



Graduate Student Senate  
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**Graduate Student Senate General Assembly  
Friday February 3, 2012  
3:00-5:00pm  
Gallery, McFall Center**

**Agenda**

- Call to Order @ 3:01 P.M.
- Roll Call
- Guests:

- Abby Priehs- Graduate Student Board Of Trustees Member

\*Introduced by GSS President Sleasman. Two student Trustees; Undergrad and Grad students, Both appointed by the Governor of Ohio. Want to learn about the functioning of higher education? What types of decisions were Board of Trustees making.

-Many trustees on the Board attended BGSU as undergrads

-Asked to attend all BOT meetings

-Happen two to three times a semester

-Asked to participate in all commencement ceremonies

-Liaison to one of the colleges on campus

-Dean will ask you to come to some specific events in order to fill in the rest of the BOT on what is going on.

-Required to attend various events on campus

-attend GSS executive committee meetings

-Must be a full time enrolled graduate student and a resident of Ohio

- Ryan Bronkema- Center for Teaching and Learning

-Will discuss Teaching and Learning and Fair. **Feb. 10 from 9 to 11 a.m.** poster sessions and Undergrads and grad students will have a chance to present

**-Attendance is free and you can come and go as you please.**

-Todd Zacryzik will be speaking at 11:15 a.m. and at 2 p.m. on enhancing one's academic potential

-Will take place in the Union Ballroom along with all teaching and learning presentations

- Abby Van Vlerah – Inclusion Network

- join a subcommittee to create systemic change in university community

-Six subcommittees: Artifacts/Physical Environment (spaces), Curriculums, Policies and Procedures, Student Retention, Faculty/Staff Retention, and Student Organization/Involvement

**-Any interested students should email Abby Van Vlerah**

- Old Business

- Constitution- Second Reading and Vote-Jeff

-Half page is old election process and other half is the addition committee is desiring to add to the Constitution

-Motion made and seconded to close 2nd reading of the legislation

-Motion made and seconded to vote on the legislation

-Legislation passes with 44 (Y), 0 (N), 2(A)

- Shanklin Awards- Liane

-Asking for flier for to be sent out to departments concerning Teaching and Learning Fair

-Professional Development Day flier needs to be sent out, Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012

-Offered an explanation concerning the history of the Shanklin Awards and Shanklin Family

**-Online submissions are due February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- New Business

- Multicultural Affairs Chair vacancy-Jeff

-Engaging in multicultural affairs/diversity issues

- Survey- David

-Close to 600 students replied to the survey

-In process of looking at data and will figure out how to define graduate education.

- Chick-Fil-A –David

-STILL being considered

-Jill Carr is interested in finding students interested in discussing the issue of whether or not

Chick Fil-A should be removed from the list of finalists for Wendy's replacement

-Still trying to figure out who the three restaurants will be

- Senate Executive Committee Reports

- President- David Sleasman

-Hockey Social for Graduate Students. FREE TO ATTEND. @ the Hockey Arena 2/24 5:30

- GSS hosting students from FIU @ Beckett's Hosting March 11<sup>th</sup> 7-9 p.m.

- Retention numbers

\*Current Retention Numbers

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Fall 11 to Fall 12 – went down 13.1%

Spring 11 to Spring 12 – went down 9.2%

GSS-SEC is asking the admin the following:

"Why are these numbers going down?"

"Has there been any reaching out to find out why these students have left?"

"Are there numbers going further back?"

- Graduate Strategic Plan

Met with President Mazey and she's excited about the strategic plan

- Vice- President –Jeff Larocque

-BOT Committee

-More open committees (Graduate Student Orientation, Efficiency Task Force, Homecoming Committee; next meeting is February 7th)

- Academic Affairs Representative- J.R. Ratliff

- Treasurer- Christina Wright

-Budget

Two changes were made to next year's submitted budget, Diversity Awards to be presented at Shanklin Awards

-Funding

- Secretary/GAR- Jared Brown

-Make sure to have student representatives remember their times for SBC hearings

- Student Affairs Chair- Sherry Early

- Multicultural Affairs Chair

- International Student Affairs Chair- Anton Petrov

- Forwarded questions regarding health insurance to Dick Sipp

- Wants to meet with SEC first in order to field concerns on February 24<sup>th</sup>

- Professional Development Co-Chairs- Jennifer Krull : Liane Ortis

- Representatives-at-Large- Lingxiao Ge : Aaron Davis

- Issues and Concerns

-Someone went to Stroh Center and was required to enter through student entrance and was denied entry through main entrance, meeting to address this concern

- Announcements: Next Meeting- February 17<sup>th</sup>

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