WHEREAS, the Graduate Student Senate believes that an expansion of the Bowling Green State University shuttle service to include the late-night downtown route as proposed by the Undergraduate Student Government has the potential to benefit the entire student body, and

WHEREAS, the Graduate Student Senate commends the Undergraduate Student Government's efforts and the cooperation of Chief Wiegand and representatives from Parking Services to make the said shuttle expansion a reality.

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that provided:

- I. The shuttle and transportation fee only be levied upon Graduate Students that choose to utilize the Shuttle service through an Opt-in system, and
- II. That the opt-in fee for each graduate student as determined by parking services is no greater than the fee paid by each undergraduate student, and
- III. That Graduate Student Senate is allocated voting representation on every committee that regulates the shuttle service,
- IV. The Graduate Student Senate supports the expansion of the Shuttle service to include a late-night downtown route.

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



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**Bowling Green State University
Graduate Student Senate Resolution 2010.S8**

Support for the Ohio Higher Education Rail Network

WHEREAS, the Ohio Higher Education Rail Network (OHERN) Institute is a non-profit educational research group that advocates for connecting the higher education institutions in the state of Ohio by passenger rail, and

WHEREAS, the federal government has recently committed \$400 mill for the development of the high speed rail corridor between Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati (CCC), and additional federal funding is anticipated for the expansion of this corridor to other passenger rail in Ohio, and

WHEREAS, the OHERN Institute plays a crucial role in the ongoing studies to extend the CCC line to colleges and universities in northwest Ohio, including but not limited to the Bowling Green State University, the University of Toledo, Owens Community College and the University of Cincinnati, and

WHEREAS, the majority of students in the state of Ohio live and attend institutions of higher education within ten miles or less of the existing rail infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, the OHERN project will use the existing infrastructure to create a low cost passenger rail system between the higher education institutions in Ohio, and

WHEREAS, the OHERN Institute strongly believes that this project will increase student access to the resources of the institutions of higher education in Ohio, and will further enhance the academic collaboration between these institutions, and

WHEREAS, the OHERN project will positively impact the future of clean energy and reduce the carbon footprint in the state of Ohio, and

WHEREAS, the benefits of the OHERN project would also include the increased mobility of students, allowing them to conveniently commute to any destination along the line, thereby easing the burden of the commute home, and

WHEREAS, the current OHERN project will allow students to travel any day of the week from 6:30 AM to 12 AM to any destination by purchasing a \$35 semester pass,

LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Bowling Green Graduate Student Senate supports the continuing effort of the OHERN Institute, and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bowling Green Graduate Student Senate eagerly looks forward to the OHERN project becoming a reality.

Submitted by: Irina Seceleanu, Academic Affairs Chair
 Steve Dinda, Representative-at-Large



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**Bowling Green State University
Graduate Student Senate Resolution 2010.S9**

Support for the Partial Shuttle Services Fee

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2009, the Graduate Student Senate passed Resolution 2009.F4, in which the Graduate Student Senate supported the Undergraduate Student Government in its campaign to attain 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 the legislation passed by Undergraduate Student Government in the fall of 2009 to attain such a desired off-campus route for their constituency, and

WHEREAS, the GSS commends the USG, and the tireless efforts of Chief Wiegand and representatives from parking services to make the expansion a reality, and

WHEREAS, the Graduate Student Senate believes that the expansion of the shuttle service as proposed by the Undergraduate Student Government is of benefit to the undergraduate student body and should become reality, and

WHEREAS, the GSS believes that the entire student body should have access to the shuttle service including the proposed expansion, and

WHEREAS, the GSS recognizes that there is need by some graduate students for the shuttle service.

LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Graduate Student Senate, believes that the proposed expansion should become reality, and

THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that every member of the student body should have an opportunity to access the shuttle service including the proposed expansion, and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the fee levied as a result of the expansion of the shuttle service on members of the graduate student body is not to exceed \$5 per semester, and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that Graduate Student Senate expects that the \$5 per semester fee be re-evaluated by both constituency groups in three years, and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that Graduate Student Senate expects that the \$5 per semester fee should be utilized to:

- (1) Improve the quality of commuter parking lots through the re-direction of funds from the shuttle services to parking services that will be enabled by this new semester fee.
- (2) That a committee of students from Undergraduate Student Government and Graduate Student Government be convened by both groups to discuss shuttle routes and shuttle policies.
- (3) That the university considers the purchase of green-technology vehicles from the Electric Vehicle Institute when purchasing new equipment, in order to keep university funds within the university.

Submitted by: Carl H. Walling, GSS President
 David Lehr, Senator: Romance & Classical Studies



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Bowling Green State University
Graduate Student Senate Resolution 2010.S10

**Request to Amend the University Charter regarding Student Absence for Official
University Business**

WHEREAS, there is a lack of clear academic and university policies dealing with student absences from classroom responsibilities when students engage in official university business, and

WHEREAS, students taking advantage of opportunities to represent the university officially, participate in a function that has an immeasurable co-curricular impact on the student's academic progress and on the student's academic well-being, and

WHEREAS, exceptional students should have the opportunity to represent university officially, as they serve as extraordinary examples of Bowling Green State University's success to society at-large, and

WHEREAS, students currently find themselves in difficult situations when they are expected to simultaneously represent the University and cover classroom responsibilities, and

WHEREAS, we believe that students and faculty can find equitable solutions when the student needs to complete any required missing coursework resulting from any university sponsored absence.

LET IT BE RESOLVED that Graduate Student Senate hopes to be an active participant in future discussions on this student concern with the campus community, including Faculty Senate, Undergraduate Student Government, the Provost, and other university administrators, and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that Graduate Student Senate supports the development of detailed academic policies, which may include the creation of an university charter amendment, and

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that as part of continuing discussions with various constituency groups, that Graduate Student Senate would support a university charter amendment within the section entitled “Exceptions to the Class Attendance Policy” that would state:

“Students who are members of University sanctioned student groups may be required to participate in official University business on or off-campus, and may as a result miss assignments or other evaluations and assessment opportunities in the missed classes. Absence from classes or examinations for such reasons does not relieve the student of the responsibility for completing required work missed. Following the necessary advanced notification, the student should consult with the instructor to determine what appropriate alternative equitable opportunity will be provided, allowing the student to complete his or her academic responsibilities.”

Submitted by: Carl H. Walling, GSS President
Rachelle Barr, Student Affairs Chair & Senator: Mathematics & Statistics
Steve Dinda, Representative-at-Large
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**Bowling Green State University
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Support for Fifth-Year PhD Funding

WHEREAS, funding for Doctoral Degrees at BGSU is guaranteed for four years, with a fifth year funding awarded on a semester basis at the discretion of the Graduate College, and

WHEREAS, according to the National Science Foundation the median for the completion of a Doctoral Degree is no less than seven years after the achievement of the Baccalaureate degree, and

WHEREAS, the Charting Our Future Strategic Plan is committed to the improvement of both the undergraduate and the graduate education, and

WHEREAS, the future allocation of funds for graduate education by the State of Ohio will shift from a model based on enrollment to a model that will emphasize graduation numbers and completion rates, and

WHEREAS, the Graduate College has, in past academic years, awarded fifth year funding for Doctoral Candidates, and

WHEREAS, the current model which funds fifth year Doctoral Candidates one semester at a time is deleterious to the Candidates progress towards the completion of the Doctoral Degree requirements, as this funding model is less likely to provide the time necessary to produce quality research, and

WHEREAS, PhD graduates at BGSU are at a disadvantage when competing for employment against other PhD graduates from peer institutions who were awarded five or more years of funding at the post-master's level, and

WHEREAS, this disadvantage of PhD graduates at BGSU in the employment market will negatively impact the employment records of the individual departments at BGSU, which will in turn lower the individual departmental rankings and their ability to recruit quality students, and

WHEREAS, the majority of Graduate Faculty recognizes the need for the fifth years of study for their Doctoral Candidates and is strongly in favor of funding fifth year Doctoral Candidates,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Graduate Student Senate strongly supports the practice of allowing individual departments to manage their funds allocated by the Graduate College according to their disciplinary norm with a funding maximum of five years at the post-master's level.

Submitted by: Yury Shtrarkman, Senator: Biology
Rachelle L. R. Barr, Student Affairs Chair
Irina Seceleanu, Academic Affairs Chair



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**Bowling Green State University
Graduate Student Senate Legislation B2009-2010.S1**

GSS Constitution and Bylaws Amendments for Spring 2010

WHEREAS, the Graduate Student Senate annually reviews its constitution and bylaws in order to more effectively represent the needs of the organization, and

WHEREAS, the ad hoc Graduate Student Senate Bylaws Committee has made several recommendations for the General Assembly to consider.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Graduate Student Senate Constitution and Bylaws be amended as per the attached document:

Submitted by: Steve Dinda, Representative-at-Large
 Jared Brown, Senator: Popular Culture
 Rachelle Barr, Student Affairs Chair & Senator: Mathematics and Statistics
 Michael Landis, GSS Vice President
 Carl Walling, GSS President



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**Bowling Green State University
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GSS Constitution and Bylaws Amendments for Spring 2010

WHEREAS, the ad hoc Graduate Student Senate Bylaws Committee has made several recommendations for the General Assembly to consider, and

WHEREAS, the ad hoc Graduate Student Senate Bylaws Committee would like to consider one of the proposals separately within the General Assembly.

LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED that the following proposal be included in B2009-2010.S1 as a revision to the GSS Constitution's Article III, Section 6 (e):

Current Language: "E. All DPOs shall be considered in good standing regardless of previous censuring as of the first meeting of the GSS General Assembly in the fall term of the academic year."

Amended Language: "E. At the start of the academic year, all academic department senators whose departments are censured at the end of the previous academic year will need to petition GSS for the department's readmission to good-standing at the beginning of the next academic year."

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**Bowling Green State University
Graduate Student Senate Bill 2009-2010.S2**

A Farewell for Chief Wiegand

WHEREAS, Graduate Student Senate supports Bowling Green State University's cultivating responsibility, character development and values education, and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Department, led by Chief Wiegand, has exemplified the highest standards of the professionalism, and

WHEREAS, Chief Wiegand has implemented timely and appropriate intervention strategies and programs for students of Bowling Green State University, and

WHEREAS, Chief Jim Wiegand has, in his forty year career in law enforcement, performed an outstanding public service, and

WHEREAS, Graduate Student Senate has collaborated with Jim Wiegand and appreciates the benefits of Chief Weigand's contributions to student safety, and

WHEREAS, Graduate Student Senate wishes to recognize individuals whom have contributed to the betterment and well being of the entire student body of Bowling Green State University.

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, the Graduate Student Senate honors Jim Wiegand's work as Director of Public Safety and thanks him for his outstanding leadership and service to the University community over the past 12 years.

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