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**Graduate Student Senate General Assembly**

**Friday February 17, 2012**

**3:00-5:00pm**

**Gallery, McFall Center**

**Agenda**

* Call to Order @ 3:05 P.M.
* Roll Call
* Approved Minutes from February 3rd, 2012 GA Meeting
* Guests:
  + David Jackson- BGSU-Faculty Association

President of the BGSU Faculty Association

Chapter of the American Association University Professors

In 2010, faculty voted in favor of unionization

Faculty unionized in November of 2010

Aiming to have a faculty agreement in place by July 1st

Faculty Salaries, BG is ranked as 11th out of 12 public universities in Ohio

Also negotiating benefits, grievances, and also working on academic freedom. Also working on having non-partisan third group for settling debates between faculty and administrators

Also negotiating working conditions

Working and teaching conditions are students’ learning conditions

Faculty disagree that if there is an increase in faculty pay then the students’ tuition would have to be increased; prepared to display this is not true

Encouraging students to look at the university’s financial audit statement from the Ohio state auditor

Approximately 2,200 employees/850 faculty at BGSU

5 faculty members on the negotiation team

Currently trying to negotiate for a three year contract

Represent all of the full time faculty

About 40% of faculty are full time faculty

* + Kathryn Koller- Food Pantry

Is working with Jane Rosser

Wants to see if there is support from various campus organizations

This issue has been raised at other campuses

How would GSS be involved?

How do you figure out what students are in need?

Does this merely apply a bandage to a larger problem or is this an adequate solution?

* + Mike Paulus- Director of Dining Service

Should Chick-Fil-A be included in the survey to the BGSU student body?

If Chick-Fil-A is included in the survey and is the top choice of the BGSU student body, will USG and GSS support a decision to select them?

Is there a way to incorporate an education component into why this debate is occurring to help promote understanding?

Mike Paulus does not want to take a position and wants more so to see how the GSS GA feels about possibly hosting Chick-Fil-A on campus.

1. Should Chick-Fil-A be included in the survey to the BGSU student body?

The Senators voted 41- No, 6- Yes and 0- abstentions.

2. If Chick-Fil-A is included in the survey and is the top choice of the BGSU student body, will GSS support a decision to select them?

The Senators voted 38- No, 5- Yes, 4- Abstentions.

3. Do we agree with the Dining Services Advisory Board's decision to remove Chick-Fil-A from any consideration as a vendor at BGSU?

Again, the Senators voted 39- Yes, 4- No, and 3-Abstentions.

The GSS clearly does not support the selection of Chick-Fil-A as a choice here at BGSU.

* Old Business
  + Shanklin Awards- Liane
  + Professional Development Day- Liane
  + Board of Trustees-Jeff
* New Business
  + Multicultural Affairs Chair vacancy filled-Jeff
  + Elections- Applications – Elections will be held March 16th- Jeff
* Senate Executive Committee Reports
  + President- David Sleasman

-Hockey 2/24: meet at 5:30pm. Food is provided and friends/family are encouraged. Let David know if you want to bring non-student guests and he will do our best to get some extra tickets.

-Graduate Strategic Plan: The timeline is being adhered to; present to Grad Council then GSS, crunching data currently, and keeping March 15th deadline.

-Dick Sipp: Meeting with SEC regarding health insurance options with an invitation to meet with GA.

-Bookstore:

-Registrar/Bursar/Fin. Aid Director

-Payroll Deduction: This is an option for health insurance. More information to come.

-Diplomas: We are hoping to get degrees in hand for doctorate students at commencement.

-Submissions Dates: Later dates are being considered with the electronic component; more information to come.

-Loans before 7/1/12: After July 1st there is a new policy in place related to interest and deferment. Please let your constituents know they should try to submit their paperwork before July 1st.

* Chinese Student Scholars Association: Were absent fall semester because of new officer transitional issues and many members are graduate students, and they want to share their culture with other organizations.
  + GSS was in favor of conditional reinstatement
    - Yes-39
    - No-0
    - Abstention-0
* Welcome back, CSSA!!!
* Vice- President –Jeff Larocque

-BOT Committee: Please submit and encourage others to submit applications by Feb. 24th

* Academic Affairs Representative- J.R. Ratliff: The graduate strategic plan appreciates the feedback
* The graduate college is working on policy changes; more information to come
* Treasurer- Christina Wright: Funding requests have been processed and emailed; See Christina if you did not receive an email.
  + $90 for attending; $100 for presenting and leadership
* Secretary/GAR- Jared Brown: No report
* Student Affairs Chair- Sherry Early: No report
* Multicultural Affairs Chair- Chris Weinland: No report
* International Student Affairs Chair- Anton Petrov: No report
* Professional Development Co-Chairs-No report
  + - Jennifer Krull
    - Liane Ortis
* Representatives-at-Large-
  + - Lingxiao Ge: No report, but Jeff and David met about the Stroh concern about student not being able to enter through the front door and it has been resolved
    - Aaron Davis: No report
* Issues and Concerns: None
* Announcements: Arabian Nights at the Wolfe Center
* Next Meeting- March 2nd