**General Assembly Minutes**

September 21, 2018; 3pm-5pm

Graduate Student Senate

* Call to Order – President at 3:03pm
* Roll Call
  + Please come see us after the meeting if your name was not called
* Approval of the Minutes and Agenda
  + Motion: Higher Education PhD
    - Second: College of Musical Arts
* Guest Speakers
  + **Mr. Michael Galbraith, Candidate for the US Congressional Seat Representing Ohio’s 5th District**
    - Rally at Eagles on Main 3-5 the cards will get you free admittance to the event.
    - The 5th district is in the northwest corner of the state
    - What motivated him to run?
      * When the election results were in, he was shocked at the results
      * He decided to run for congress
      * He wants to represent the everyday person
    - Access to health care is being limited
    - We need you to vote
    - Question: Representative-at-Large
      * Is it possible to make election day a holiday? Are there any ways to make sure people have access to the ballet?
        + You can vote early, or go to the court house and vote, or you can get an absentee ballot
      * Question: What role do you think the federal government should play in education?
        + He has lived in an environment where his children went to college and did not have to pay. He does not think this is the best way forward. He believes we need to have some ownership in this. Resources are being taken away from education at all levels, and he would like to see restructuring of the student debt mechanism
      * Question: Analytics
        + What kind of safety mechanisms are there to deal with violence against students?

This is a difficult question because you see this lot.

We have to have a license that says we are able drive and have passed a test. The same should be done for weapons.

* + - * Question: Environmental Affairs Chair
        + You said you have not run for a political position before?

I have spent the past 30 years in the international financial market

Father was a politician for 25 years

He sees this culture of corruption and wants to end it

We see examples of insider trading and misuse of campaign funds

There are too many career politicians in Washington DC

He wants to make sure Ohioans have a voice

He has received no contributions from corporations

Has been able to raise $160,000 in campaign funds

* + - * Question: Psychology
        + You have made it clear that you are opposed to Republicans, would you see yourself working with Republicans?

He has talked with other Republicans and many have said that they can no longer support the current candidates

At the end of the day it is not whether you are a Republican or Democrat. It is whether you care

* + **Dr. Angela Clark-Taylor, Center for Women and Gender Equity Director**
    - The Center for Women and Gender Equality started 20 years ago
      * Now located in Hayes Hall on the second floor
      * She is the second director of the program
      * Violence prevention, mentorship with graduate students, and contemporary issues.
      * They would like to become more inclusive to work with all genders
        + Many of the programs are just open to undergraduate, faculty, and staff
      * You can get involved with some of the programs. They also have grant and funding as well for students!
        + Professional development series – Dr. Karen Kelsky

October 25 10-12 PM

Academic career path talk for those thinking of a career in academia.

* + - * What are the goals?
        + Ways that they can make sure everyone feels welcome
        + Ways to have discussion about things that are going on in the world that are evidence based and social justice issues
        + They also want to be a community space on campus for students
    - Violence prevention
      * + First meeting is in beginning of October
        + They want it to be more of a social gathering
    - Questions: Representative-at-Large
      * + Could you talk about the conference on men and masculinity?

It was earlier this year

Increase education about gender stereotypes

There are different ways to be a man

Deeper understanding of gender

105 people showed up

Black masculinity

Queer masculinity

* + - * + Question: English MA

Can anyone stop by to pick up materials?

Yes, they are on the second floor of Hays located by the elevator

They can come to class and give presentations on:

Rape culture, consent, gender, feminism masculinity, and many other topics

* + - * + Question: International Student Affairs Chair

Last week there was an anti-abortion campaign on campus, and some people were disturbed by it. Is it possible to get a disclaimer or text when these are going on?

Yes, they did not send out a statement of a trigger warning for this event. The night before freeandequal.org came to show pictures and videos about abortion. They were in a free speech area that they had reserved though an outside vendor

She came down herself to see what was going on. She asked them to send out a message. At Miami University, they sent out a message and it had a silencing effect

She has been trying to have more conversations about the people who are allowed on campus

She has been working with staff to better understand what to do when a student comes to them saying they are upset by something like this. They don’t take a side on the issue. They should be making sure they are giving out medically accurate information on the issue

* + - * + Question: Environment Affairs Chair

What is your most favorite program your office has?

In the spring, we have a lot of programs going on, but her favorite is:

Women’s Leadership Summit

3 women’s scholar activists

* + - * + Dr. Karen Kelsky Talk

She is the graduate advisor you wish you always had

She will explain how an academic career path works

If you are registered, there are prizes

If you are part of MIGGS or woman’s caucus:

There will be a special event for those students

An announcement will go out Wednesday

October 25th, but it may have to be pushed back

* Officer Reports
  + Chair for Professional Development of Graduate Students
    - Brian Timm – [btimm@bgsu.edu](mailto:btimm@bgsu.edu)
  + Chair for International Graduate Student Affairs
    - Shreyasi Pain – [spain@bgsu.edu](mailto:spain@bgsu.edu)
      * We had our first meeting
        + They discussed plans and goals
        + More collaboration with the international groups

They want to make a common platform to share resources

* + - * + They will email all of the Presidents of international student organizations on campus to plan a meeting to learn about their concerns
        + They would like to then contact all student organizations to find out what issues and concerns need to be addressed
        + Topics of concern include transportation

There is the shuttle, but it used to go to Kroger and Walmart. Now it only goes to Meijer and on the way back it goes all the way to Copper Beach apartments which can be an issue for some students

They wish there was a shuttle that goes to the grocery stores once or twice a week

* + - * + Make a social media page that international students can post their concerns, so that the problems can be addressed and solved faster
        + Healthcare came up

Instead of taking the expensive option, they want to make sure international students know there are other options available as well.

* + - * + Some international students cannot get funding, and it can be very difficult for them to continue their education without it
  + Chair for Multicultural and Disability Graduate Student Affairs
    - Anna Gravelin – [gravela@bgsu.edu](mailto:gravela@bgsu.edu)
      * Met with student accessibility services
        + Not many students utilize the services

Usually only if its chronic and you need accommodations for coursework or for your assistantship

* + - * Meeting with committee next week
        + Been reaching out with student organizations and asked how to communicate best with multicultural students or students needing student accessibility services
        + If you think of any ideas, please email her!
  + Chair for Environmental Affairs
    - Alexandra Hegedus – [amheged@bgsu.edu](mailto:amheged@bgsu.edu)
      * Green Fund Initiative meeting
        + Two proposals

Water bottle filling station in CMA

People are trying to get the new building (Maurer business building) approved for a new sustainability project

Funds thirteen solar panels to help with sustainability

* + - If you have any information on those projects, please email her
    - Community garden starting on campus!
      * We need volunteers
      * Materials are provided; we just need labor
  + Chair of Online Graduate Student Affairs
    - Andrew Hampton – [andhamp@bgsu.edu](mailto:andhamp@bgsu.edu)
      * If there are any graduate students taking courses online and you are hearing about things, please encourage them to email Andrew with concerns
        + Examples are registration, office hours, and any other issues you are facing as an online student
  + Representative-at-Large
    - David F. Stephens – [dsteph@bgsu.edu](mailto:dsteph@bgsu.edu)
      * If you are on his committee:
        + You will have received an email
        + Will be meeting before the next GA meeting
      * Professional development events
        + Please send him different events that are happening on campus so that he can make a flyer
  + Secretary
    - Malachi Bailey – [mibaie@bgsu.edu](mailto:mibaie@bgsu.edu)
      * None
  + Treasurer/Graduate Allocations Rep
    - Lauren Dial – [ladial@bgsu.edu](mailto:ladial@bgsu.edu)
      * **Funding for Professional Development (FPD) applications due Monday by 11:59 pm**
        + Funding can be used for professional memberships, if you are going to a conference, or for professional development activities
      * **If your activity is between the time frame of August 27th to January 1st you can apply for Fall FPD funding**
        + October 12 they will come out with the decision
      * **ALL graduate students are allowed to apply for FPD (this includes GA senators and SEC members)**
    - Question: Communication Science and Disorders MA
      * Will there be funding for spring and summer semester?
        + Yes, the dates will be coming out later, and we will let you know when they come out
  + Student Affairs Representative
    - Samantha Juarez – [juarezs@bgsu.edu](mailto:juarezs@bgsu.edu)
      * Student Affairs Advisory Committee
        + Meeting happening in the coming weeks
      * Implement team for Title IX Initiative
        + As first year student, they are thinking of having students be required to complete online modules about alcohol consumption and Title IX

They would complete them before they got here so they would know the information beforehand

* + - * + Title IX Review Report

Came out on Wednesday

This is a report they would like to do on a yearly basis

This was sent out by the president as well. Don’t forget to share with your constituents

* + Academic Affairs Representative
    - Sara Stilner – [sstitn@bgsu.edu](mailto:sstitn@bgsu.edu)
      * None
  + Vice President
    - Ivy Keen – [Ikeen@bgsu.edu](mailto:Ikeen@bgsu.edu)
      * Committee check-in
        + Some of you have received emails that you had to be re-assigned to a different committee because the Committee on Committees decided to disband the following committees:

Ice Arena Advisory

Enrollment Advisory

* + - * + **If you have not heard from your committee chair yet, please reach out to them and introduce yourself**
        + Please let Ivy know if you do not hear back from your committee chair
        + **If you are on an academic year contract, you will be paid in January during the J-term. If you are on a semester contract, you will not be paid over the J-term**

Question: Representative-at-Large

Working over winter break question

President

If you have any questions about exceptions about working a job that is not your assistantship contract during winter session or see if you can do assistantship hours from spring semester during winter session instead of spring session, it may be possible depending on your department/program. If this pertains to you, talk to your graduate coordinator or chair.

* + - * + Regalia Award

**Due Monday, September 24th at 11:59pm**

**There are not many applications in yet**

Deadline to apply for December graduation is Sept. 24

* + President
    - Daniel M. Ricken – [rickend@bgsu.edu](mailto:rickend@bgsu.edu)
      * **Professional Development Day Friday, October 19th**
        + Resume building, interview workshop, abstract, grant, and dissertation writing, contract negations, and much more!
        + Food and refreshments will be provided
        + Will be located in the Student Union
      * Winter Session
        + You may enroll here instead of spring session for continual registration once ABD. Talk to your graduate coordinator if this is a possibility
      * Ex-Officio
        + Graduate college has moved to DocuSign
        + **Make sure you are not signing on the blanks that are supposed to be for office use**
        + Tailgate for football game in the afternoon published online

Mental health campaign is being put together

What else can the university do? What are the needs that are not being fulfilled?

University of Toledo – The President has been taking to them about having an airport shuttle (for a fee). More updates coming

* + - * Summer Contracts
        + Summer contracts have been an issue with some students

**August 4th was when the contract ended**

That is why you were not paid

* + - * QTSU
        + LGBT+ poster

If you feel comfortable putting your name and face on the poster, please email the President (rickend@bgsu.edu)

* + - * Provost Search Update
        + Interviewed 10; we now have 4 candidates
        + They are strong candidates
        + Please go to the forums!

**M. Beth Fisher Ingram, Ph.D.**  
Professor of Economics  
North Dakota State University  
Visit Dates:  September 24 - 26  
Open Forum:  September 25, 3 - 4 pm  
228 Bowen-Thompson Student Union

**Joe Benjamin** **Whitehead, Jr., Ph.D.**  
Senior Advisor for Research  
The University of North Carolina System  
Visit Dates:  October 3 - 5  
Open Forum:  October 4, 3 - 4 pm  
206 Bowen-Thompson Student Union

**Christopher Keil McCord, Ph.D.**  
Acting Executive Vice President and Provost  
Northern Illinois University  
Visit Dates:  October 8 - 10  
Open Forum: October 9, 3 - 4 pm  
206 Bowen-Thompson Student Union

**Susan R. Stapleton, Ph.D.**  
Dean, Graduate College  
Western Michigan University  
Visit Dates:  October 17 - 19  
Open Forum:  October 18, 3 - 4 pm  
206 Bowen-Thompson Student Union

* + - Questions –
      * Question: Representative-at-Large
      * What happened with the strategic planning posters from last spring?

They are in the process of making them into a cohesive goal

* + - * Question: What were the times for Professional Development Day (PDD)?

**Professional Development will start at 12:30pm.** Sessions will be an hour long

Self-care is at 5 pm

Last year, we did a survey of what we wanted with professional development. CV, resume, and interview help came up

CV and Resume help at PDD will be at 3pm

Interview help will be at 4pm

* + - * Academic Affairs Chair: As someone who desires to be faculty someday, this event gives a lot of good information
      * Question: Representative-at-Large:
        + Will there be a schedule?

Yes, there will be registration forms as well which will be sent out as soon as it is known

* + - * Question: Popular Culture
        + How will that info get out?

It will be a form on OrgSync

It will get emailed out by the Graduate College as well with the academic agenda

* + - * Question: Academic Affair Chair

If you do not register, can you still go?

Yes!

The registration is just to make sure we have enough food

* + - * Treasurer
        + Dean Booth’s email about the professional development survey: **Please do not forget to do it**
        + There will be workshops for professional development over winter semester. It was talked about making them available online as well
  + Board of Trustees Graduate Representative
    - Adam Smidi – [asmidi@bgsu.edu](mailto:asmidi@bgsu.edu)
      * He is grateful to be the voice of graduate students on the Board of Trustees
      * If you think you have an issue that he might be able to help with, please email him
  + Advisor
    - Margaret Zoller Booth – [boothmz@bgsu.edu](mailto:boothmz@bgsu.edu)
      * Not present
* Unfinished/New Business:
  + None
* Announcements
  + Environment Affairs Chair
    - Composer David T. Little will be having a masterclass
      * 4-6pm on Thursday, September 27
* Theater and film MA
* Production of “The How and Why” going on September 28 and 29 at 8:00pm
* Elsewhere production - entirely student directed performance
* Adjournment – 4:40 pm
  + Motion
    - Political Science
  + Approval
    - Biological Sciences PhD

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