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General Assembly

Friday, February 8, 2019 – 3:00-5:00 p.m. – Olscamp 117

# Call to Order

3:05pm

# Roll Call

# Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Approval: Media & Communication PhD

Seconded: American Culture Studies Masters

**Vote: Minutes pass**

# Secretary Update

**As of 2-8-18: Appointed Brian Timm as Interim Secretary**

**Need to vote on Secretary in one month**

BT eligible to run/vote him in

If not, needs new person

# Guest Speakers

**Dr. Joe Whitehead, Provost**

About myself

From Picayune, MS; Delta State Grad 100 south of Memphis

MA/PhD at Kent State in Physics

**What is experience with graduate education?**

Worked with Alliance for Graduate Education in Mississippi

One of 2 Black PhDs in physics that year Helped to attract underrepresented individuals into MA/PhD programs in the hard sciences

Increased PhDs by 25%!!

Developed PhD programs in other universities as well

Ex: PhD in Social Work

**What does this mean for Bowling Green?**

Wants to build on good things being done here

Improve on current programs and experiences

New opportunities/areas to invest in to attract more folks

Newer programs (Certificate programs)

Including online as well to be more proficient

**“What is your vision?”**

My vision: you have no input; my vision is not our vision

Work with deans, students for collective vision to move forward

**Questions/Comments**

Representative-at-Large: You have a background in teaching at an HBCU, how did this influence you in shifting into this role here, considering the differences between HBCU & non-HBCU?

Dr. Whitehead: **See variety of diversity outside of race by itself**

Communication Sciences & Disorders PhD: How do we support/grow PhD programs here?

Dr. Whitehead: Identify programs and understand business

Provide more resources if we have enough people

Working with Deans to start programs

Secretary: What is your biggest concern for Graduate Students right now?

**Dr. Whitehead: Funding for students**

National problem, including healthcare

Psychology: Are we also working to diversify STEM fields? Any experience to help diversify faculty in terms of race/ethnicity, gender, sexuality?

Dr. Whitehead: at A&T there was not a structured hiring approach

I worked with HR to create “Hiring Toolkit”

One part: All faculty in hiring process must go to Bias training

**Key: Be proactive in recruiting to create a diverse pool**

Where you advertise, how to network, fair process to all

Psychology: It is hard to attract diverse faculty pool here because of area, circumstances, demographics of Bowling Green. It is also hard to keep diverse faculty here.

Dr. Whitehead: Try to recruit to South Mississippi; Would you like to go?

Why not? Things you’ve seen? Things you’ve heard?

How do we break this? Go there and experience it

Bring diverse people here before trying to recruit them first

President: Hattiesburg is good 99% of the time

**Break down stereotypes**

Higher Ed PhD: Do you haveexperience working with unions? Plans for developing trust between you/faculty in hiring?

Dr. Whitehead: Question assumes it’s easier to work with union faculty

Higher Ed PhD: In some places this is true

**Dr. Whitehead: On both extremes you need trust**

At the end of the day it’s all about relationship building

Already met with head of Faculty Union, had great conversations

**Everyone wants success**

Higher Ed PhD: not antagonistic here; we’re in the same boat

Biological Sciences PhD: I worked at Southern Miss, it was cool! In STEMs, landscape we chase in chasing external funds different about federal funds. How do we talk to Faculty to investigate other areas for funding?

Dr. Whitehead: **Faculty should find orgs with needs that we can fill**

Convince organization that we will help them meet that need

Look for opportunities everywhere you can

Lone investigator not as great; good to work across discipline w/ team

**Mr. Richard Edwards, Mayor of Bowling Green**

8th year as mayor in city of Bowling Green

**Chillabration & Winter Fest is this weekend**

Ice Bar and Ice Sculptures today

Scott Hamilton back in town!

Its never “Boring Green” here

Focus now on E. Wooster Street

Special pride in completion of Wooster Green in 2019

Little green space downtown near Police Station

First in Ohio to have wind turbines, largest solar-fuel of any city in OH

Close working relationship with University, Board of Trustees, USG & GSS

**Feb 19th: State of the City w/ Dr. Rodgers for report on city**

City council leaders are working closely with me

**Questions/Comments**

Media & Communication MA: Good things from University are happening; Are there any challenges you see from University that we can improve upon?

Mayor Edwards: **Biggest challenge is keeping communication open**

Not to be taken for granted!

24/7 job & if something goes wrong, we need clear communication

Great pride in Police/Fire division here in town

BG 1 of 5 cities in Ohio with Internationally accredited police/fire

Work closely with University Police

Chair for Environmental Affairs: Have you heard about our resolution for bus/shuttle system from Bowling Green to Detroit Airport?

Mayor Edwards: Important topic for graduate students

Good transportation options exist, funded by state

Well aware of other universities’ shuttle programs in place

**In favor of consolidating travel with Wood County, BGSU**

**Will not make the city residents pay for it**

Similar to arrangement with Kent State University

County-wide systems would be much easier to do

Used to have bus service here, but went by the wayside

Wish we could link Owens/ University of Toledo to Bowling Green

Popular Culture: Crosswalks around edges of campus are controlled by city and we can’t put in more. Some crossings are still unsafe (near Rec Center)

Mayor Edwards: Done a lot with crosswalks with 2016 state study Islands on E Wooster, far side of campus too on Manville by Ice Arena

**Pike across Thurstin location still under study**

Representative-at-Large: Recent BGSU initiative involving sexual assault and changing regulations around it. Are the city police force informed about new regulations?

**Mayor Edwards: Yes, and they do work closely with BGSU police**

Working relationship between city/university police strong

**Dr. Margaret Zoller Booth, Dean of the Graduate College**

Welcome back! Longer time away from Fall because of Winter Session

Many took advantage of Winter Session to work on research

**Give University ideas on courses/workshops for future Winter Sessions**

<https://www.bgsu.edu/online-and-summer-academic-programs/wishlist.html>

Yesterday: 3MT competition

Think it was fantastic! Many emails gave good reviews

One person: I’ve attended many, this one was the best that I’ve seen

Most consistent performances

**Winners:**

**1st Place: Kacie Pummill**, Speech-Language Pathology

**2nd Place: Samantha Nesnidol,** Industrial-Organizational Psychology

**3rd Place: Emily Ferrell**, Clinical Psychology

**People's Choice: Brian Timm**, Sociology

# New Business

Board of Trustees Graduate Representative Update

Call for Board of Trustee search committee members

**Search for Board of Trustees Rep: Interviews will be Feb. 25th-March 3rd**

Looking for at least 5 interviews, up to 10

Need 5 individuals to serve:

1 SEC member (Chair for Environmental Affairs)

1 Graduate Organization member (from Biology)

3 Senators

Candidate names must be sent to Dr. Pauken by March 4th

**Nominations for committee**

Higher Ed PhD: Nominate Self

Second: Economics & MBA

World Languages & Culture: What do we have to do?

Vice President: sit in on 30 min interviews, happen during week

World Languages & Culture: Nominate Self

Second: Psychology

Psychology: Nominate Self

2nd: World Languages & Culture

Call vote to nominate 3 Senators for Board of Trustees Search Committee (Vice President)

Favor: 41

Against: 0

Abstentia: 0

**3 Senators on Board of Trustees Search Committee**

**1) Higher Education PhD**

**2) World Languages & Cultures**

**3) Psychology**

Vice President: Please stay after for 5 min to look at application format

2019 - 2020 GSS Elections

**Apply for Position: Submit by March 26th on Canvas Page**

You must be nominated at one of 3 Gas

Current GA or next two GA meetings (Feb 22nd, March 29th)

Rights & Responsibilities passed out during GA

Elected officials spoke about their positions. Please contact them if you have any questions

President: Nominations for 2019-20 SEC positions open now/closed on Election Day

You may nominate yourself or nominate someone who is here

Vice President: **Must be present at GA to accept the nomination**

Role of President: Must have been a senator for the whole 2018-19 year

Role of Vice President: Must have been a senator for at least one semester

Others: No senator experiences required

World Languages & Culture: If I serve this semester, can be elected VP for fall?

President/Vice President: Yes, if you complete spring semester

**Nominations**

President:

**American Culture Studies MA: Nominate Robin Herskowitz**

Second: English MA

Accepted

Vice President: None

Academic Affairs Rep:

**English MFA: Nominate Jessica Puder (self)**

Second: Media & Comm MA

Accepted

**ACS PhD: Nominate Cheyanne Jeffries**

Second: Higher Ed PhD

Accepted

Students Affairs Rep, Treasurer, and Secretary: None

Representative-at-Large:

**Media & Communication MA: Nominate Ashley Hendricks (self)**

Second: ACS PhD

Accepted

Vice President: Continue to nominate through next meeting and day of elections

Please share Rights & Responsibilities

Will send out via Email and Canvas Page

Officer Reports

President

Daniel M. Ricken – [rickend@bgsu.edu](mailto:rickend@bgsu.edu)

Faculty/Student Evaluations

Cheyanne Jeffries & Jessica Puder serve on committee

**BGSU One Day – April 2nd and 3rd**

Day to raise money for the university

Representative-at-Large will be serving as Ambassador for GSS

All money we raise is separate from carryover/budgeted funds

Money raised will go to “Professional Development” next year

**Please reach out for donations!**

Health Insurance Committee

Productive meeting with Marlene Reynolds for diverse plan options

Committee: Please look for doodle poll

Title IX Update

Recent proposed changes

Very much leaning toward rights of accused over complainant

Many Title IX are outspoken about it

Potential Resolution for all Ohio/US grad students to keep current standards

We also may collaborate with USG

Short-term: Jennifer McCary sent series of proposed recommendations for national reports verbatim to our reports

If a resolution is to happen, we will pass at next meeting

ALL-Gender locker room in Rec Center

Recreation Center Pro-rated after Spring Break

Part-Time students will pay less to use facilities after spring break

Self-Care

Initiatives exist for Students' Self Care, but Not for Faculty Mentors or fields we are entering

Initiative to better educate faculty/staff/fields about best care

Excuse of “Grad School must be terrible” isn’t enough

If you have ideas to best reconcile these issues, please contact me

Vice President

Ivy Keen – ikeen@bgsu.edu

**Women of Distinction Table Invitation (4:00-5:30pm on March 7th)**

Put on by Dr. Angela Clark-Taylor of the Women’s Center

Application process, 10 women get award

There will be food!

Contact Vice President if interested ([ikeen@bgsu.edu](http://ikeen@bgsu.edu))

World Languages & Culture: This is on a Thursday?

Vice President: Yes

Shanklin Applications due **Feb. 12**

**Applications are live on GSS Canvas Page**

Spring 2019 Regalia Application due **Feb. 25**

GSS Awards due **March 4**

Vice President: 5 Awards

Outstanding Graduate Student

Outstanding International Graduate Student

RA 1 Award

RA 2 Award

Outstanding Contributor to Graduate Education (OCGE)

**All awards are on Canvas page**

Academic Affairs Representative

Sara Stiltner – sstiltn@bgsu.edu

No Updates

Student Affairs Representative

Samantha Juarez – [juarezs@bgsu.edu](mailto:juarezs@bgsu.edu)

No Updates

Treasurer

Lauren Dial – [ladial@bgsu.edu](mailto:ladial@bgsu.edu)

Spring 2019 FPD Application due **Feb. 14** (on GSS Canvas page)

Representative-at-Large

David F. Stephens – [dsteph@bgsu.edu](mailto:dsteph@bgsu.edu)

Pizza Picnic February 16th at 12pm in 103 University Hall

For graduate students with children

Talk about challenges of being parent in graduate school

Please please PLEASE apply to Shanklin!

Chemistry swept last year, need strong competition

Multi-Author papers can be submitted

If paper is already submitted to a journal, it is still ok

Submission is full paper up to 20 pages

Chair for Online Graduate Student Affairs

Andrew Hampton – [andhamp@bgsu.edu](mailto:andhamp@bgsu.edu)

Online graduate student survey

Drafting survey to go out week of March 11

Survey for all online graduate students

Get feedback/concerns about experiences

Chair for Environmental Affairs

Alexandra Hegedus – [amheged@bgsu.edu](mailto:amheged@bgsu.edu)

Shuttle: Meeting with Groom \*Shuttle Company\*

Working on it

Chair for Multicultural and Disability Graduate Student Affairs

Anna Gravelin – [gravela@bgsu.edu](mailto:gravela@bgsu.edu)

Submitting a work report for broken door buttons

Good meeting with campus operations

Put in work orders using BGSU App

Pledge sheet

If you use doors on campus, pledge to check them weekly

Fix quickly before it becomes problem for

Please sign to check once every week/couple of weeks

Chair for International Graduate Student Affairs

Shreyasi Pain – [spain@bgsu.edu](mailto:spain@bgsu.edu)

1) **International Students: if your Immigration status has changed or you have a change in address:**

**Designated School Officials Table at Union on Feb 13th 2-4pm**

2) Chinese New Year event on Feb. 16th 6-9pm in Olscamp 101

Put on by Chinese Students & Scholars Association Tickets are $10 each; please come out!

Interim Secretary/Chair for Professional Development of Graduate Students

Brian Timm – [btimm@bgsu.edu](mailto:btimm@bgsu.edu)

Shanklin Committees please come meet me afterwards

Please apply to Shanklin Colloquium

Great place for feedback from faculty

Learn about graduate research outside of your discipline

Advisor

Margaret Zoller Booth – [boothmz@bgsu.edu](mailto:boothmz@bgsu.edu)

No Updates

Student Representative, Board of Trustees

Kyle Johnson (Undergraduate Representative, Board of Trustees)

Unofficially serving as Student Representative while search is in progress

Any questions please email [kylelj@bgsu.edu](mailto:kylelj@bgsu.edu)

# Announcements

February 26 – First Mobile Food Pantry (Jerome Parking Lot N)

Next General Assembly: **February 22** from 3-5 p.m. in Olscamp 117

Guest Speakers:

* Dr. Paul Cesarini, Professor & Assistant Vice Provost Online and Summer Academic Program
* Ms. Jamie Daughton, Assistant Director of Registration and Scheduling (residency)

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn?

**Motion: Higher Ed PhD**

**Second: Biology PhD**

Passes at 5:01pm