

USG General Assembly Meeting

The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly
On This Day, 08/20/2012
(Business Casual Attire Meeting)

- I. Call to Order 7:30 pm
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes: Approved
- IV. Swearing in of New Officers
 - a. Sam Link-proxy
 - b. Sean Holbrook- City, State and National Liaison
 - c. Adam Prius –Res. Life Liaison
 - d. Brian Kochheiser – Inter Fraternity Council Senator
- V. Open Forum
 - a. Student Issues Review- Senior Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, Jill Carr
 - i. Appreciates coming in and plans to talk about focus areas in Student Affairs and some of the issues we may have to face this year. Retention in student affairs is important. We need to focus to help students make a transition and to stay here to finish degree so are working on a retention plan and put action plans into outcomes. 3712 in the freshman class this year. Facility master plan for building in need of updating to including the Health Center and Rec Center. Next year under renovation, Greek Housing project to take place. Building new Greek housing. Providing an opportunity to create a community that will benefit Greeks and non- Greeks. USG is the official voice on campus so talk to constituents to get student opinion and such, sign up to be on committees, best way to get student voices is to be tied into the community. Mazey wants to increase quality and maintain freshman by raising GPA and ACT scores. BGSU students are experiencing higher debt than national average (many come from middle class can't pay and can't get financial aid). Trying to figure out how to change things, look into creative ways to get cost down and the new health center is one solution, because then General Fees can go towards Rec Center for attraction of students without increasing fees. Presidential election year-getting students to vote make it as convenient as possible, have candidates possibly on campus.
 1. Senator Juzkiw: Should be consider the involvement of students?
 - a. Carr: Good suggestion, it is on application but not sure how it factors in.
 2. Senator Wilson: Require an essay with application?
 - a. Carr: Have not heard it mentioned before but will look into it if it will help.
 3. Senator Durkit: Rec center closed (no access)?

- a. The pool will stay open, but the rest will be closed to get it done as quickly as possible, look into phasing parts of rec as well. Comparing prices.
- 4. Senator Foster: Unpaid debt?
 - a. Carr: Students rack up large levels of debt, which puts a hold on their account. In order to take classes it must be in paid status. Large communication plan, everyone take responsibility for their own. Now more students have paid status. 137 senior with classes were dropped last night
- 5. Senator Durkit: How many have not come back? How long this policy?
 - a. Carr: 507 down to 475. The policy has been in place as long as I have been here so 37 years.
- 6. Senator Durkit: Committee?
 - a. Carr: Admission office and faculty senate
- 7. VP Neely: Greek housing?
 - a. Carr: Take a look at where you are and what you want to be about what they want to do system wide. Attract more students, keep more, and provide leadership experience
- 8. Senator Durkit: Rec center closing, staff jobless?
 - a. Carr: Might have to look for new jobs
 - b. President Solis: some into field house
- 9. Holbrook: Plan of phasing has more benefits, sports will they have optional weight areas?
 - a. Carr: Satellite rec rooms possibly in Founders and Mac rec centers
- b. Operation Tiger Recap- President Solis
 - i. Brought forward by Joshua Chamberland. Was able to get 10% of student body to sign petition 2,200 signatures when done. 100% post-consumer recyclable paper. Ran a pilot program this summer to see if paper would be accepted by printers. Considered options for funding of project and considered whether or not to use green fund. After pilot program the conclusions were that the CIO was impressed by buy in of students and he agreed to cut the timeline down to two months instead of 5 years. Schools and colleges may use it CIO includes labs, res life, etc. Default pages will be post consumer. Will be option of regular paper though. Use green fund but CIO will pick up cost because so impressed. Certificate to Josh for student to bring an initiative forward.
- c. Student Legal Services Update- Mr. Rodney Fleming
 - i. Introduce to SLS- mission supports student success by affordably serving holistic legal needs of BGSU students. Look at holistic need of students. Refer to other sources. Student debt: can help deal with consumer debt for students. 3 full-time license attorneys. Served over 1600 students. Address problems that can impact student success and retention. Cost is \$7 a semester (legal insurance). Hot topics: alcohol, OVI, marijuana, assault, domestic violence, landlord tenants issues (deposits, repairs not made like promised), file sharing, free speech, consumer debt collection, privacy and identity theft. Significant accomplishments

1. Vindicated student rights to vote in BG city council, students individual votes diluted-fought 7 years, and now counted equal
 2. Standard lease for landlord now for fair lease
 3. Court alcohol diversion program: didn't believe in diversion. New judge and options brought forward and now the program came about. Do things to give back and no permanent record for first time underage
 4. Creation of civil infraction ordinance- similar to parking ticket avoid criminal justice center.
 5. Legal precedents benefits students, security deposit, search and seizure
 6. Pursuing marijuana diversion similar to alcohol diversion \
- ii. Involved: We want student involvement, what can students do? Led by students in response of problems. Not a division of student affairs. Separate entity. Student advisory board, spread word.
1. Senator Durkit: Advisory board issues, last year went to visit and the space was not efficient or conducive?
 - a. Flemming: New space in south hall.
 2. Senator Durkit: motion to extend time by 10 minutes.
 - a. Senator Goldsberry: second.
 3. Senator Durkit: Will \$7 fee raise?
 - a. Operate in red last year increase in near future

VI. Lobby Time

- a. none

VII. Old Business

- a. none

VIII. New Business

- a. Constitution and Bylaw Revisions- Senator Goldsberry

- i. Appreciate help
- ii. Constitution changes: Cover page, Sections (format for easy read-separate president and VP- added executive board) , switched around section to group together and to have concurrence in bylaws, GI: General inclusivity, piece to end of different roles, moved requirement for procedures and appeals (to make sure experience and not someone random), added pres veto override (concurrence with bylaws)
- iii. Look at it for yourself.
- iv. Bylaws: grammatical changes to make sense, allow for detail and clarity. GI once again. Switched groups, table of contents change to updated, student welfares to affairs, etc...A1H added to all positions on executive board to list responsibilities etc, transition time in spring, added VP acts as speaker until speaker elected. Requirement of transition of all roles. Request funds from not SBC- change was reflected in bylaws, internal review to internal affairs. Shifted a lot to more what we do. No more Harshman and Dunbar, combined into one. Equal distribution and add non-traditional seat added. Represent constituencies not your own views.

Fixed article 3 to make sense (etc, office hour). Senator orientation is required now to understand roles and such. Added senator resource binder (tips and tricks). Assessing knowledge, states that if someone not able to have attire for meeting speaker gives things. Revamped legislation section, increased readability, easier to go through for help on writing legislatures. Committees don't need min or max any more for flexibility. Committees don't need weekly (switch to regularly)

1. Senator Durkit: Motion to extend time by 10 min
 - a. Second by Clevenger
- v. Continued auxiliary affairs to figure out what we want in the roles. Added time limit to bylaws to be concurrent with constitution. Student affairs switched. Absence counted as absence not negligence. Discussion next week.
 1. Senator Foster: Why change procedures and appeals board?
 - a. Senator Goldsberry: Reduced in time with elections, need to adapt with less people
 2. Senator Foster: Why increase power to IA?
 - a. Senator Goldsberry: Been that way for more than a decade.
 3. Holbrook: clarify what student groups are under non-traditional?
 - a. Senator Goldsberry: Students older than 22 or have families/children
- vi. Initial Reactions
 1. Vice President Neely: thanks Goldsberry and Dzienny for work on the Bylaws
 2. President Solis: When senate passes constitution it goes to Dean Carr (Goldsberry, Dzienny, Solis, and Neely will meet to walk through it)
 3. Senator Goldsberry: 20min next week to discuss it, have to pass it by the 17th

IX. Executive Branch Reports

- a. President – Alex Solis asolis@falcon.bgsu.edu
 - i. Over summer- met with 80 admin, all but three, one scheduled tomorrow- report summary/list will be sent out
 - ii. Campaign met with 4 schools, benchmarked several things including res life out to board trustees on time.
- b. Vice President – David Neely dneely@falcon.bgsu.edu
 - i. Welcome back
 - ii. Spoke to chamber of commerce, a little press, twitter and Facebook, looking for volunteers for farmers market Wednesday and Thursday.
 - iii. Great start green: Tiger, bike rack (new ones, removed old bike racks)
 - iv. Sept 16 fall retreat, 314 union 10am-5pm (one day) refreshments and lunch will be served
 1. Several people to attend lunch including Dean Carr

- v. Standing committees, sign up and chair will be contacting you
- vi. Campus fest in couple weeks Aug 30th, send around sign up for half hour shifts
 - 1. Senator Schnerer: farmers market goes till?
 - a. Vice President Neely: To September ends in October

c. Cabinet Reports

- i. President Solis: Jameson will be a supervisor role for cabinet. Will plan monthly and set monthly meeting times, he'll pass around sheet for campus fest next week. Market and communication looking into marketing USG better, i.e. twitter and facebook.

X. Procedures and Appeals Reports

- a. Chief Administrator – Bob McEvoy rmcevoy@falcon.bgsu.edu
 - i. President Solis: On behalf of Bob, all caught up. Evan Colyer was sworn in and worked with Bob. You can pick up parking pass with student ID during open hours.

XI. Treasurer's Report

- a. Treasurer – Jon Zachrich jdzachr@falcon.bgsu.edu
 - i. A lot of changes with SBC and USG
 - ii. SBC-allocate funds. Spot funding (for project or event) passed can ask for 1000 monthly meetings...now 2000 and biweekly meetings. Large spot funding will give more flexibility and less wasted money. Changing process of budget modification. Anything under 50 (moved to 100) doesn't need approval. SBC concentrate on capital purchase (i.e. rugby practice sled).
 - iii. USG - spend entire budget
 - 1. Motion to extend time by 5 minutes by Senator Juzkiw
 - a. Second by Senator Cherry
 - iv. Treasurer Zachrich: Continued give ideas for spending and get free homecoming stuff by noon tomorrow.

XII. Speaker's Report

- a. Speaker of the Senate – Melissa Dzienny mdzienn@falcon.bgsu.edu
 - i. USG webpage revamped that will work and run more efficiently, create discussion board. Work with committee chairs to run through bylaws and constitution. Meeting with UT chair Lauren Friday, have joint meeting Monday for USG, work with them to find time. Looking into shuttle service. Proxies-swear in ASAP. Jumping around rooms this year, majority is in normal room but rooms are posted on calendar each day. Looking for new secretary.
 - 1. Question: Joint meeting?
 - a. Our USG going to Toledo meeting with their USG

XIII. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs – Kallie Durkit kdurkit@falcon.bgsu.edu
 - i. Over summer takes break- new issues: canvas changes (need feedback, tips and tricks) work on committee to make it seamless. Times to meet.

1. Senator Goldsberry: Transition takes place?
 - a. Dec 2013
- b. Auxiliary Affairs – Katie Post kpost@falcon.bgsu.edu
 - i. Green initiatives, health center board, wood county hospital partnership, still in contractual negotiations. DVD rental box by September (ROC-U)
 1. Senator Juzkiw: When?
 - a. Senator Post: End of August
- c. Internal Affairs – Benjamin Goldsberry btgolds@falcon.bgsu.edu
 - i. Please, please, please look at constitution and bylaws. Senator resource finders. Faces of USG will be a binder. Office hours are required this week. Questions (ask me). Colamitive events are returning this year. Forms are there on the wall. Mailboxes are all set up. Every position has a mailbox grouped together. Exec will receive new mail box on top because ran out of space. Sets that are open many. Pending bylaws being reviewed.
 - ii. Motion to extend time by 5 minutes Senator Cherry
 1. Second by Senator Durkit.

Forms are in office and directions of where to put them. Internal affairs will talk about it. HARRY: goes to Juzkiw... help over summer, this person sent emails and pages of stuff.
 2. Senator Juzkiw- Meeting time for IA?
 - a. Directly after this meeting
- d. Student Affairs – Jordan Sanderson jmsande@falcon.bgsu.edu
 - i. Enclave meet and greet next wed. John Fosset, city looking possible solutions for safety of crossing streets, no solution yet.
 1. Senator Juzkiw: Did time day change?
 - a. Senator Sanderson: Not sure, they'll talk to make sure of day/time

XIV. Senator Reports

- a. Senator Cherry: Fall semester have privilege working with coke cola, work with groups that will have a good event to spread coke cola across campus. Light up the night, free samples.
 - i. President Solis: When?
 1. Senator Cherry: This Saturday from 10-11 pm

XV. Advisor's Remarks

- a. Webb: Great to see you and looking forward to working with you. Text book affordability, if interested still space and no fee to go.
< <http://ohiohighered.org/textbook-affordability-summit> >
- b. Land: Excited to be back, excited to be with USG, a lot of money great initiatives, lack of first year students, bring them here to get them involved. In 301 suit.
- c. Speaker Dzienny: Textbook affordability flier is in the office.

XVI. Closing Remarks

- a. Senator Post: Auxiliary affairs. Meet outside.
- b. Senator Durkit: What does USG do? The things we do, things mentioned tonight, bike racks, union orange and brown, and ROC-U movie box.

XVII. Adjournment

- a. Moved Goldsberry
- b. Seconded Clevenger

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Absent</u>			
Adamski	Tasha				
Appt	Tyler				
Berry	Cassie				
Buelsing	Caitlin				
Burley	Dylan				
Cherry	Greg				
Clevenger	John				
Croft	Nicole	X			
Dettrow	Jordan				
Durkit	Kallie				
Dzienny	Melissa				
Foster	Lance				
Goldsberry	Benjamin				
Gombash	Amber				
Harbauer	Travis	X			
Hetterich	Alex				
Juzkiw	Eric				
Lampton	Joe	X			
Lohse	Travis				
Morrison	Brandon				
Moyer	Sean				
Post	Katie				
Puccio	Nicholas	X			
Sanderson	Jordan				
Schnerer	Kathleen				
Supinger	T.J.	X			
Wilson	Kayela				