

THE SENATE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY

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**A Bill Formally Requesting a More Holistic Cold Weather Policy**

**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY**

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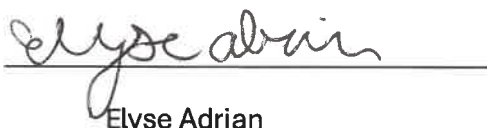
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Gyllien Anderson

Speaker of the Senate



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President

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## A Bill Formally Requesting a More Holistic Cold Weather Policy

*In the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Body here assembled,*

1 **Whereas**, the Undergraduate Student Government represents the undergraduate student  
2 voice at Bowling Green State University; and

3 **Whereas**, Bowling Green State University and the Undergraduate Student Government  
4 aims to ensure all student voices are represented within our Senate; and

5 **Whereas**, Bowling Green State University's close compliance with state-mandated  
6 contact hours does not allow enough flexibility for classes to be canceled; and

7 **Whereas**, BGSU is not considering student health as the sole factor for canceling classes;  
8 and

9 **Whereas**, Exposure to extreme temperatures can cause health issues like frostbite in  
10 under 30 minutes\*\*; and

11 **Whereas**, Canceling classes would allow BGSU students to stay inside and not put their  
12 health at risk by walking around campus to get to class and commuter students to not  
13 have to drive to campus on potentially unsafe roads; and

14 **Whereas**, International students and out-of-state students might come from warmer  
15 climates and not be as well-adjusted to freezing and negative temperatures and could  
16 understandably not be equipped with the knowledge of proper safety in cold weather  
17 conditions; and

18 **Whereas**, Some students will not have access to proper physical supplies due to financial  
19 hardship or lack of information on what supplies are necessary; and

20 **Whereas**, BGSU does not provide adequate resources and physical supplies (hats, gloves)  
21 to those who need them, leaving students at risk; and

22 **Whereas**, Students might feel pressured to go to class even if it is unsafe to commute  
23 because of attendance policies; and

24 **Whereas**, The health and safety of all BGSU students is a top priority for USG; and

25 **Therefore, let it be resolved that,** The Undergraduate Student Government asks the  
26 University to write a calendar that allows there to potentially be multiple snow days in a  
27 semester without violating the Department of Education's policy on contact hours; and

28 **Let it be further resolved,** That the Undergraduate Student Government asks the  
29 University to provide more resources on how to safely navigate extreme temperatures,  
30 before the cold weather is affecting them, and provide physical materials, such as hats,  
31 scarves, and winter coats, for students to adjust to cold weather and be able to safely  
32 commute to classes; and

33 **Let it be further resolved,** That the Undergraduate Student Government asks the  
34 University to notify students of winter weather closure at least three hours before the class  
35 time it is cancelling because students need time to alter their plans; and

36 **Let it be further resolved,** That the Undergraduate Student Government asks the  
37 University to put out a policy on extracurricular activities and student employment when  
38 classes are cancelled to alleviate any misunderstandings; and

39 **Let it be further resolved,** That the Undergraduate Student Government asks the  
40 University to encourage professors to communicate individual cancellation policies to  
41 students in a timely manner, including if class will still be held; and

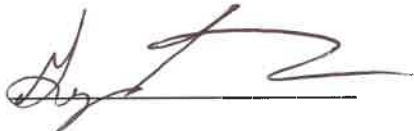
42 **Let it finally be resolved,** That the Undergraduate Student Government asks the University  
43 to empower students to not attend class if there is a danger for them to commute to class  
44 and further encourage professors to not penalize students who choose not to attend class  
45 during extreme weather events.

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\*\* [https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/winter-storm/hypothermia-and-frostbite.html?srsId=AfmBOoqJJk6LUVjBTVZckGw0ec7xGR2wIQC-x97uZ3KvNyowgvM\\_SKUv](https://www.redcross.org/get-help/how-to-prepare-for-emergencies/types-of-emergencies/winter-storm/hypothermia-and-frostbite.html?srsId=AfmBOoqJJk6LUVjBTVZckGw0ec7xGR2wIQC-x97uZ3KvNyowgvM_SKUv)

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*Passed by the Senate and ordered presented to the President of the Undergraduate Student Body for Approval or Veto.*

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Gyllien Anderson

Speaker of the Senate

*I do hereby approve and order this legislation into effect.*

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Elyse Adrian', written over a horizontal line.

Elyse Adrian

President of the Undergraduate Student Government

*I do hereby disapprove and order this legislation to be returned to the Senate.*

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Elyse Adrian

President of the Undergraduate Student Government