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General Assembly

Friday, April 26, 2019 – 3:00-5:00 p.m. – Education 115

# Call to Order

**Call to Order 🡪 3:01pm**

# Roll Call

# Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Motion 🡪 ACS MA

Second 🡪 School of Intervention Services

Passed!

# Guest Speakers

Ms. Marlene Reynolds, Assistant Director of Student Insurance

Health insurance options for BGSU Students

Current options

Government Marketplace

Benefits.ohio.gov 🡪 eligibility tied to income

International student plans must meet/exceed BGSU guidelines

BGSU sponsored health insurance

Recent Graduate (short-term) 🡪 Alumni services page

Grad Med 🡪 Short term plans available here

**AETNA student health plan (spring) 🡪 Goes until Aug 14th, 2019**

2019-20 Plan 🡪 Starts August 15th, 2019

Marketplace 🡪 Healthcare.gov

Ask for income, household size, zipcode

International students 🡪 international page available as well

Eligibility associated with length of time in US (believe it is Minimum of 5 years)

General Things to consider:

\*WATCH FOR HIGH DEDUCTIBLE\*

What you must pay before insurance pays

\*WATCH FOR INSURANCE NETWORKS\*

Many plans on healthcare.gov doesn’t fit Falcon Health Center

\*WATCH FOR PRESCRIPTION FORMULARY LIST\*

List of meds insurance will pay for

May be eligible for Tax subsidy

Benefits.ohio.gov (Medicaid coverage)

Do not have to pay for treatment/coverage

Put in income, household, zipcode, answer few yes/no questions

Use \*FIND OUT NOW BUTTON\* to see eligibility

International Student Requirements

Plans can be less expensive than BGSU plan, but must have:

Deductible less than $500

Unlimited prescriptions

Coverage in NOW

Must be in force during full academic year

Repatriation expense of $25k

Student Health Insurance Plan (2019-2020)

Start with incumbent (AETNA: we’ve been with them for 3 years)

Get bids from other companies

Information gathered/taken to Health Service Advisory Committee

Two senators from GSS vote on this plan, admin does not vote

Faculty chair it, faculty/students vote on recommendation Vote taken to Dr. Thomas Gibson (CFO Sherri Stoll/ Provost updated)

Contract drawn up after approval from CFO

Contract goes through Purchasing, Legal counsel, then to Ms. Stoll (CFO)

Get approval through State of Ohio

Renewal for 2019-2020 is **not done yet**

HS Advisory committee voted for:

United Healthcare Student Resources

1 Plan

Enhance E. Room benefits

Will have co-pay for this

Vision Changes (frames/lenses/contacts)

Limited amount; neither item caused UHC to

raise premium

Offering voluntary Dental Insurance

Dental Health Update: Wood County Community Health Center

Open Dental Health Clinic (should have opened in Dec 2018)

Ms. Reynolds called: machine notes this will open in 2019

Website 🡪 <http://www.bgsu.edu/studentinsurance>

Unchanged Benefits from last year:

80/20: Insurance pays 80%, we pay 20%

Co-Pay: $25 (whenever we visit this)

Prescription Co-Pay: Remains same (Deductible $500)

More information in sheet out with minutes

[studentins@bgsu.edu](mailto:studentins@bgsu.edu) (email for Ms. Reynolds)

Questions:

World Languages & Cultures: If we pay tuition, do we have insurance?

Register for 8+ credit hours, charge assess to July Tuition bill

Mandatory requirement to have insurance if we have 8 or more credit hours

To be enrolled, must go through MyBGSU page

Enroll by semester versus whole year

Do whole year plan: all due August 1st unless you set up payment plan

Can fill in blanks of waiver (if applicable) 🡪 Charge removed

Communication Sciences & Disorders PhD: Do we have any changes RE: Federal changes?

Not a tax penalty for not having health insurance (Fed changes)

Not a recommendation

Biological Sciences PhD: To waive it, the current insurance must meet minimum requirements?

Few requirements

Cover in Northwest Ohio

Covers pre-existing conditions

Deductible of $2500 or less \*but case by case\*

Secretary: Coverage of Dental in Northwest Ohio?

Don’t know premiums on it yet

International Affairs Chair: One annual eye check-up is covered by AETNA; Providers list on website?

List on Website on left side: Dental/vision local providers

Will possibly get a Frame/lens coverage ($125 frames, $75 contact lenses)

# Officer Reports

Vice President

Ivy Keen – [ikeen@bgsu.edu](mailto:ikeen@bgsu.edu)

* **Summer 2019 Regalia Application** is now live on the GSS Canvas page under “Modules” Due Monday, June 10
* **Summer FPD** notification letters will be out by May 22 at the latest

Advisor

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

* End of year remarks 🡪 Given by Dr. Alexander Goberman, Associate Dean

Dr. Goberman (Thank you’s)

Appreciate how we advocate for Grad Student issues

Look forward to working with you next year!

President

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

Teaching Committee: work done on committee big from Senators Puder & Jeffries

What bias is in working group/analyze results from BGSU

Once passes this resolution is public

Concerns/needs do represent concerns of BGSU

# Old/Unfinished Business

2019-2020 Elections

**Secretary (Compiled by Ivy Keen)**

Brian Timm

* Current secretary
* Happy to fill in
* Change of scenery
* Learned to step back a bit and take minutes
* Being accurate about where questions are coming from
* Filling in on resolutions and helping with online graduate student survey

Ashley Justice

* MACIE student
* Has proxied before
* Helped with paper judging for Shanklin
* Believes in good work GSS is doing and advocating for the graduate student experience
* Being secretary will contribute to this work
* Good leadership experience
* Communication is key

Questions:

Vice President: Can you speak to your ability to multi-task and follow multiple conversations?

Ashley:

Use communication skills

Ask for help

Brian:

-Use shorthand

-Ask people to slow down and vocalize your needs

DELIBERATION

VOTE

Brian Timm: Secretary for 2019-2020 Graduate Student Senate

**Representative at Large (Compiled by Brian Timm)**

Representative-at-Large: Catch-all position

Current Representative-at-Large:

How you perform/fulfill guidelines is up to you

Take into considerations of all graduate students

Attend certain department organizational meetings

Meet needs of underserved students

This year: students with kids (big population on campus)

Be creative about how you feel with position

Not bound by specific hardlines/rules

Wish I had done more volunteer fill-ins for folks

Ashley Justice/Cheyanne Jeffries: Candidates for Representative-at-Large

Cheyanne Jeffries: Ready to be your Representative-at-Large

Great time in participating in GSS & Events

Really interested in helping with professional development

Position helps me grow professionally/in school

Ashley Justice: Describe position, might be better for this than Secretary

Representing graduate students that are overlooked

Had discussions with this in cohort issues; passionate

Graduate Students underrepresented at BGSU

Needs of graduate students in general are important

Volunteer for different parts

Peace Corps volunteer in background

Willing to help out/serve while needed

QUESTIONS

English MA: Recount while part of committee (similar to SEC): rewarding/fun?

Ashley: Peace Corps service

Rewarding because you know people/know culture

Truly make impact on global community

Contribute to GSS and BGSU as a whole

Cheyanne: No idea what Shanklin was about

Nervous about it; but Shanklin was great this year

Went well this year; busy but good day

Representative at Large: Lot of what I do: Plan on how to connect to graduate students. What ideas do you bring to the table to create social events for graduate students?

Cheyanne: Interacting with Social Media is effective

Many events from FB/Twitter

Pro Dev events have helped me a LOT

Ashley: Having social events geared for graduate students

Events: some do not mention us by name

Focus on undergraduate

No specific plans; but focus solely to graduate student community

“People person”: Go to events, places and connect

Get to know folks

Building personal relationships important to me

Plan events to SUPPORT graduate students (i.e. mental health)

Support, outlet for stress relief

Collab with others for good events

Psychology: Expected to have hands in lots of pots; David has been present on campus. How are your time management skills?  
 Ashley: Important to find balance between assistantship, classes, theses/diss, Important to develop schedule (I’ve done this)

When I will attend social events/be present on campus

Challenge, but doable

With good planning it can be executed very well

Plan to find that balance next year; plan & adjust based on position

Cheyanne: This year has taught me: fill all 24 hours with everything

On 3 committees this semester w/ GSS, Thesis work, classes

Found a way to do all this + network within this

Keep the ball rolling

Will have fewer classes in the Fall as well

Psychology: Areas you want to focus on? (i.e. Students with kids)

Cheyanne: Thesis/Diss workshops were great; self-care important

Managing stress is important; not explored as much (or light)

Getting into importance of our mental health is important

Ashley: Mental Health concerns are something that I am passionate about

Many events, not every grad students are free/welcome

Happen when we have class; miss some cool events

Address event planning around our class times

Communication Sciences & Disorders PhD: First-Gen college student; how to reach out to first-gen college students?

Ashley: Address in my own degree; cannot relate but I do understand the identity and developing the identity

Build personal relationships (first-gen, intl.): find out what you need

What can we do to help first-gen students?

Cheyanne: First-gen as well; through Professional Development events I have gotten better sense of self

Do not know what is going on all the time as a first-gen student

Representative at Large: Marketing/advertisements part of my job. What ideas/willingness to communicate + talk to folks of different communities?

Cheyanne: RA2 job: Cultural & Critical Studies

Help encourage undergraduate students to take classes in our dept.

Second-nature to talk to people/get business done

Ashley: Assistantship 🡪 connect with different faculty/students in Learning Commons

Reach out to faculty, student populations for services in LC

Practice my own skills (social media, on campus, etc.)

Willing to go to areas on campus to meet new people

Market programs/ideas on campus

DELIBERATION

VOTE

Cheyanne Jeffries: Your new 2019-2020 Representative at Large!

# New Business

Self-Care Resolution

Vice-President: Came around from discussion on graduate mental health on campus

Graduate students high risk of mental illness

Collaborate with graduate college, coordinators that culture of personal care is valued in graduate college

Interdisciplinary Ad-Hoc committee to check in on initiatives for graduate

Open Discussion: Vice President

Second: World Languages & Cultures

American Culture Studies PhD: Ad-Hoc committee; who is on the committee?

Vice-President: Did not specify this; up to SEC for next year

VOTE CALLED

Self-Care Resolution Passes: 32-0-0

**Top 10 Graduate Concerns**

Black Font: Last Year, Red Font: This year

Focus/shaped goals of SEC/President & VP

Take this seriously

American Culture Studies PhD: Title IX under 3; discussions on Sexual assault prevention in umbrella?

Arose out of changes to federal policy

Can be its own thing

World Languages & Cultures: Use a Doodle Poll & rank them?

American Culture Studies PhD: Efficiency; these are major issues so better to hear in person

Biological Sciences PhD: Number 7 🡪 move up on the list

President: 10 issues were issued that are noted last year

Biological Sciences PhD: How much of our Fees go to Hockey Games?

Vice President: Sherri Stoll; but can put on the list

Biological Sciences PhD: Would like to pay for our games if we can drop our fees?

Optional Fees

Environmental Chair: Some fees are optional fees; notification at beginning of semester

President: Optional fees are small, not optional fee 🡪 harder to change

Fees currently locked in by state, not by university

Student Affairs: How can money used to serve graduate students?

Graduate Student Hockey game (ex.)

If we already pay, how can we use it?

Career Center not helpful for graduate students

What resources are we paying for?

World Languages: Move 10 on the list

Detail on Push for Sustainability; get more details for programs, etc.

Environmental Chair: More on list that have not been listed/not on list

President: Purely airing Grievances; what 10 things are on radar for President/Vice President in 2019-2020

Treasurer: Voiced by Grad Coordinator: many grad students must do internship as last year at BGSU, still working on thesis/dissertation at that point

Don’t have access to statistical software to work on thesis/dissertation

Work remotely 🡪 access to statistical software

Jobs outside of academia/library: alumni access to BGSU library

President: on cusp the last 5 years

World Languages: Can Parking options? I teach far away from my office

Environmental Chair: We will pay more for better parking

Vice President: Discussed last year (11/12 on list)

English MA: not any easier with Faculty spots; more lots in general

People who teach could maybe get faculty passes?

American Culture Studies PhD: Talk with parking

Communication Sciences & Disorders MA: Nice to park in faculty lot; not a need, below top 10 list

President: Combine Shuttle service + parking with 4?

American Culture Studies PhD: Sexual assault/Title IX process, always more work to do

Student Affairs Rep: can join Title IX advisory committee due to changes

Recommendations have been proposed

Multicultural Affairs: PROPOSAL --> Thesis Process (deadlines/OhioLink)

Information available, but not on a massive level

Have social media pushing this out w/ multiple channels

Dr. Goberman: Real issue across campus; 50 students submitted on final day

Nothing on the roadmap to get there: process in line

Biological Sciences MA: PROPOSAL 🡪 Focus more on MA-focus things

Workshops for specific MA needs (IRB, etc.)

Dr. Goberman: feel free to email me; implementing more thing as fast as possible

English MA: Interdisciplinary w/ Professional Development

President: Interdisciplinary community: what we do when we are here

Media & Communication MA: Publicity & Interdisciplinary nature combine?

Representative at Large: MA students can’t take Professional Development PhD class

Take classes with English folks

Interdisciplinary community intentional alongside Professional Development

President: combine #9 with #6?

Gerontology: Good, but #6 🡪 Internal, 9 🡪 external affairs

Tickets for Graduation:

Stay/Go?

MACIE: Everything else has so much weight

Still work on issues not on that list

Not the biggest issues on this list

Vice President: This is an issue that Administration is aware of

Dr. Goberman: Looking at graduation process; pinpoint needs

Now: Assume lots of tickets

Can make requests for more tickets

Going as quickly as possible

Academic Affairs: Appointed positions for multiple issues on this list

If they fall under purview of this list

Vice President: Articulating need as a major issue to guide issue

American Culture Studies PhD: Need more than this issue

Academic Affairs: Do we need major issues if appointed chair can handle?

Vice President: Position and grander scheme important

President: Appointed chairs don’t have same access

This is what President/Vice President take to administration

Representative-at-Large: Interdisciplinary and Professional Development Combo?

Use Interdisciplinary as buzzword is a problem

Building community not combinable with both

Psychology: See push for diversity/inclusion efforts under mental health

Highlight Diversity + Inclusion efforts

Biological Sciences PhD: Keep shuttle?

President: Still getting no response 🡪 then it is a problem

Top Ten List will be updated by Vice-President, Out with the Minutes on Monday

\*Announcements from Robin, GSS President for Next Year\*

American Culture Studies PhD: Appointed Positions are available:

Multicultural & Accessibility Chair

International Chair

Online Graduate Student Representative

Chair for Professional Development

Environmental Chair

Expectations different from Elected officers

Make of it what you will

Email [Robinh@bgsu.edu](mailto:Robinh@bgsu.edu) or ask current positions for questions

Can apply for position on Canvas

Applications due a week from today (May 3rd)

Past experience as GSS Senator not necessary to apply

**Concluding Remarks**

Daniel M. Ricken, GSS President

Concluding remarks

GSS was my home for my last three years here at BGSU

We have accomplished much of what we sought to this year

All of this could not have been done without you (GA & SEC)

Keep building community

**Passing of the Gavel:**

Ivy Keen, GSS Vice President

Shanklin went well; thank you for everyone

Please take your placard as a memento if you would like

Thank you for the opportunity to be your Vice President this year

Gavel Passes from Ivy Keen to Ashley Hendricks

# Announcements

Congratulations to all of those graduating on May 17!

Vice-President Ashley Hendricks: Any last announcements?

President: Come see Midsummer Night’s Dream!

Thursday, Friday, & Saturday night, Sunday matinee

Tickets are $5 in advance, $20 at Box Office

Environmental Affairs Chair: MA recital this Saturday @ 4pm! Come on out!

After Meeting: Come to Guajillos after the meeting!

# Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Communication Sciences & Disorders MA

Second: World Languages & Cultures

VOTE

**Adjourned at 5:01pm**

Prepared by Brian Timm.