



The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government

On This Day, Monday, September 22nd, 2025

BTSU 308 at 7:30pm

- I. Call to Order 7:32
- II. Roll Call
- III. Open Forum – President Rogers
 - a. Thank you for being involved and engaged. It's an important tradition, especially within USG. Many alumni talk about USG as their defining organization that helped them become successful.
 - b. The role as President at BGSU
 - i. His job is to make sure we have a strong team of leaders across the university who are thinking about the future of BGSU and higher education. The Strategic Plan:
 - 1. (Objective 1) Preparing students for great careers and lives
 - a. Having the tools to make this happen. Such that student success is more than just getting a degree.
 - b. Great careers and great lives.
 - c. Talked with the current and former Attorney General of Ohio. They've served at different times and had very successful careers in politics. Opportunities like that are what BGSU is all about.
 - 2. (Objective 2) What we work on as a public university is making sure we have relevance and impact in our communities.
 - a. Great academic programs and experiences
 - 3. (Objective 3) People. How are we supporting our faculty and staff in a variety of ways?
 - 4. (Objective 4) As a public university, making sure we are as efficient and effective as possible.

- a. We don't have a huge endowment, but we do have one from the committed alumni and other donors who want students and faculty to succeed in both their careers and lives.

c. Transitions in roles

- i. Glenn Davis served as an Interim Provost while they were transitioning over to a new Provost, Dr. Ravi Krovi.
 - 1. A Provost is like the Chief Academic Officer. It puts a heavy emphasis on making sure we have great faculty and cutting-edge curriculum, amongst other things. It's a critical role for BGSU.
- ii. New Chief Financial Officer (CFO), Casey Wyman. Our old one is retiring at the end of this year. A lot of operations report to the CFO report over to him.
- iii. Vice President of Advancement. The current one, Pam Colin, is retiring soon. Her replacement will be announced soon and will be joining us later this fall.

d. Growth

- i. We're bringing in more out of state students, students of all walks of life, and highly academic freshmen classes.
- ii. Across every college, we have about 70 new faculty members joining us this year.
- iii. With that growth comes some challenges. We are trying to grow very slowly to manage the growth. We don't want to get much bigger than we are today.
- iv. We are large enough to have resources and an array of academic programs / opportunities. Big enough to have lots of choices, but we're small enough to have those opportunities.
- v. We're in a nice, sweet spot with slow growth of about 4-5% a year.

e. Parking

- i. This is the same topic at other universities as well.
- ii. Working to reallocate some additional spaces for residential and commuter spaces.

iii. Planned to add another parking area, was unable to finish those plans for this fall.

1. This will be hopefully completed next summer

iv. Parking services is working on some ways to alleviate those issues for right now.

v. Will continue to work on that issue, so students are focused on their academic pursuit and educational journey.

f. SB1

i. Continue to work on SB1. Because of the law, they made some organizational changes.

ii. They didn't announce the changes until the day of the deadline because there was a potential push to put it on the ballot. Since that failed, they had to comply fully with SB1

iii. There's a couple of guiding values at BGSU, and it will continue to guide us. Nothing in SB1 says we cannot do that

1. If we have a student faculty or staff who comes to this university and is willing to work hard, then we will have systems in place to help them be successful

iv. There are aspects of SB1 that say certain groups can be given no advantage or disadvantage.

v. SB1 gets discussed heavily. If you feel as though it is not being discussed enough or the guiding line is not happening, let administration know

vi. To be a registered student organization, you have always had to have the membership open to all individuals. SB1 talks about student organizations that exclude people will not be allowed.

1. We have to be open to ever since organization, which was already in place here at BGSU.

2. We continue to make sure we support every student org that is open to anyone in our community.

g. Master Plan

i. Will open the new Technology, Engineering, and Innovation Center in January. That will be home to the College of Technology and Engineering

- ii. Talks about some major renovations and additions to some buildings in the next ten years:
 - 1. The science corridor: Hayes Hall to the Flight Center
 - 2. The healthcare buildings, specifically nursing
 - 3. The Art Building is also in dire need of renovation
- h. Q: What does student success look like to you?
 - i. If a student comes to the university, they have the experience here that prepares them to have success in a lifetime of careers, and to have preparation to have a great life of meaning.
 - ii. To achieve that, we have to make sure we have strong academic programs and develop additional competencies to support that.
 - iii. While we have metrics to show this, but at the end of the day it's that every single student who comes here, we've added value to their lives, for both great careers and great lives.
- i. Q: How are you able to reach out to students and advocate for students in a way that continues to move the institution forward.
 - i. In terms of ideas you have, Open Forum is a good example.
 - ii. He gets messages and emails about the issues on campus, such as parking. Changes were made and are continuing to be planned out.
 - iii. Many of the commuters are struggling with the changes to the shuttle system, so he will be following up with that data to see if we need to rectify that.
 - iv. When you have ideas, your advisors want to hear them.
 - v. The free coffee on the first day of classes helps him learn new insights from students.
- j. Q: BGSU is growing a lot in terms of student population, because of that is there a consideration of adding more graduate programs?
 - i. In the Strategic Plan, it talks about serving the needs of post-traditional students.
 - ii. Soon, they will announce something about a certification that BGSU has been given.

- iii. They will not be adding a medical school, but they added Doctorates of Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy.
 - 1. And also Masters in Software Engineering & Data Analytics.
 - iv. Like the number of medical schools, there is already plenty of law schools as well.
 - 1. Instead, there is talk about designing newer programs to combine
- k. Q: BGSU's approach to SB1 has been described as measured. How has BGSU's approach been compared to others?
 - i. He tends to not compare what we do compared to other universities.
 - ii. We want to make sure we understand the law and its application. Early on, there was a lot of discussion of what the law meant and didn't mean.
 - iii. They will absolutely follow the law because they are a public university. They will not read into things that are not there.
 - 1. There is nothing in this bill that says faculty members cannot speak on controversial topics. As long as it is in their field of expertise, then they are experts who can speak on it.
 - 2. Early on, they read SB1 looking at both things they were concerned about and things they agreed with.
- l. Q: With the growth of AI, what are the challenges the universities has faced with it?
 - i. The Strategic Plan has emphasized the leverage of technology in every aspect of the university.
 - ii. The AI + X major is a great example of this. They've also infused AI activities into Life Design, and each of the colleges are working through getting policies in place surrounding AI.
 - iii. After speaking with the creators of ChatGPT, they said that universities that only teach content may go away because AI is much better at recalling content than humans.
 - 1. Instead of being a mini-ChatGPT that can recall facts and information, it's important as a university to make sure your students can think creatively and critically, as well as have empathy for others.

2. ChatGPT only knows the information that has already been created. Imagination is far more important than the currently known information.
 - iv. We need to embrace it and race it, but we also can't forget the human side of everything we do. Doubling down on making sure we are intentionally developing those competencies that can be enhanced by AI but cannot be created by it.
- IV. Swearing in of New Officers
- V. Lobby Time
- VI. Old Business
- a. Second Reading: Budget
 - i. It has been approved
- VII. New Business
- a. First Reading: Bylaws and Constitution
 - i. Asked to remove the requirement of the president and vice president having one full year of
 1. Further discussion: One year would mean just one whole academic year. It ensures that the person that runs understands the rules of procedures of USG as a whole body. It's for the safety of the operation.
 2. Q: One year doesn't mean the person cannot run during elections. It's that your term would start after you've been in USG for a year.
 - a. An edit could be to make it say that
 - ii. Clarification on the reason why Speaker of the Senate was voted by the student body to back to GA.
 1. It would be more beneficial to have USG pick as the majority instead of the student body because it's such an extensive position
 - iii. Utility hours: have they changed?
 1. It's still 12 a semester if you start at the beginning of the semester
 - iv. Clarification: who falls under doing utility hours?
 1. Anyone who holds a Senator position (aside from Committee Chairs). Executive members and members of the Cabinet do not.

- v. Have we considered a change in utility hours at all? Because it's difficult for many people to get it, yet many still commit a lot to USG
 - 1. We should work to clarify what utility hours are. If you do something outside of internal committees, standing committees, and GA.
 - 2. If you have something you feel as though it should count as a utility hour, put it on the form. It's broad to give you more opportunities to collect them.
 - 3. Suggestion: Do a small presentation on what counts as utility hours.
- b. First Bill Reading: End Conflicts in Textbook Educational Program
 - i. For books that are authored / co-authored but not required for courses, is this still allowed?
 - 1. A recommended book that is not required for the student. It's fine because you have a choice
 - 2. Only targeting things that are required by professors who are benefiting from it
 - ii. What is defined as a non-monetary benefit?
 - 1. Making sure we eliminate any instance of professors selling other professors books for each other.
 - iii. Have you had personal incidents happening?
 - 1. Yes. There are many instances where this has happened.
 - 2. Most instances of concerns are within BGPs, where there are a few professors requiring materials that are both expensive and low quality.
 - iv. Formality: The formatting of the bill needs fixed before it can be approved.
 - v. Do you have any plans to collaborate with the administration of BGSU to get this started?
 - 1. In terms of penalties, it's already there.

2. This bill already is narrowed enough to get started to see what BGSU does with it. If there are too many loopholes or not enough information, then a secondary bill can be created to add to it.
- vi. Clarification: Do you think that implementing this could potentially prohibit good materials from being given to students? Especially with higher level classes and STEM courses, there is no benefit to the faculty to make those materials.
 1. Writing and providing your own material is great, but forcing students to pay for is not right. You're still getting paid to teach that course, but not from students.
 2. We could change it to potentially the university pay for instead
- vii. Further questioning can be expanded upon later. If you would like to speak directly with the creator of the bill, please contact eliasmy@bgsu.edu

VIII. Senator Reports

- a. Jahna – Non-Traditional Senator
 - i. If there is anyone who has ideas about advocating for non-traditional and international students, please contact jahnah@bgsu.edu

IX. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs – Madeleine Freyhof
 - i. Had quite a few meetings last week.
 - ii. We won't have an official meeting tonight. After GA meet up to make a groupme and to plan time for outside of normal meetings to work on the Medical Protocols and Body Doubling initiatives
- b. Internal Affairs – Sydney Gourley
 - i. Tonight just meet briefly to go over service ideas
 - ii. If you are a new senator, fill out the form in the follow-up email
- c. Student Affairs – Avie Housholder
 - i. No committee tonight
 - ii. Will be holding committee meetings at 8:45 pm on Wednesdays. If you want to be involved, email them.
 1. Will be one utility hour per each meeting you attend

- iii. If you have a meal plan, fill out the form that's in the follow-up email.

X. Speaker's Report

- a. Speaker of the Senate – Madison Jeffries
 - i. If anything seems confusing about USG, we are waiting for the senators to be finalized before doing a workshop. If you have questions before that workshop, email either Madison, D'Mya, or anyone else on Exec Board.

XI. Executive Branch Reports

- a. President – Tiago G. Gaboardi
 - i. Met with GSS to make a survey to those who live outside of campus, specifically in the section between 2nd Street & Napoleon Road. It'll be in a follow-up email. It's to see if you're interested in bringing back one of the cut shuttle routes (Blue & Green). It currently takes 35 minutes to get to campus.
 - ii. We need to take another photo before leaving
- b. Vice President – Abby Burger
 - i. The headshots will be available next week
 - ii. Last week the Mixer Committee had its first meeting. Meet from 10 am – 11 am on Wednesdays. It's utility hours too.
 - iii. Every year, USG does an Exec Retreat. It will be using money from the budget for catering and the Clifton Strengths assessment.
- c. Cabinet Reports
 - i. Anna
 - 1. On Wednesday those of you who signed up for the Community Fair Tabling, don't forget
 - 2. Next week we sponsor BGSU Votes as tabling. The goal is every member sign up for at least one thing. It's the week before the final deadline for the registration to vote.
 - a. The link will be in the follow-up email
 - 3. Next week her and Travis will be presenting the BGAB (alternative spring break) options, and we will be voting on one of the 5 cities they have chosen.
 - ii. D'Mya

1. Everyone was sent an email last Thursday to pick out your standing committee. Please do so ASAP
- iii. Emily
 1. Most of the info will be in the follow-up meeting
 2. Tabling opportunities next month and a service opportunity at the end of October.
- iv. Brandon
 1. The Counseling Center will have an open house on September 30th in East Hall from 1-5.

XII. Advisor's Remarks

- a. Sarah Jurden sjurden@bgsu.edu
 - i. If anyone needs anyone from her, feel free to email her. And if you have any questions for President Rogers, feel free to him as well
 - ii. If you are sending emails, CC her onto it to boost said email.

XIII. Closing Remarks

- a. Abby
 - i. Group picture
 - ii. Exec picture too
- b. Syndey
 - i. No committee

XIV. Adjournment