



The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government

On This Day, Monday, September 15th, 2025

BTSU 308 at 7:30pm

- I. Call to Order 7:30
- II. Roll Call
- III. Open Forum – BGSU Votes
 - a. BGSU Votes is a nonpartisan student-led initiative. Helps students, faculty, and staff register to vote and stay up to date with upcoming elections and voting information.
 - i. Why do we vote?
 - 1. It matters because our voices matter. Policies being put into place affect you and those around you.
 - ii. How do you register in Ohio?
 - 1. You can register after GA on paper. You have to register by October 6th for the November elections. Anyone who will be at least 18 by the time of the election.
 - a. Residency Requirement: You pick where you register to vote and can pick your residency.
 - iii. The upcoming general election is on November 4th. To vote early, you go anytime to your Board of Elections between October 7th and November 2nd
 - 1. If you do not or cannot go in person, you can request absentee ballot. It starts on October 7th and needs to be mailed to the Board of Elections by October 28th
 - iv. What do you need to vote?
 - 1. A valid ID in person. If you don't have that with you, you will need to do a provisional ballot and provide ID later. If it's absentee voting, you need your SSN when you request it.

- v. There is a link in the follow-up with all of the information. It gives you all the information you need to vote.

b. What is civic engagement?

- i. Beyond elections, it enables you to serve your community and make sure your voice is heard. BGSU Votes provides information to find service opportunities relating to civic engagement. The Marvin Center also has a bunch of these events and opportunities
- ii. You can serve as a poll worker at your local Board of Elections. They assist voters on election day. Setting up / close poll location, enforce election laws, and manage polling operations.
 - 1. To become one, you attend the poll worker training, which is this.
 - 2. You then express interest and get connected with your local Board of Elections.
 - 3. Then you go through the process of becoming an official poll worker for that Board of Elections, which allows you to work as one

c. Q: Is working the polls done in shifts?

- i. A: That is an all-day thing, especially on the day of elections.
 - 1. Paid for it. It's a long day, typically starting at 5:30 am
- ii. Can also work during early voting with shorter hours.

IV. Swearing in of New Officers

- a. Akemi Garcia - Senator of Latino Student Union

V. Lobby Time

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

VIII. Senator Reports

IX. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs – Madeleine Freyhof

- i. Medical Protocol initiative working to get students and faculty more prepared for medical emergencies in the classroom
- ii. Body Doubling initiative working with the Learning Commons to create a more structured studying program for students

- b. Internal Affairs – Sydney Gourley
 - i. If you have suggestions for the constitution and bylaws, please let her know by Wednesday
 - ii. A program to connect new senators with experienced senators and/or exec members. Takes over the senator one on ones. The program provides a mentor to the new members.
 - 1. Will be sending out an interest form to the experienced members of GA for input
 - c. Student Affairs – Avie Housholder
 - i. Working on initiatives regarding nutrition, sustainability, accessibility, and making Ozzi coins digitized
- X. Speaker's Report
 - a. Speaker of the Senate – Madison Jeffries
 - i. Thank you Avie for taking over GA yesterday.
 - ii. President Rogers will be here next week.
 - iii. Next week is business professional.
 - iv. If you want anything in the follow-up, please let her know
- XI. Executive Branch Reports
 - a. President – Tiago G. Gaboardi
 - i. What is a senator's role?
 - 1. They represent a constituency, which is a group that you represent.
 - 2. You can reach out to the heads of those groups, reach out to the students specific to that group (especially through social media).
 - a. You can see what events are going on currently and go to those
 - 3. You can offer office hours for your group to reach out to you in person, or do tabling to connect with students more.
 - 4. You can also do surveys for your group to get feedback
 - 5. You can also collaborate with other organizations to get more feedback or address concerns that students have.
 - 6. If you want to report on this, use the Senator Reports part of USG to talk about your constituency group

- ii. GroupMe for the GA will be in the follow-up.
 - iii. For anyone who is a senator for a particular college, let Tiago, Abby, or Sarah know so you can get connected with the dean of that college.
- b. Vice President – Abby Burger
 - i. The USG Mixer is October 20th. It's during GA.
 - 1. The Mixer Committee is meeting every Wednesday from 10-11 am. Every meeting you attend earns you a utility hour.
 - ii. Next week President Rogers will be speaking during Open Forum. We will be doing USG Headshots. They will be taking place at the big staircase in the parking lot.
 - 1. The QR code is made by the photographer to pick a timeslot. It will be in the follow-up
 - 2. You will need to be outside for the big group photo at 7:20
 - 3. If you have any specific concerns to talk about with President Rogers, please let Abby and Tiago know by Wednesday so it can be brought up in their meeting
- c. Cabinet Reports
 - i. Anna – Director of Civic Engagement and Service
 - 1. On the BGSU Serves website: we have a USG page, you will add be in the USG page soon. Every time you do service through it, USG will be tagged
 - a. If you click on explore on the website, you can see all of the service opportunities on the website.
 - b. If you need any help accessing it, ask D'Mya or Abby
 - c. We are tabling at the Community Service Fair next week. In the teams page, there is a registration to sign up for it. It will give you utility hours.
 - d. It'll be in the follow-up email
 - e. If you want to add any of the other groups you are in, you can add them as well.

2. September 29th – October 3rd we are sponsoring BGSU Votes. The goal is to have every member at that table at least once. It's the last push before the final days for students to register to vote
- ii. Karlee Heilmann – Codirector of Social Media and Marketing
 1. Follow the Instagram: bgsuusg
 2. The Senator Spotlight posts on Sundays, there is a form to fill out to be featured in the follow-up
- iii. D'Mya – Chief of Staff
 1. The new way of tracking internal/external committees and utility hours will be a singular form. It will track your attendance and the information you need.
 - a. It will be in the follow up email
 2. Q: What about GA attendance?
 - a. A: Madison does attendance at the start of every meeting.
 3. A standing committee is an external committee somewhere on campus. You are required to sit on at least one committee each semester. On Wednesday you will be getting an email to pick your committee.
- iv. Ispiro – Chief Outreach Officer
 1. Bridges the gap between USG and other student organizations. In charge of tabling. And runs the elections.
- v. Emily – Director of Sustainability
 1. Meeting with the Director of Campus Sustainability this Friday. If you have concerns, please email her before Friday
 2. She will have more information in the follow-up email.

XII. Advisor's Remarks

- a. Sarah Jurden sjurden@bgsu.edu
 - i. Please let her know if you are having any academic struggles
 - ii. Early alert reporting is happening right now.
 - iii. Really start thinking about your constituents and how are we finding out the interests to those people. Find ways to represent them further.

XIII. Closing Remarks

- a. If you took one of the forms during Open Forum please return those to the front so they can be processed properly.
- b. Don't forget to go to committee
- c. Thank you for voting for Madison and Luke for homecoming last week

XIV. Adjournment