

General Assembly, Friday, January 22nd, 2021 – 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Call to Order- 3:01pm

Roll Call- Quorum reached

Approval of Minutes and Agenda

- Computer Science motions, Media and Communication seconds

Guest Speakers

Dr. Joe Whitehead, Provost

- Enrollment
 - Overall enrollment is down by 0.3%, within that undergraduates are down but graduate enrollment is up
 - Credit hours are down 1.4%
 - Other institutions are down more than we are. BGSU went into the pandemic after an enrollment increase
 - Residential campus, went down to single occupancy rooms
- COVID
 - Fall semester there were a lot of discussion about how to handle the fall
 - Institutions who were online the first few weeks had higher levels of COVID cases
 - Testing protocol
 - Students could request and received an at home test before returning to campus
 - Free testing on campus for faculty, staff, and students (rapid test or PCR test)
 - There were 2 large parties in Bowling Green with 75 or more students
 - Follow the protocols and the spread can be limited
 - Fall semester could be back to normal, depending on the vaccine roll out
 - Lots of uncertainties still
 - Move away from in person/hybrid style, will still have remote synchronous courses
- Resolution regarding S/U grading
 - Spring 2020- students could choose S/U grading after grades were posted
 - For undergraduate students an ABC is an S, and a DF is a U. This applied to graduate students as well in Spring 2020
 - Usually, a C is not a passing grade for graduate students
 - Some programs require a set number of graded hours, so S/U grading could affect scholarships
 - Masters' students applying to doctorate programs could have their admission affected by S/U grading
- Graduate Education
 - Focus on the Future- for the public good
 - Develop research areas
 - Will work with Dr. Goberman on policies and procedures
 - For example, time to graduation
- Questions

- Theatre and Film PhD- How much is this mandate about making us “More marketable” vs the fact that Ohio Universities are funded based on number of degrees granted?
 - Context for enrollment, 16,000 undergrads vs 3,000 grads
 - Looking to give us the best experience possible, examine courses that may not benefit our program and increase the quality the experience
 - Requirements are added but none are taken away
 - Taking a holistic look at requirements and resources
- Public and Applied Health Masters - Resources online related to S/U grading?
 - There is some information on the College of Music’s website, will look for more
 - <https://www.bgsu.edu/covid19/updates-for-the-community/10-09-2020.html>

Additional questions can be emailed to Dr. Whitehead at provost@bgsu.edu

Mike Aspacher, Mayor of BG

- Commitment to COVID 19 safety
 - All decisions and mandates have been made based on information from scientists and public health experts.
 - Designated essential and non-essential employees and took the necessary steps to ensure that the essential workers could still work safely
 - Provided support to community partners (like BGSU)
 - City Council enacted a mask mandate prior to the state’s mandate
- Questions
 - Theatre and Film PhD- many of us are saddened by the death of Dr. Leantus, especially for his work with student’s housing and renters' rights. What is being done to protect student’s housing during the pandemic?
 - The judge is not processing evictions and the city is working hard to support students who are facing eviction or utilities being shut off.
 - Working with the president of the counseling about renting registration and policies. They created a list of registered rental properties in the city to make sure housing is safe.
 - Philosophy PhD- Commend you for the mask mandate and the steps taken to keep people safe
 - High rate of compliance with masks
 - Human Movement, Sports, and Leisure Studies- what is being done for the people who refuse to wear a mask?
 - Education, using science and the expertise of public health experts
- Additional questions can be sent to Mayor Aspacher at maspacher@bgo.ohio.org

Officer Reports

President Blessy McWan – bmcwan@bgsu.edu

- Shanklin and GSS awards are open! Check Canvas for all the awards
 - Look at the awards and dates, one needs a research paper that was published while you were here at BGSU

- Poster submissions look great on a CV
- Some awards have prize money!
- If anyone wants to help with Shanklin, let Blessy know!
- <https://www.bgsu.edu/student-government/graduate-student-senate/ShanklinColloquiumGSSAwards.html>

Vice President Ikpemesi Ogundare- ogundio@bgsu.edu

- Faculty SEC
 - Considering redesigning advising, using Life Design advising
- S/U grading
 - Email Blessy, Ikpemesi, or Dr. Goberman with thoughts as the conversation continues

Treasurer Morgan Durfee - mdurfee@bgsu.edu

- Professional Development Funding
 - Travel will not be funded this semester
 - Offering funding for conference attendance and presenting well as membership costs
 - Applications open today at 5pm and will be open for 2 weeks
 - Reach out to Morgan if you have questions about if something could be funded
 - If you are doubtful about something, go ahead and submit an application

Student Affairs Representative Jaclyn Shetterly – jshette@bgsu.edu

- Student Advisory Committee:
 - Creating a survey
 - If you have recommendations, please email me at jshette@bgsu.edu
- Graduate Student Issues Committee:
 - Blessy and I will be going to this meeting on February 4th.
 - We're going to focus on grad student wellness (e.g. mental health), and we would love to hear about how your department has promoted graduate student wellness. - Please email me at jshette@bgsu.edu
- Student Affairs Advisory Committee:
 - This committee reviews and revises student policies, code of conduct, etc.
 - I will be attending this meeting at the end of February.
 - If you have any specific issues with any policies, please email me at jshette@bgsu.edu
- Title IX Advisory Board
 - Ryan will be attending this meeting for me on January 26th

Old/Unfinished Business

- None

New Business

- If you are having concerns about S/U grading, let Blessy, Ikpemesi, or Dr. Goberman know.

Announcements

- Tabby (tviolet@bgsu.edu)- Spring workshops through the Writing Center (see attachment for session info and registration link)
 - There are different workshops depending on what you are looking for
 - Targeted for graduate students
 - Human Movement, Sports, and Leisure Studies- would someone be able to see their work and answer questions based on their work?
 - Depends on the session, for the review workshop yes. Tabby recommends the reverse outlines session as well
 - Students can email Tabby about reverse outlining as well if the session is too late in the semester
- Theater and Film- The Graduates with Disability group has a writing block at 2pm on Mondays for students who need accountability with their writing
 - Email Val Erwin with questions
- The discord server is back! A place to meet and chat online with other members
 - “Falcon up my life”
 - <https://discord.gg/PNABmk5M>

Adjournment- 4:10pm

Human Movement, Sports, and Leisure Studies motions, Political Science seconds