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# General Assembly

Friday, October 8, 2021 – 3:00–5:00 pm.

**ATTENDANCE:** 12 Executives and 41 Senators

**MEETING STARTED:** 3:01 pm

**CALL TO ORDER:** By the Vice President

**MOTION TO START THE MEETING:** History (MA) Representative motioned to start the meeting, seconded by Biology (MA) Representative.

**ROLL CALL:** The Secretary (we had a quorum with a total of 12 Executives and 41 Senators in attendance)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA:** History (MA) Representative moved to approve, seconded by Representative-at-Large.

## **GUESTS SPEAKERS**

- **Jodi Webb, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs**
  - Presentation (slide attached)
  - Student Affairs has undergone different organizational changes
  - Recent priorities regard student conduct and anti-hazing initiatives
  - Student engagement: Student organizations, major events, Fraternity & Sorority life
  - Dean of Student area: Student conduct; See it, hear it, report it; crisis and emergency services; off-campus student services
  - More questions can be sent to [jwebb@bgsu.edu](mailto:jwebb@bgsu.edu)
- **Dr. Lisa Hanasono, Associate Professor, School of Media and Communication**

- She gave a presentation on Supporting Graduate Students' Success using The National Center for Faculty Development and Diversity (NCFDD) - (Slides will be attached to the meeting)
- NCFDD has curriculums where you can learn, connect and produce, and advance with their resources. Visit [www.facultydiversity.org](http://www.facultydiversity.org).
- The webinars are archived for you to watch later at your convenience
- NCFDD have an excellent buddy matching network outside BGSU
- NCFDD has an upcoming writing 14-day-challenge scheduled for October 18<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021. For more information, visit [www.facultydiversity.org/14-day-challenge](http://www.facultydiversity.org/14-day-challenge)
- She shared three invitations: Activate your free membership (<https://www.facultydiversity.org/institutions/bgsu>), Explore resources to help you learn and connect (<https://www.facultydiversity.org/account/buddy-match> & <https://www.facultydiversity.org/14-day-challenge>), and Attend BGSU Events.
- For more information and questions, visit [www.bgsu.edu/ncfdd](http://www.bgsu.edu/ncfdd) or send a mail to [LisaKH@bgsu.edu](mailto:LisaKH@bgsu.edu)

➤ **Questions:** None

## **OFFICER'S REPORTS**

➤ **President's Report:**

- On-campus Mobile Food Pantry: Every first Tuesday of the month: we are delaying the Mobile food pantry with hopes to move it on-campus as we did previously. This way more students will have access. We are postponing to possibly the first Tuesdays of the month this semester. I'll send the updated information and flyer as soon as I can.
- Candidates' Forum for on-campus housing – feedback to better serve students. For more questions, visit <https://surveyhero.com/c/housingforum>
  - Flyer attached to this email
- Writing Center offering writing workshops
  - Flyer attached to this email
- Student Positions open up for leadership at Marvin Center for Leadership

- Hazing prevention training module – GSS members are required to take this training. Kindly refer to your email for the communication from the Office of the Provost.
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service in January – Active services on-campus and off-campus: GSS members are encouraged to attend
- The Child Care Access for Parent in school grant – Provides grants to help student parents with child support. For more information and how to apply, reach out to Dean Goberman [goberma@bgsu.edu](mailto:goberma@bgsu.edu)
- Hazing Prevention Event: Scheduled for October 19 at BTSU Ballroom
- Vice President: She reported on:
  - Committee assignment – reach out through the GSS email if you have not received your internal committee assignment or there is a problem with your committee assignment: [gss@bgsu.edu](mailto:gss@bgsu.edu)
  - The internal committee will be meeting between this and the next GA meeting date interval
  - Professional Development Event – Scheduled for November, more information will be sent out. Reach out to [Katsias@bgsu.edu](mailto:Katsias@bgsu.edu) for Professional development day suggestions
- Treasurer: She reported on:
  - Funding for Professional Development – A video to take you through the FPD application process (To close on October 13): [https://falconbgsu-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/person/ogundio\\_bgsu\\_edu/Ec\\_fVxs9R79Bk6Q6UwMeWG4B6caolJl76OulWunl1QjvQA?e=hATgV9](https://falconbgsu-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/person/ogundio_bgsu_edu/Ec_fVxs9R79Bk6Q6UwMeWG4B6caolJl76OulWunl1QjvQA?e=hATgV9)
  - Fall Regalia Award– Will be opened on October 14 (for any Masters or PhD graduate students who are graduating this Fall semester)
  - Carry Forward
  - For more information or questions, reach out to [gss@bgsu.edu](mailto:gss@bgsu.edu)
- Multicultural/Disability Affairs Chair: He reported on:
  - Office of Accessibility: share information to students regards their services (Office of Accessibility Services: [access@bgsu.edu](mailto:access@bgsu.edu))

- Reached out to Michael Dieringer: [mdierin@bgsu.edu](mailto:mdierin@bgsu.edu): Senators, send any feedback/Insight on how marginalized students are doing regards social support and BGSU community to Michael

### **OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- External committees need to be filled
- Check your email for communications
  - Academic Honesty
  - Committee on Committees
  - Honors and Awards

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Applications for Ohio Residency Deadline Passed Discussion
  - Late applications and high fees
  - For feedback, visit <https://www.bgsu.edu/registration-records/records-services/state-subsidy-tuition-surcharge-purposes.html>
  - Popular Culture Studies (MA) Rep: Out of state students are charged more fees to establish residency
  - You can always reach out to GSS email if you have any comments
  - CMA Rep: The list of requirements is unclear, Issues with student applications are not let out, but rather students are denied residency
  - Dean Goberman added: He will speak with the Office of Registration and Records regards the service and fees. More comments/feedbacks regards this should be sent to the GSS President or VP
- President: Covid-19 Mandate information and reports are being collected and given to the Office of the BGSU President
- Chemistry (PhD) Rep: International students complained of having to pay health insurance as full payment for a year after exempting from School's insurance and using external insurance for International students.

- History (MA) Rep: Students don't have access to the GSS Canvas page – It has to be done manually; students will get email notifications once they have been added to the GSS page.
- History (MA) Rep: BGSU GSS Web page has not been updated – We are aware and currently working on it. Refer your constituency to GSS Canvas Page for updated information
- Human Movement, Sports, and Leisure Studies Rep: Students complained of having access to Graduate student online resources only in the library and using the school library's computers only – One of our SEC members have been in communication to the Accessibility team to resolve this

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- American Culture Studies (PhD) Rep: Ethnic Studies Conference scheduled for Nov 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, for more information visit <https://www.bgsu.edu/arts-and-sciences/cultural-and-critical-studies/news-events/association-for-ethnic-studies-conference.html>
- The President: Will be singing at Il Trovatore performance with Toledo Opera. For more information, visit <https://www.toledoopera.org>
- History (MA) Rep: Fundraiser event towards October ending. More details will be passed to GSS
- Theatre and Film (PhD) Rep: Funding for graduate students. For more information, visit <https://www.bgsu.edu/student-government/graduate-student-senate/funding-options.html>

**ADJOURNMENT:** Representative-at-Large moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Popular Culture Studies (MA) Representative.

**MEETING ENDED:** 4:22 pm.