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GSS General Assembly Meeting Agenda Friday, November 13th, 2009

Handouts

- General Assembly Minutes: October 30th, 2009
- GSS GradJAM – SnowBall Flyer
- GSS Hockey Night Flyer
- R2009.F4: Opposition to the Shuttle Fee Proposal
- R2009.F5: Support for Fifth Year PhD Funding
- B2009-2010.F1: Naming the Graduate Student Colloquium after Charles E. Shanklin
- B2009-2010.F2: Funding for Professional Development Allocation by Experience
- B2009-2010.F3: Endorsement for Compensation of the GSS Vice President
- African People's Association Cultural Conference Flyer
- Print Responsibly Flyer (ITS)

Guest Speakers

Agenda

- Call to Order
- Guest Speakers
 - Dr. Craig Zirbel (Associate Professor, Mathematics and Sciences)
 - TBD Guest from Dance Marathon
- Roll Call (*Senators not present at roll call must see the Parliamentarian at the end of the meeting*)
 - Departments/Organizations at Risk of Censure: Applied Statistics & Operations Research, Sociology, Popular Culture
 - Departments/Organizations Censured: Art, Economics, African American Graduate Student Association, Graduate Writers Club
- Approval of the October 30th Minutes
- Old Business
 - R2009.F4: Opposition to the Shuttle Fee Proposal – Second Reading

- New Business
 - R2009.F5: Fifth Year PhD Funding
 - B2009-2010.F1: Naming the New Graduate Student Colloquium after Charles E. Shanklin
 - B2009-2010.F2: Funding for Professional Development Allocation by Experience
 - B2009-2010.F3: Endorsement for compensation of the GSS Vice President
 - Other items of new business
- University and Faculty Senate Committee Reports
 - Faculty Senate Budget Committee (Zippy Nyaga)
 - Centennial Anniversary Celebration Committee (Emily Wyatt)
 - Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee (Carl Walling – Refer to SEC Report)
 - Other Committee Reports
- Senate Executive Council (SEC) Reports
 - President – Carl Walling (wallinc@bgsu.edu)
 - The Print Responsibly campaign is entering a trial period to examine cost savings and other efficiencies in implementing a leasing program with a printing company that will manage printing services. The university estimates that implementing this program will save the university approximately \$1.5M in operating expenses. The savings from this program will stay within each individual department, program, or office. I am currently in the process of arranging a representative from ITS to provide more information to the GA at a future date. More information can be found online at:

<http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/mc/page72756.html>
 - The Intercollegiate Athletics Advisory Committee met last week to discuss several issues and proposals. Currently, athletics is working on the final stages of an RFP (request for proposals) process, which will help the university to decide whether or not to partner with an outside firm to help manage the Stroh Center (and possibly the Ice Arena). The Falcon Club completed a successful member drive with 215 new members. The home football game versus Boise State was the first sellout at the Doyt since 2003. Currently there are discussions regarding student-athlete travel policies, these discussions will continue throughout the Fall semester.
 - The Office of Residence Life is holding two suites in Founders Hall for graduate students in the 2010-2011 academic year. If you are interested Contact residence life for more information at: reslife@bgsu.edu
 - Graduate organizations that wish to promote their organization's functions in the written announcements section within the GSS agenda should contact Carl by Wednesday at 3.00pm on the week of General Assembly.

- Graduate Student Issues committee is examining several areas for the upcoming year including: a policy on graduate assistantships/graduate courses for major university health concerns, evaluating the quality of experience for a graduate student in graduate assistantships, creation of a minimum set of expectations for a graduate advisor, and re-issuing the graduate student satisfaction survey. If you have any concerns or issues about graduate education please contact me.
- GSS is currently looking for a publicity chair and parliamentarian for the current year. Please contact me if you are interested in the position.
- The General Assembly guest speaker for December 4th will be Dr. Deanne Snavelly (Interim Dean of the Graduate College). We are currently trying to schedule additional speakers for the meeting.
- Vice President – Michael Landis (mlandis@bgsu.edu)
 - Representatives needed for:

Health Services Advisory Committee
Domestic graduate student representative needed to represent the graduate student body. This is a non-voting, guest member; however, a volunteer would be able to give input to the larger body resulting in second voice for fellow graduate students.

Multicultural Affairs Committee (College of Education)
Any interested member would be immersed in issues related to multicultural affairs within the College of Education and possibly the larger university environment. This is a wonderful opportunity don't pass it up!

Please pass this along to your constituents. Interested parties should contact me directly (mlandis@bgsu.edu).
 - If you have asked to serve on a committee and have heard nothing from the respected chair, please contact me as soon as possible.
 - Please send committee updates to me by the Tuesday at 5:00pm before the GA so that I can include you notes in the GA packet.
- Secretary – Gary Washington
- Treasurer – Zippy Nyaga
- Graduate Allocations Representative – Eric Miller
- Representative at Large – Steve Dinda
- Representative at Large – Chanelle Vigue
 - Submissions for the December edition of the GSS Newsletter will be due in the next couple of weeks for the December edition of the newsletter. Please contact Chanelle If you have any items that your organization or department would like to include (such as spotlighting graduate research in your department, major upcoming events, or graduate organization meeting times).

- If any graduate student is interested in helping with developing blackboard survey questions or topics, please contact Chanelle regarding your interest.
 - Academic Affairs – Irina Seceleanu
 - International and Multicultural Affairs – Emily Wyatt
 - Local, Regional, and National Affairs –Ellen Rooney
 - Student Affairs – Rachelle Barr
 - Academic and Professional Development – Elizabeth Sherwood
 - Shanklin Awards – We are currently looking for judges for Graduate Student Senate’s Shanklin Awards. The Shanklin Awards are a set of three \$1250 and \$750 awards for excellence in presenting research. Any suggestions or nominations for faculty judges would be greatly appreciated.
 - If you have any ideas for sessions at Professional Development Day in the Spring semester, please contact Elizabeth.
 - Social – Andrea Stout
 - November 13th Social Event – Hockey Night
 - 5.00p Food (Chipotle and Pizza)
 - 5.15-7.05p Free Curling Lessons (provided by the BGSU Curling Club)
~~ Bring Clean Sneakers with You ~~
 - 7.05p Home Hockey Game vs. Alaska (Free w/BGSU Student ID)
 - December 11th - Grad JAM “SnowBall” in BTSU 308 from 5.00 to 8.00pm
 - Tickets are \$5.00 for the event, we will have space for 100 people
 - To reserve your ticket, please stop by the GSS office or contact the GSS office by phone at 419.372.2426
 - Proceeds from the GSS’s annual silent auction will go to Classified Staff Council’s *Helping Hands* program
 - Graduate organizations that wish to work on collaborative social programming with GSS should contact Andrea regarding interest and/or ideas for the Spring semester.
- Announcements
- Did you know that the GSS website lists scholarship and grant information for Graduate Students? During the course of the semester, we update the webpage with additional information. Check the page at: www.bgsu.edu/gss
 - Housing Fair 2009 on Thursday, November 19th 10.00am to 2.30pm. There are free giveaways to the first 250 students. Raffle Prizes and Free Food throughout the day (including a chance to win free rent for a year). Sponsored by Off-Campus Student Services, Wood County Apartment Association, Office of Residence Life, BGSU Dining, BGSU Bookstore. Contact: offcampus@bgsu.edu for more information.

- The Centennial Kick Off Concert is set for January 10, 2010 in Anderson Arena. Headlining the concert is Gavin DeGraw with special guest Michelle Branch. Tickets are \$20 for BGSU students and can be purchased in the Office of Campus Activities. Students can purchase two tickets with a BGSU ID.
- The upcoming Kwanzaa Celebration is on Friday, Dec. 4, in 101 Olscamp Hall, featuring special guest Dr. Safisha Hill from Dallas, Texas. There will be African dancing and drumming, singing and light refreshments. The event is free and open to all in the BGSU community. For more information, contact Sheila Brown at stbrown@bgsu.edu.

▪ Adjournment

Note: The next meeting of the General Assembly will be on Friday, December 4th at 3.00 – 5.00pm. All senators and guests must sign in. If you have not signed in see a member of the GSS Senate Executive Council (SEC) immediately after the General Assembly meeting. Also, please make sure to return voting cards at the end of the meeting.