



Graduate Student Senate  
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# General Assembly

Friday, October 4, 2019 – 3:00-5:00 p.m. – Education 115

## Call to Order

Called to order @ 3:02pm

## Roll Call

## Approval of Minutes and Agenda

Psychology, English MA second

## Officer Reports

### President

Robin Hershkowitz – [robinh@bgsu.edu](mailto:robinh@bgsu.edu)

### US 2020 Census

Center for Public Impact may come and discuss

**Please complete the census (even international students)**

Graduate students → Primary residence is here

Fill out Census as being in BG

You will fill it out electronically/in person

### Plus/Minus Grading Policy

Coming up for vote in Faculty Senate

Was previously discussed a few years ago in Graduate Student Senate; Graduate Senate supported it

Still discussion and concerns in both USG and Faculty Senate

Vote is scheduled for November Faculty Senate; If passed, President is likely to support it

Will discuss at future meetings with more stakeholders

### Vice President

Ashley Hendricks – [ashendr@bgsu.edu](mailto:ashendr@bgsu.edu)

### Committee Check-In

Still getting in contact with certain committees

Concerns, comments? Send to chair/or to Ashley H.

### FPD Update

Acceptance Letters will go out no later October 25<sup>th</sup>

Currently reviewing this process

Received over 120 applications

### Regalia Award Application

**Application process has been posted on Canvas website**

Encourage them to apply

**SAVE THE DATE for Graduate Student Spotlight on Nov 2 time TBA**

Recognition at BGSU vs The University of Akron football game  
Highlighting accomplishments of graduate student success  
What would you like to highlight at the game? (Grant, awards)  
Send to [gss@bgsu.edu](mailto:gss@bgsu.edu) (Title: Accomplishment)

**Student Affairs**

Jessica Puder – [jpuder@bgsu.edu](mailto:jpuder@bgsu.edu)

**Top 10 List presented for Student Issues Committee**

Any other topic that needs to be discussed – email me

**International Affairs Chair**

Sajjad Afroosheh – [sajjada@bgsu.edu](mailto:sajjada@bgsu.edu)

**Cedar Point Trip – October 12**

Tickets cost \$30 and 52 are seats available  
Priority given to international students

**International Movie Night Oct 4 from 6pm-10pm**

All seats filled 😞

**BGSU International Night at Woman's Soccer Game Oct 10 at 6:30pm**

Free Pizza and Admission

**CPT Workshop updates**

**November 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm**

Available on BGSU international FB page

## Old/Unfinished Business

**Professional Development Day**

Ashley Justice – [ashjust@bgsu.edu](mailto:ashjust@bgsu.edu)

**Reminder information**

**PD Day is next Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 1-5pm**

Held at the Jerome Library

Panel information on GSS website

Attend what/when you can

**Professional Development Initiatives**

Robin Hershkowitz – [robinh@bgsu.edu](mailto:robinh@bgsu.edu)

Dr. Dena Eber ([deber@bgsu.edu](mailto:deber@bgsu.edu)) Faculty fellow

For Pro Dev options for Faculty/Grad Students

New sign-ups available to meet with her

## New Business

**Diversity and Belonging**

Robin Hershkowitz – [robinh@bgsu.edu](mailto:robinh@bgsu.edu)

**Definition pertaining to graduate students**

<https://www.bgsu.edu/equity-diversity-and-inclusion/university-terms-and-definitions-key.html>

What do these definitions mean with regard to graduate students? Specifically belonging?  
This is an ongoing conversation, will discuss with Jennifer McCary at the next meeting

## GUEST SPEAKERS

### Center for Public Impact

Paul Valdez – Associate Director  
Carlie Pritt – Goodman Foundation Vote Ambassadors, BGSU Votes  
Gregory Harrison – Campus Elections Engagement Project Fellow

### BGSU Votes (<http://www.bgsu.edu/bgsuvotes>)

Non-partisan voter engagement, program  
Cannot say who/what to vote for; key is to help understand process  
Website can tell you what issues are on the ballot for the upcoming election  
Text BGSUVOTES to 555-888 for more information in our area  
Registration process  
All information at: <http://www.bgsu.edu/bgsuvotes>  
Candidate forum → **October 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at First United Methodist Church**  
Organizing more informal gatherings, convos with candidates  
Methods for Voting  
Voting on Election Day (November 5<sup>th</sup>, 6:30am – 7:30pm)  
By end of the hour: in lines will be allowed in  
Early voting starts October 8<sup>th</sup> (location via Board of Elections)

President: Student Health Insurance, Jennifer McCary will be at next meeting  
Anything specific to pass along (anonymously) → Please email Robin w/in next week or so

## Announcements

### Pop Culture: Updates from Undergraduate Information

**October 16<sup>th</sup> 7pm event on Richard P. Taylor on Mental Health**

First 100 will get signed book

**Undergrad Town Hall – October 22<sup>nd</sup> 7pm – 8pm in OLS 111**

On Plus/Minus Grading Policy

Drafted resolution in support of Tobacco Free Campus (possible resolution for GSS)  
Buildings will be demolished on Wooster for the Maurer Center  
Starbucks may move into the Pub on Campus/share area (not yet been approved)

Rep-at-Large: Meeting with Grad Rep on Board of Trustees for Spin Scooters to Campus  
Electric, rental scooters; see if they'd be cool addition to BGSU  
See powerpoint that will be mailed out with minutes  
Questions? Please email Cheyanne

Theatre & Film PhD: **Drunken City opens next Friday at 8pm, runs 2 weekends**

Directed by former GSS Senator Dennis Sloan, at Wolfe Center  
Tickets are \$5 (online 24 hrs ahead of time), at door is \$20

Environmental Affairs: Night of **Feminist Poetry Monday, 6-8pm at SRC Conference Room**

On Campus updates

English MFA: Winter Wheat confdrence Starts **October 31<sup>st</sup>**: Upper floors of Union, writing workshops/Conference

All levels welcome; registration available

Media & Comm PhD: **Next Friday India Student Association: Celebration 308 7-9pm**

Traditional Dance-focused

Theatre Film: Grad Disability Group finalized dates for the group (info coming soon)

### Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn

Biology PhD motions, Second English PhD

Adjourned at 4:40pm!