



## The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government

On This Day, Monday, September 29th, 2025

BTSU 308 at 7:30pm

- I. Call to Order 7:30
- II. Roll Call
- III. Open Forum – Ben Batey
  - a. Sixth fall at BGSU
    - i. At the start of that, was mostly focused on student health
    - ii. Now, his job on campus is making sure they are supporting students on campus as a whole
  - b. Originally, it was the health of students. Office of Health and Wellness, the Rec Center, Accessibility Services, Office of Dean of Students, and Legal Services.
  - c. Katie Stygles is now the Deputy Chief and the Chief of State and Federal Compliance.
  - d. Being responsive to the needs of the community
  - e. A community of care: to make sure no Falcon struggles alone
    - i. When somebody needs something, his team can jump into action. Partner very closely with the Division of Student Success.
    - ii. There is a whole bunch of resources available. Send them to this division.
  - f. There is a See It, Hear It, Report It page. Reporting helps them jump into action to help students all around campus.
  - g. Doing trainings like hazing and mental health.
    - i. A few years ago, there's been an increase in mental health issues so now
      - 1. QPR training. It's suicide prevention. Has it regularly.
      - 2. Also mental health aide training.
  - h. Now there's concerns relating to trainings for physical health
    - i. Narcan: there is now Narcan in all the dorm halls

- ii. AED training, stop the bleed, what to do during an emergency.
  - iii. Training students to know what to do during an emergency, even if its just call 911.
  - iv. Campus police can generally be on campus within 2 minutes, so what to do before they arrive.
  - v. Students have saved other students on campus from jumping into action quickly.
- i. Office of Dean & Students
  - i. For your average student that doesn't need a counselor from the Counseling Center. Talking with the Dean of Students is where you can get that care and support
  - ii. Grab and Go meal bags
  - iii. Doing check ins and phone calls to work out issues throughout campus.
  - iv. Student Emergency Fund. Reach out to talk with them if you're majorly struggling.
  - v. They do everything in their power to help all students. We can help tell other students about these resources.
    - 1. Catching struggling students early versus at the end of the semester. Telling students to reach out to the Division of Wellbeing
  - vi. The PAWs therapy dog team was a students idea and now it's a very successful program. Reach out to him and/or the Wellbeing Division:
    - 1. [wellbeing@bgsu.edu](mailto:wellbeing@bgsu.edu) can help you out. If you have suggestions please don't hesitate to reach out.

#### IV. Swearing in of New Officers

- a. Alek Lambdin – At Large Senator
- b. Macarena Pareja – At Large Senator
- c. Brady Fersch – Off-Campus Senator
- d. Peyton Moyer – At Large Senator
- e. Ariana Lawrence – Military Senator
- f. Julien L. Briscoe – At Large Senator

## V. Lobby Time

### a. Residence Life

- i. The RA position is about 15 hours a week. Excellent resume booster.
- ii. You work in a residence hall. Have duty rotations, make great connections between the other RAs and your community members.
- iii. You get your room & board for free. And priority class scheduling.
- iv. Have an engagement model to get your students to get to know one another and to grow.
- v. Available to any student who will be living on campus next year
  1. Application closes on October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 8 am.
- vi. Q: Heard that RAs have to plan / community event. What does that mean?
  1. You're given a list of various events that you can run. You're given a budget to put on events, and you'll have help to plan it and put it on.
- vii. Q: How easy is it to juggle outside commitments and being an RA?
  1. Pretty easy. You're a person first, a student second, and an RA third. Being an RA can actually help you manage your time better. Res Life is very good about working around your schedule too.
    - a. You can have additional employment on and/or off campus.
  2. Q: How do you apply?
    - a. It's on the website, and there's QR codes in the resident halls to get the application.
    - b. There's also an external form that asks a couple of additional questions for interview purposes.

### b. Wood County Park District

- i. They are the Park District that encompasses all of Wood County. They have 21 parks and preserves.
- ii. Fundraising the Chessie Circle Trail
  1. Up in Perrysburg

2. New trail that's being built between a bunch of partners. It'll connect a lot of places in Toledo
  3. It's a bike and walk in trail.
  4. They have been awarded a \$25k grant. They have to raise \$25k to get that grant. The deadline is in December.
  5. Would like to host a trivia night with campus community partners to do it. It would be a fun and meaningful way to get involved in the county.
    - a. Great way to get started with a long-term partnerships.
  6. Currently planning the trivia night, open to ideas for what the partnership will be. Mostly just want to work with us on it, where both the community and BGSU students can enjoy it.
  7. It's a good support system between students and the Wood County Park District. They cannot function without organization like us
- iii. Q: What's your form of communication between us and you?
1. Contact and working with the current Internal Affairs Chair & Committee. Or be on one big email chain.
  2. Would like to make a connection back with students now.
- iv. Q: Is there a specific time frame for this plan?
1. Open to anything before December
  2. If you have a better idea/initiative that's not trivia, they are also open to that too.

## VI. Old Business

- a. Second Reading End Conflicts in Textbook Educational Program
  - i. Comment: we need to focus on the big concern. The gripe with textbook cost is not because professors are making money off of it, but it's just the cost of textbooks in general. It's something that's important, but the big thing here is focusing energy on the cost of textbooks as a whole. Educators are known to not be paid super well, so this may be helpful to their income. We could do something about the cost of textbooks overall, but not by demanding professors get cut off through part of their income.

1. Response: you can't really do much about the cost of textbooks. There's no jurisdiction of USG to lower the cost of general textbooks. But we can stop letting professors make money off of expensive textbooks. That's why Bowling Green can create compensation and/or buy those textbooks.

a. Added response: Instead of making no money, students can go use the library instead. Bowling Green can buy the high quality textbooks and students can have access to them.

ii. Comment: Educators are not paid enough, which is well known. You have to see it from the professor and the human as well. Are you only seeing it from the student's POV and maybe how professors will react as well?

1. Response: he's going into high school education. College makes quite a bit more money than K-12. It's unfair business practices and cutting those down.

iii. Question: Would you consider professors experts in their field?

1. Response: They have PhDs so yes, they are

a. Follow-up: So, professors make their own textbooks because they are experts. If they don't have the opportunity to do so, would that mean that we are making it difficult for the highest quality of resources/information to be taught?

b. Response: Bowling Green has the opportunity to purchase those textbooks.

i. Comment: Tuition would go up.

1. Response: This is cutting down on unfair business practices.

iv. The bill has failed to pass.

1. It can always be edited and/or revised.

b. Second Reading of Bylaws and Constitution

i. It has passed.

## VII. New Business

a. Voting on Spring Break Volunteer Trip

- i. BGAB: Bowling Green Alternative Break, where students spend their spring break volunteering for public service.
- ii. It's March 2 – 6
- iii. The choices are as followed:
  - 1. Detroit, 1 hour 20 minutes from BG.
    - a. Bagging and serving meals to combat food insecurity
  - 2. Pittsburgh, 3.5 hours away
    - a. Combatting food insecurity, and assisting a women's shelter
  - 3. Louisville, ~5 hours away
    - a. Outreach Services for Louisville homeless residents
  - 4. Indianapolis, 3 hours 10 minutes away
    - a. Combatting food insecurity and assisting and preparing meals
  - 5. Chicago, ~4 hours away
    - a. Assist in stocking shelves, distributing food and preparing meals
- iv. The voting for where to go is in the follow-up.

#### VIII. Senator Reports

- a. Dakota Beach
  - i. The Student Affairs Committee is working on hygiene products in the bathrooms. Please fill out the form to make sure that they can get it done.

#### IX. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs – Madeleine Freyhof
  - i. Working alongside Ben Batey with Medical Protocols. Giving the resources to students and faculty for what to do if a medical emergency happens
  - ii. Body Doubling: working alongside the Learning Commons to create a program based around structured study times
- b. Internal Affairs – Sydney Gourley
  - i. Working on what meaningful service we would like to do by December

- ii. All new senators will meet up with her to do a one-on-one. Either fill it out or look for an email from her to set up that meeting

c. Student Affairs – Avie Housholder

- i. Dining/Nutrition
  - 1. If you have a meal plan or buy food on campus, fill out the form
- ii. Sustainable shuttles
- iii. BG1 digital
- iv. Accessible access to the Sundial
- v. Updating the Ozzi boxes

X. Speaker's Report

a. Speaker of the Senate – Madison Jeffries

- i. Thank you all for bearing with us through two heavy meetings in a row.
- ii. Anything from our lobby speakers and contacts will be in the follow-up email
- iii. No GA next week because it's Fall Break
- iv. If you're not getting any emails from her, let her know
- v. Senator Orientation will be happening soon.

XI. Executive Branch Reports

a. President – Tiago G. Gaboardi

- i. The Director of Inclusion & Belonging is currently open. If you're interested in it, he will be doing interviews for it over the next two weeks. It's a great role to get into exec.
- ii. Pathify
  - 1. We will be upgrading to pathify in Fall 2026. It'll mix the MyBGSU website and BGSU app. It'll also take over Canvas, and link all of the information we have into one streamlined spot
    - a. ITS is asking him to bring two or three more students into it. It'll be a standing committee.
  - 2. Q: Do you know anytimes where the meetings will be set up?
    - a. It'll be based on the members' schedules and will be once a month

b. Vice President – Abby Burger

- i. Great job with the Constitution and Bylaws, it looks really great. It's a lot of work and looks great now
- ii. The Exec Retreat was yesterday.
  1. Went really well. Spent money on Clifton Strengths, and learned how to work better with each other.
  2. Did goal setting, leadership skills, and expectations workshops
- iii. The USG Mixer is on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 in this room
  1. Replaces GA with this event. Student groups and administrators come in. Will have food and prizes
  2. The committee meets 10 – 11 am every Wednesday.
    - a. Currently going well, with what tables and food we will have
- iv. Headshots will be in the follow-up email.
- v. Since there is not GA next week, we will do a team bonding night next Thursday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm. We will play board games and make nametags.

c. Cabinet Reports

- i. D'Mya – Chief of Staff
  1. Utility Hours
    - a. USG based service hour, which can be almost anything: tabling, event planning, special committee meetings (Mixer, banquet, etc), and a whole lot more.
    - b. 12 are required for each semester
    - c. To track it, use the form in the teams. It's under attendance and participation.
  2. Standing Committees
    - a. An external university committee where you represent the undergraduate student voice.
      - i. Everyone is required to be in one
    - b. To join one: fill out the form in the follow-up email



- c. To report in on your standing committee attendance, go into the same teams form as the utility hours, answer the questions and hit submit.

### 3. Constituency Report

- a. It's a brief report that you write after meeting with your constituency group. You must do one of these per semester. It includes:

- i. Who you meet with. What was discussed. What issues they are currently having. How you intend to help.

- b. How to submit one: fill out the teams form, select Constituency Report and answer the questions then submit it.

### 4. Internal Committees

- a. You're required to be in one:
  - i. Academic Affairs (Maddie) works on anything related to academics on campus
  - ii. Internal Affairs (Sydney) works on anything USG related. They also create one service project for USG per semester
  - iii. Student Affairs (Avie) works on anything that's not academically related on campus. Such as dining, accessibility, parking, etc.

- 5. If you have questions for D'Mya, there's a section in the teams form for questions and concerns.

### ii. Anna – Director of Civic Engagement and Service

- 1. We are sponsoring the BGSU Votes all of this week

- a. To sign up, it is in the teams, or you can through the BGSU Serves website. It will also be in the follow-up email
- b. Next week on the 6<sup>th</sup> is the last day you can register to vote

### iii. Ispiro – Chief Outreach Officer

1. On October 16<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 10 pm, we will be tabling at the Rec Center basketball courts. It's for Monster Mash. The sign-up sheet is in the teams and in the follow-up email
- iv. Ava – Co-Director of Marketing
  1. There are two forms in the teams:
    - a. The Sunday Spotlight. If you don't want to be spotlighted, just put that in the form. If you want to be spotlighted, fill it out with that info
    - b. Marketing Request Form. If you have an event or you've accomplished something that's USG related, they can make a post about it. Or if you want a poll posted as a survey, they can also do that. Or if a substituent group is having an event that goes with the platform, they can post about that too.
  2. If you are tabling at the BGSU Votes, please take pictures and put them in the Marketing Request Form.
- v. Emily – Director of Sustainability
  1. Monday October 13<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 1 pm we will be tabling with the Office of Sustainability in the Union.
- vi. Cailin – Treasurer
  1. If you ever have a project and you need to buy something, talk with Cailin first. Email and set up a meeting.
  2. Don't fill out any forms, they are not updated
  3. Preferably 2 weeks in advance.
- vii. Brandon – Director of Accessibility and Wellness
  1. The Counseling Center will be having an open house tomorrow in East Hall.

## XII. Advisor's Remarks

- a. Sarah Jurden [sjurden@bgsu.edu](mailto:sjurden@bgsu.edu)
  - i. As you are working with campus partners, feel free to CC her on the email.

XIII. Closing Remarks

- a. Maddie
  - i. Making a groupme and will not have a meeting tonight. Will have one later this week
- b. Tiago
  - i. Check the website to make sure your name is correct on the Who is Who of the USG part of the website. And make sure you have access to the teams
- c. Sydney
  - i. No committee. But after fall break, everyone needs to focus.
- d. Avie
  - i. Will have a meeting for 5 minutes.
- e. Dakota
  - i. New senators come up to the front table.
- f. Emily
  - i. Come get a sucker

XIV. Adjournment