

## The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government

On This Day, Monday, October 27th, 2025

BTSU 308 at 7:30pm

- I. Call to Order 7:32
- II. Roll Call
- III. Open Forum Madison, Senator Check-ins
  - a. General Assembly Meetings
    - i. General Set Up
      - 1. Open Forum speakers come in at the start. Usually it's an administrative member. They are given 25 minutes total
      - Lobby time. Anyone can come in and talk about their organization and/or projects. Given 15 minutes
      - 3. New Business. When new legiskation is being brought up, or other things that needs to be talked about.
      - Old Business. Second readings, current legislation, anything that needs to be brought up
      - Reports: Executive, Legislative, Senator, and Advisor reports.
         Talks about what members have been doing.
      - 6. Closing Remarks: if you want to plug something in that's not USG related, this is the time to do it.

- ii. Attendance: everyone is allotted three unexcused absences. If you have to miss and need someone to fill in your spot, you can have a proxy. During meetings, you need to be present and respectful to those around you.
  - Proxy: someone in your constituency group who is filling in your spot. Must be a full-time undergrad in good standing with the university
- iii. Meeting attire: falcon casual, business casual, and business professional.Dependent on what is happening that day in the meetings.
- iv. What a senator does
  - 1. Represent your constituency group
  - 2. Inform the student body of your role
  - Know the issues that your constituency group has, and then understand what they mean.
    - a. Ex: "The dining hall food sucks." Well why does it suck? Is it not meeting these students needs, is it moldy food, or what exactly is happening?
- v. How to know what the issues are: talk with your constituents, have conversations with the Deans, tabling at events, and social media.
  - 1. Identify problems and analyze what those are. Finding out if these issues are one-off concerns or reoccurring issues.
- vi. Researching topics related to your constituency groups, and then

vii. What to report and when: report the highlights of meetings that you have been in and what those are. In Senator Reports, speak on your constituency groups or what projects you have been working on for USG

#### b. Committees

- i. You will be either in Student Affairs, Academic Affairs, or Internal Affairs.
- ii. Then you will also be on one standing committee. It's an external committee somewhere on the campus.
  - Some will be recommended to sit on certain ones depending on their senator position.

## c. Utility Hours

i. Each senator needs 12 utility hours per semester. If you have trouble doing that, talk with the Chief of Staff about getting it sorted out.

### d. Office Etiquette

i. Please be respectful, it's a study / hang-out space for everyone to use.

#### IV. Swearing in of New Officers

- a. Jon Norden Senator for the College of Arts & Sciences Humanities
- b. Heath Bills Off Campus Senator
- V. Lobby Time
- VI. Old Business

#### VII. New Business

i. S.B. 2 A Resolution to Improve the Parking Situation at Bowling Green
 State University

- 1. Q: We talked with Parking Services already; they have a concern of the underutilization of commuter lots already.
  - a. Met with Parking Services, and they mentioned that this is something that they are concerned about as well.
- 2. Q: Is this taking account the construction delay from earlier this semester?
  - a. Yes
- 3. Q: Have we thought about instead of expanding more parking lots, have we considered not letting all freshmen and sophomores before?
  - a. It's been a thought, but you'd have to see a lot of growth to consider that.
  - b. Q: How would you go about approaching this?
    - Never thought of this idea and isn't exactly considering that right now. It would be the university's decision first.
- 4. Further notes on that: some rely on their vehicle to pay for their college experience (such as Door Dash to pay your bills)
  - a. Note: we don't necessarily want to take away
  - b. Note: the only reason the parking lots did get delayed is because of the weather. That is out of our hands. The biggest seller for BG is that students can have their cars on

- campus. We don't have a lot of employment opportunities on campus for the amount of students on campus
- When Tiago and Abby talked with Parking Services about taking away the cars for freshmen and sophomores, they do not want to take that away.
- 6. Q: Since there have been discussions about this already, how will this work?
  - a. This is a resolution to nudge BGSU into focusing on parking even further.
- 7. Note: made a great point about advertising parking more. Parking Services themselves wanted to have a better presence.
  - Parking wants to create an app for students to get more information.
- 8. Q: When you talk with your consistency regarding Parking Services, do they believe that Parking Services is transparent enough?
  - a. 100% said that this is their 1 issue, and that transparency is very poor. Especially for freshmen students.
- 9. Note: it would be nice to advertise shuttle stops near those further out commuter lots would be a good idea.
  - a. Unfortunately, commuter students believe that, since they paid \$150 to park on campus, they shouldn't have to go out

of their way to get on campus, only to get on a shuttle to get closer to their buildings.

# ii. Executive Appointments

- 1. Director of Inclusion and Belonging Jahna Harris
- 2. Director of Health and Wellbeing Dakota Beach

## VIII. Senator Reports

- a. Mitchel Edgecomb At-Large Senator
  - i. Appliances: spoke with Zack in detail about the ReStore. Unfortunately, most of the appliances have been sold out. Will be working to salvage the rest of what's in there and find a new way to get this initiative together.
  - ii. The Energy Star of Appliances: the government applies a label that says appliances are sustainable. BGSU has stated that their main goals is to get all appliances on campus to have this label. That stipulation has not been followed through with that 10 years ago.
    - 1. He will be in touch with Sustainability Department to talk about this is further detail.
  - iii. Sarah's statement: some of this can be done through the Office of ResidentLife, so please contact her to figure this out.
- b. Aaliyah Chenault Diversity Affairs Senator
  - In the spring, will be planning a diversity walk. Will be raising money for different awarenesses. If you have any input or what nonprofits she should work with, please let her know
    - 1. Will be working on accessibility for the walk, and how to make it

- Can form an internal committee for this and schedule your own meeting times
- 3. <u>aaliyac@bgsu.edu</u>
- ii. Luke Woolard Senator for the College of Engineering and Innovation
  - 1. Met with Dean of the college.
  - 2. Developing a peer mentorship program, increasing social media presence, and changing the co-op requirements.
  - If anyone would like to help, whether you're in this college or not, please let him know.
  - 4. <u>lwoolar@bgsu.edu</u>
- iii. Ashley Athletics Senator
  - Athletics is doing a canned food drive from 10/31 to 11/24. Will be
    a drop off for all non-tickets at all games. They are competing
    against all of MAC.
    - a. Includes hockey games

#### IX. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs Madeleine Freyhof
  - i. Will be meeting with Travis from the Learning Commons later this week.It will get Body Doubling rolling.
  - ii. Medical Protocols is at a standstill, should be having a meeting with Ben Batey soon.
- b. Internal Affairs Sydney Gourley

- Will be making homemade dog toys to donate to an animal shelter. Will be doing it on Friday, November
  - Please fill out the form, it also has a question about if you have old t-shirts that you are willing to donate.
- ii. Trivia Night: is in communication with them. Is waiting for an update on that.
- c. Student Affairs Avie Housholder
  - i. There are currently 11 active projects.
  - ii. Ozzi Coins going digital has been completed.

## X. Speaker's Report

- a. Speaker of the Senate Madison Jeffries
  - Thank you for sitting through the senator check in. The presentation will be in the follow-up email. Please fill out the senator check-in form that will also be in there.

## XI. Executive Branch Reports

- a. President Tiago G. Gaboardi
  - i. He and Abby are part of the Pathify committee. ITS is changing the provider of MyBGSU, and they are seeking to have student reps on how the new website should look like. If you want to be a committee member, there's no set meeting time. If you're interested, please let him know.
  - ii. Meeting with the deans of the colleges right now. If you have any questions anytime soon, please let him know.
- b. Vice President Abby Burger

- The Mixer was last week. This week she has been sending thank you invites and handed out the prizes.
  - Thank you for attending and helping with that go smoothly. Huge shout out to Hannah, Haylee, and Ashely for helping to plan the event.
- ii. Got an email today from Mariah White. Works in the Alumni Office.
  There's a focus group for seniors to participate in. Will be November 12<sup>th</sup> and November 13<sup>th</sup> at noon. You get free pizza and a chance to win a Falcon Outfitters gift card
- iii. Meeting with the CFO later this. If you have any questions for him, please let her or Tiago know
- c. Cabinet Reports
  - i. D'Mya Chief of Staff
    - 1. Currently getting more committees for senators to sit on.
      - a. There's an open seat on Fiscal Affairs Advisory Committee
         meets every first and third Wednesday of the month from
         8:00 9:30 am.
    - Utility hours: BGSUVotes only counts as utility hours during the time USG sponsored them. If you have other things that you think count as utility hours, please talk to you.
      - a. If you were sworn in today, you will have to complete  $\sim$ 8 hours by the end of the semester.

- 3. Starting this week, if you haven't completed all of your utility hours, you will get an email from her as a check in. If you're not sure where you currently are, feel free to reach out to her.
- ii. Anna Director of Civic Engagement and Service
  - 1. In two weeks, there is a deadline for a grant. It's for MLK Day service event for USG, so if you have a good idea for a service event on that day, then email Anna
  - 2. amcray@bgsu.edu
  - Thank you to all of the senators who have given a report tonight.It's awesome to hear about all that the senators are accomplishing
- iii. Karlee Co-Director of Social & Marketing
  - If you need posters or fliers, there is a form in the Teams for her and Ava to make them
  - 2. Both of them are here as a resource.
  - 3. The senator spotlight form is also in the teams, please fill that out too.
  - 4. Midterm post is coming up on Instagram. If you have any projects that you've worked on, please let them know
  - 5. <u>hkarlee@bgsu.edu</u> & <u>aekrame@bgsu.edu</u>
- iv. Emily Director of Sustainability
  - Thank you for tabling earlier this month. On Halloween, we will be tabling from 10:30 12:30. There will be a meeting from 4:30 5:30 in the USG office to prepare for this on Wednesday.

- a. Both are utility hours.
- 2. Working on getting the USG office Green Office Certified. If you have any questions about this, please let her know.

#### XII. Advisor's Remarks

- a. Sarah Jurden sjurden@bgsu.edu
  - i. Definitely at midterm time of the semester. Most people should have registered by now, a few will be registering tomorrow and Wednesday.
  - ii. No one is required to do this, but if you need support in an initiative, she is happy to be part of that. Whether it's CC'd on an email or meeting with her to discuss what to do next, she is willing to do so.

## XIII. Closing Remarks

- a. Madison
  - i. Please meet her at the table if you were sworn in today
  - ii. If you need anything in the follow-up email, send it out by 9 am tomorrow.

    This will be the new rule.
  - iii. Join the photo-circle
- b. Avie
  - i. Go to committee
  - ii. It's Halloween week. Be safe!
- c. Aaliyah
  - i. Come see her if you want to plan the diversity walk after this.

#### XIV. Adjournment