

Gary Swegan – Vice President of Admissions

Instituted voluntary savings program,

13 person office soon to be w/ 5 people

How can we do business with fewer people?

Admissions took on recruitment and processing pieces relating to graduate education

Rebuild staff in admissions office

Brady Gaskins – Director of Recruiting for Graduate Education; will be involved with 40 recruitment activities; 6-7 diversity recruitment activities

Has partnered with marketing and communications

Electronic files now available to departmental graduate coordinators

Requests are being taken through the graduate website

2.7 percent decline in applications for graduate programming

Mayor John Quinn-

BGSU was established in 1910; classes first held at university in 1914; Homer Williams was first president; was originally called Bowling Green Normal School; only offered 2 year degrees in the beginning; became Bowling Green State College in 1929; almost became a mental institution in 1933 during Depression; in 1935 added the College of Arts and Sciences; began offering graduate courses in 1936.

- Just wanted to say “hi”
- Says city exists to provide services
- Safety is primary service city hopes to provide
- Wants residents to feel welcome in the city
- Wants to improve quality of residents living in the city
- Wants to encourage residents/students to become familiar with the park system (City Park, Wintergarden Park, dedicating a new trail, Simpson Garden Park)
- Wants students to feel welcome as citizens
- Entertained a question regarding public transportation in the town; says there are two privately owned companies and school shuttles for student use
- Political Science students complimented Mayor Quinn’s office staff

Old Business:

David Sleasman:

– Stroh Fee: Has proposed waiting until Sherry Stoll (Chief Financial Officer) is available to meet to discuss the fees attached to Stroh Center; says she has important insight to offer to students

- Leo shared his personal opinion regarding the Stroh Fee
 - Biological Sciences Senator poses is there some way to explore lowering the 60\$ student fee attached to the center?
 - David says the conversation flew under the radar back in 2008; the conversation should have been had back in 2008
 - Lingxiao says there might be opportunity to discuss how graduate students can get more use out of the center as a way to compensate for the student fee
 - David shared that there will be a 30 year fee attached to the student center or until it is paid off
 - Popular Culture Senator says the bond is an “interesting” way to pay for center
 - Multiple senators say the goings on concerning the center need to be as transparent as possible
 - MBA Senator says does the administration have tools to measure how an increase in fees causes a decrease in enrollment? Looking at innovative ways to gain further use out of the Stroh Center?
- Update from the Wellness Committee:
- Explore options for renovating the recreation center, looking at three phase construction plan; 6 million, 9 million, and 12 million packages of what would be renovated; student and faculty input session for viewing the plans for the center– Wednesday October 12th in Student Union 11 a.m. – 3p.m. and then 3-6 p.m. in the Union; proposed start date for construction is May 2012. Says this might be an issue because there is not current solidified method for funding this project; Problems with layout, enough square footage but not in the best place, wanted to tear out all non bearing walls, provide more social space, staging, cardio space, reduce the locker room size, relocate the main entrance, provide a special entrance for special events, possibly offer a ropes course, possibly alter windows

Elections – For Vice President and Representative at Large:

- Nomination for Jeff LaRocque for Vice President; no other nominations for Vice President; motion to move for closure of the nominations

- Jeff LaRocque stepped forward to address the Senate:
Third year in GSS, started in GSS as a Rep at Large in senate, identified goals for position, identified ways he has served as interim Vice President, entertained questions from the gallery, concerning streamlining the meetings for efficacy purposes

Yay – 43

Nay – 0

Abstentions – 2

- Jeff LaRocque has now taken over the election process
- Aaron Davis (MBA senator) has officially nominated himself as Representative at Large
- Aaron Davis stepped forward and says he wants to represent needs and desires for students to administrators at the university; says he can articulate needs and desires efficiently
- Says he wanted to get involved to assist international students who are in his program and being able to represent people to the best of his ability
- Says he brings a good business prospective that will be of use in the position

- Placard Count Voting:

Yay – 43

Nay – 0

Abstentions – 2

- New Business:

Art Dept. Senator says department is having issues with the printer system; not working properly; and says “Print Responsibly” employees are not responding efficiently to fix the problem. Says students and faculty are having issues with code input.

Communication Sciences and Disorders senator asks has there been an update on the general fees situation. David says he will work to keep general body informed about the goings on regarding the fees.

- Senate Executive Report

President:

- Charter: Faculty did not reach two-thirds requirement to put the charter back to where it needed to be. Will take the charter to Board of Trustees.
- Graduate Council: J.R. weighed in, says there will be a listening tour, says there will be announcements and that students will be included in planning for Graduate College and Graduate Studies at Bowling Green State University
- Says strategic planning has never been discussed at Bowling Green State University
- Lunch Series: Dr. Ogawa’s was successful; 30-40 persons have been coming thus far to the sessions

Treasurer: Emails were sent out to students regarding receipt or decline of funding requests.

Vice President: Says he attended an ex-officio meeting today.

President: Acknowledged new professional development co-chairs (one from HEADS & one from Musical Arts)

Aaron proposed that when fees are proposed then these individuals need to come forward to explain why they want to impose various fees and why these fees are beneficial to graduate students

Meeting adjourned at 4:49 P.M.