

Graduate Student Senate—General Assembly Meeting—October

Date and Time: October 11th, 2024, 3-5pm

Location: Hybrid Zoom/Olscamp 221

Call to Order

- 3:01 PM

Roll Call

- Quorum met

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes: Theatre and Film
- Second: Psychology
- Minutes approved by unanimous consent

Chair remarks

- Introducing the SEC body
 - Vice President: Syeda Zainab Akbar
 - Parent-Student Representative: Saadia Farooq
 - First-Year Master's Student Representative: Allison Kidd
 - Graduate Student Trustee: Kathryn Ware
 - Treasurer: Ginikachi Ifenatuora
 - Secretary: Pranavesh
 - Outreach and Marketing Officer: Samantha Imrie
 - Data and Research Officer: Richard Maguire
 - Environmental Affairs Representative: Nancy Ransom
 - Student Affairs Representative: Mmaduabuchi Godsgrant Akujuobi
 - Academic Affairs Representative: Madison Altieri
 - Interim Professional Development Officer: Abiola Sobayo
 - International Graduate Student Representative: Adwowa Osei
 - Representative-at-Large: Ariel Esposito
 - President: David Fisher
- Follow on social media: Facebook and Instagram
- Internal committees – open seats
 - Governance
 - Update bylaws and constitution this year
 - Write a policies document/handbook
 - Constitution for external advisory board
 - Years past, this takes approximately eight hours
 - This year may be approximately ten hours
 - Finance
 - Combined with funding for professional development
 - Primarily for spring Funding for Professional Development
 - Takes approximately six hours in meetings
 - Service and Engagement
 - Rolling basis, most variable regarding hours
 - Keeping our presence on campus known

- Awards and arbitration
 - Focused on Shanklin or internal issues
 - Shanklin will need approximately six hours in the spring semester

Special Elections

- Professional Development Officer
 - Motion to move into Election for Professional Development: MA Theatre and Film
 - Second: Data science PhD
 - Candidates
 - Abiola Sobayo: Self-nomination accepted as motion
 - Second: MA Theatre and film
 - Floor Nominations
 - None
 - Motion to move into questions: MA theatre and film
 - Second: Data Science PhD
 - Motion to move to deliberation: MA Theatre and Film
 - Second: Psychology PhD
 - Motion to move into voting: Philosophy PhD
 - Second: Psychology PhD
 - Abiola Sobayo, Elected
- Online Graduate Student Representative
 - Motion to move into election for Online Graduate Student Representative: MA Theatre and Film
 - Second: Psychology PhD
 - Candidates
 - None
 - Floor Nominations
 - None
 - Motion for discussion: Philosophy PhD
 - Second: Data Science PhD
 - Motion to reopen application for position and table elections until next meeting: MA Theatre and Film
 - Second: MA Theatre and Film
 - The motion carries

Officer Reports

- David Fisher: Leadership meetings, Provost search profile
 - Provost search has begun
 - Hired an external group to assist and facilitate the finding of candidates
 - Have participated in two meetings where we presented graduate student concerns and needs
 - Senators and graduate students should feel confident reaching out to their faculty and administrators and the GSS with issues they are having and how a provost might be able to help that.

- Leadership meeting updates:
 - Graduate council: Graduate student issues do surface, but not elsewhere on campus
- Mmaduabuchi Godsgrat Akujuobi: BGSU resources
 - BGSU resources:
 - BGSU emergency fund (<https://www.bgsu.edu/dean-of-students/support-and-guidance/EmergencyAssistancePrograms.html>)
 - BGSU Scholarships (<https://www.bgsu.edu/admissions/scholarships-and-financial-aid.html>)
 - BGSU Counseling Center (<https://bgsu.edu/counseling-center.html>)
 - Student legal services (<https://www.bgsu.edu/student-legal-services.html>): Cannot help if there appears to be conflict of interest with the University
- Abiola Sobayo: Professional Development Day
 - Keynote Speaker: Dr. Donald Asher
 - Workshop with Dr. Asher
 - Kat Williams and Rachel Froman from the Kuhlin Career Hub
 - Gabiel Dunbar, Assistant Director of Life Design

Committee Reports

- Finance and allocation committee: Ginikachi Prisca Ifenatuora
 - Reported on Professional Funding
 - Requested: \$63,000
 - Conference Funding: \$62,640.76
 - Membership Funding: \$3,318.50
 - Other FPD: \$5,862.80
 - Available Budget: \$11,000
 - Allocated \$10,000
 - Conference Funding: \$8,640
 - Membership Funding: \$1,404
 - Other FPD: \$600
- Service and Engagement Committee: Ariel Esposito
 - Banner painting: Won 3rd place, donating the award to the Firelands student government
 - Homecoming tabling
 - There are opportunities for volunteering
 - Sign up for BGSU serves so we can better track our impact
- Ad hoc Faculty-Student Interaction and mentorship initiatives: Madison Altieri
 - Everyone is invited to join
 - Faculty-Student interactions and mentorship styles study
 - Potential survey to be created
 - Working in conjunction with the Graduate Student Initiatives subcommittee of the Graduate College

Guided Open Forum

- Motion to table the Guided Open Forum indefinitely: president
- Second: Psychology

Announcements for good of the order

- None

Adjournment

- Motion to Adjourn: MA Theatre and Film
- Second: MA History
- 4:58