



The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government
On This Day, Monday, August 25th, 2025
BTSU 308 at 7:30pm

- I. Call to Order- 7:30
- II. Roll Call
- III. Open Forum – Sarah Jurden and Dr. Glenn Davis
 - a. Glenn is the VP of Student Engagement and Success
 - b. Within the division are: Academic Advising, Radbill Center, Kulin Hub, Marvin Center, Student Success Initiative, Learning Communities, and Resident Life.
 - c. Largest class on record is just over 4,000 students. Won't have the official numbers until September 8th.
 - i. Will give those numbers on September 15th
 - ii. There is also an increase in returning students and graduating students.
 - d. Senate Bill 1 and its impact on higher education in Ohio. Specifically, at BGSU:
 - i. Called the Advancing Higher Education in Ohio Act. It is now in law, having been put into law in June
 - ii. BGSU's general approach to managing SB1
 - 1. The bill has a wide range. Diversity, equity, and inclusion elements are the parts that got the most attention. Other aspects are how students evaluate faculty. One that one go into effect until next year is having to post syllabi publicly. The Board of Trustees oversees President Rodgers, and the Board now has a new operating/voting process.
 - 2. Initially (like January, before it went into effect), BGSU took a very measured approach before it went into effect. There were some things that got pulled out before it went into effect, so it was good to be measured with everything.
 - a. Student groups, faculty groups, and staff groups were all communicated with and asked for their perspectives. While

they have to comply with the law, they still hear the concerns with those groups.

3. Some of the decisions made were:

- a. Student Organizations (USG, any other registered org that has a constitution) are able to continue as they have previously. Any org, regardless of who created it, is able to continue. They will be eligible for funding as they had in previous years
 - i. Ex: The Queer Trans Union has continued under SB1.
 - ii. There is a FAQ on the website that has this information.
- b. The Division of Including and Belonging did all sorts of conferences. Since they were open to all people, they are able to continue. There will be more history and inheritance months that will be recognized throughout this year. There will be activities and organization partnerships that will happen this year. Since they did not discriminate and were open to all, they will continue as usual.
- c. TLDR: as long as registered student organizations are open to all, they will continue as per usual. They will still have their activities and everything else.

iii. Q: Are there any ways for us to get in contact with activity planners for BGSU?

1. A: Dr. Stacey Allen is the Associate Director for Student Success. She is the primary point of contact for students to contact. The department is actively seeking student engagement for more events and activities throughout campus.

iv. Q: Is there any news on the implications that SB1 has on academic content?

1. A: There is nothing in the law that prohibits what kind of content can and cannot be taught in courses.

- a. There is something spelled out very clearly in the law that indicates that faculty members are able to use their own expert judgement on what they will be teaching in their courses.
 - b. There is a clause that highlights that very clearly. It is the professional judgement based on the academic discipline.
 - 2. Q: Who oversees judging what a professor may or may not be able to choose.
 - a. A: There is not a committee, but the academic discipline has their own ways of proving this. To be an expert, you have to prove that you have a deep understanding of the academic discipline that you are choosing to teach.
- v. Q: What has the university done for collective bargaining?
 - 1. A: The full-time faculty is part of a union. They are part of a unit for collective bargaining. Their salary and benefits go through a bargaining every three years.
 - a. Seeking clarification from the Ohio Department of Higher Education. In the US Constitution, those parts of the law that are currently protected by the current bargain, then won't change until the next bargain.
 - b. There will be a bargaining process but there will be a few things dropped from it due to the new laws.
- vi. Q: What platform did you open for students or what feedback did you receive?
 - 1. A: President Rodgers and several other faculty members had forums for students, staff, and faculty last year. There was an email given, and Glenn also came to USG last year. There were opportunities to go to many student organizations as well.
 - 2. They also opted not to make decisions before the final version went into effect, so that affected how many people were involved once it went into effect. But there were plenty of students who

were involved between January and when it went into effect in June.

IV. Swearing in of New Officers

- a. Appointments:
 - i. Ispiro Halabi – Chief Outreach Officer
 - ii. Emily Burns – Director of Sustainability
- b. Luke Wooldard – Senator for College of Engineering and Innovation
- c. Elias Young – Senator of Commuting and Off Campus Students
- d. Jahna Harris – Senator for non-traditional students
- e. Allegra Ruhl – Co-Political Action Chair and Representative for the Black Student Union
- f. Aiden Kelly – Senator for College of Health & Human Services

V. Lobby Time

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

VIII. Senator Reports

IX. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs – Madeleine Freyhof
 - i. Everything is centered around the student experience within the classroom. Relationships with staff, working within the classroom
 - ii. Current projects: medical protocols on what to do when there's a medical emergency in the classroom, and body doubling to help with student productivity.
 - iii. After GA, all senators are required to be part of one of the three meetings. They run until about 9 pm. Within those meetings, we work on initiatives related to that group.
- b. Internal Affairs – Sydney Gourley
 - i. Will be having one-on-ones with everyone.
 - ii. Internal Affairs creates a service project each semester. Hoping to make it meaningful to everyone in USG this year.
- c. Student Affairs – Avie Housholder

- i. Works on everything that's not internal or academic issues. Such as dining, shuttles, sustainability, accessibility, DEI, etc. Focused on student life.

X. Speaker's Report

a. Speaker of the Senate – Madison Jeffries

- i. The Speaker runs the meetings, making sure everyone is in the list-serve. Will be working on new senator applications soon.
- ii. If you're a new senator, will be helping with training and your understanding of your role.
- iii. President Rodgers will be coming on the 22nd of September. Will be business professional attire and will have professional headshots for the day.
- iv. In regular GA, there are certain styles of clothing
 - 1. Falcon casual is your typical class clothing
 - 2. Elevated falcon casual is nicer clothing
 - 3. Business professional is as it sounds, and is for President Rodgers and anyone else of such status

XI. Executive Branch Reports

a. President – Tiago G. Goboardi

i. Expectations:

- 1. Be open with who you are and what your ideas are for USG. If you want to talk with someone, especially anyone in Exec, please do. If you prefer email, please do.
- 2. There is a USG Handbook that outlines the expectations. It is in the Teams. If you are not in the Teams, please stay after GA so you can be added

ii. Projects:

- 1. Green Fund application: trying to change lights in the Union to LED. It's a lot of work but will be well worth it
- 2. Doing outreach for the general student body population

- a. Campus Fest is on September 3rd, starting at 1 pm. If you would like to help out, Tiago will be in the office at noon to get set up for Campus Fest.
- b. Vice President – Abby Burger
 - i. Senior, political science major. Previously served as Internal Affairs chair and Academic Affairs chair.
 - ii. Part of the VP responsibilities is planning special events
 - 1. Mixer: October 20th at 7:30 pm
 - a. Instead of GA, we will have Mixer that invites students and faculty to talk and network
 - b. The Mixer Planning Committee will have an interest form in the follow-up email. You will earn utility hours for it.
 - iii. President Rodgers will be speaking at September 22nd. USG will pay a photographer to take professional photos since we will all in business professional clothing
 - iv. There is no GA or Exec next week because it's Labor Day. Next meeting is on September 8th
- c. Cabinet Reports
 - i. Cailin (Treasurer)
 - 1. Needs a proxy to the SOAB (Student Organization Allocation Board) meetings. Every week in the union from 4 – 5 on Tuesdays.
 - ii. Ispiro (Chief Outreach Officer)
 - 1. September 3rd from 1- 4 is Campus Fest. All the organizations on campus set up booths to show off their org.
 - 2. It has time slots for each 30-minute time slot for tabling, set up, and tear down. The form will be in the follow-up
 - iii. Ava (Co-Director of Social Media and Marketing)
 - 1. There is a link to a form for Spotlight Sundays. It features you on Instagram.
 - 2. We will be taking a group photo after GA
 - iv. D'maya (Chief of Staff)
 - 1. Requirements for membership in USG

- a. Utility hours: service for specifically USG. You are required to do as part of your membership to USG.
 - i. You need 12 hours per semester.
 - ii. This includes tabling and other opportunities
 - b. External committees: these help out other organizations and departments within BGSU
 - i. Faculty Senate meets from 2:30 – 4:30 every Tuesday.
- v. Emily (Director of Sustainability)
 - 1. She connects with the office of sustainability and creates service events for that.
 - 2. Hoping to plan a Campus Fest for green offices and green organizations.
 - 3. Works with the student green initiative fund.

XII. Advisor's Remarks

- a. Sarah Jurden sjurden@bgsu.edu
 - i. Co-advisor with Glenn.
 - 1. They are not in charge of USG; they are here to provide advice and support.
 - 2. If you have questions, please contact either of them
 - ii. If anyone has questions about academics, she is the Director of Student Success.

XIII. Closing Remarks

- a. Hayley – At Large Senator
 - i. Got a position at University Tees. If you want apparel done for USG or other organizations, let her know.

XIV. Adjournment