

USG General Assembly Meeting

The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly
On This Day, 1/30/2012
(Business Casual Attire Meeting)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Approved
- IV. Swearing in of New Officers
 - a. Senator Michael Williams
 - b. Senator Evan Coyler – At Large
- V. Open Forum
- VI. Lobby Time
 - a. Ryan Sowers and Corrine Smith (Green Morale Captains for Dance Marathon)
 - i. Every single organization on campus is a different color. USG is apart of the Green Team.
 - ii. Three main ways to participate
 - 1. Dancer (All 32 hours) – Stand on feet for 32 hours.
 - 2. Moraler (16 Hours) – Dancer’s support for the event.
 - a. Every dancer needs two moralers.
 - 3. Security (3 hours) – Make sure nobody’s sitting down and such.
 - iii. Supports children miracle network which is a national organization.
 - 1. Supports Saint Vincent’s in Toledo.
 - 2. Money goes towards items such as incubators, items for toy room, and treatments (such as therapy).
 - iv. Events for Dance Marathon
 - 1. Basketball game Saturday, February 4th.
 - 2. Auction Saturday, February 22nd at 9:15pm in the Union Ballroom.
 - 3. Actual event is March 31st – April 1st.
 - 4. Mini Marathon in the Ballroom.
 - v. To Register
 - 1. Go to helpmakemiracles.org and go to BGSU Dance Marathon.

- vi. Senator Timbrook: Give it a chance, be a moraler, do security, get a chance to meet the miracle children. It's the largest student ran philanthropy in Ohio and is a great way to meet your constituents and see what they're doing and give it one weekend...you will not regret it.

VII. Old Business

a. Derek Sword – Bylaw Revisions

- i. Since proposal last week have had people come forward with minor additions/revisions. Just small grammatical corrections.
- ii. Open to any corrections, additions, deletions, etc.
- iii. Senator Sofoso – Stipends not to be found?
 - 1. Sword: They will be added later in the semester after discussion.
- iv. Senator Solis – Voting on bylaws as a whole?
 - 1. Sword: Can vote on these amendments.
- v. Senator Dzienny: Move to approve the Bylaw amendments.
 - 1. Senator Perfetto: Seconded
 - a. Vote passed with 27 ayes and 6 abstains.
- vi. Senator Dzienny: Motion to table for one week because there are too many things left to discuss. Would like to see discussed in committees before we make any decisions.
- vii. Speaker: We approved the amendments thus far, and we went into a recess because there is a possibility of amendments in the future this semester. If bylaws were approved as a whole then we could not add those amendments into this semester and would have to wait until next year. Committee chairs should discuss at length further into the bylaw amendments before we make any final decisions.
- viii. Senator Collier: Why was a recess called? Why wasn't the bylaws discussed before hand?
 - 1. Senator Timbrook: Needed clarification personally and talk to Michael to make sure she was on the right path before she made a motion that caused confusion. As an exec member do not want to make a motion and flaw in what is being presented. Was not leaving anyone out, just wanted clarification from advisor.
- ix. Senator Dzienny: After the recess would make most sense for the committee chairs to talk to their committees.

- x. Senator Perfetto: Did we just approve the amendments?
 - 1. Senator Dzienny: Approved amendments that Senator Sword presented, not the bylaws as a whole.
 - 2. Speaker: Bylaw amendments would stand as they are and we would have a chance to add any more amendments before they are approved as a whole.
- xi. Senator Timbrook: Bylaws have been going on for the past couple weeks and should not be delayed any longer.
 - 1. Senator Dzienny: Not everyone is fully aware of the other potential amendments such as including stipends for the following year. Do not feel comfortable approving at this moment in time.
 - 2. Senator Durkit: Entire GA was not aware of stipends so time should be allowed for thought on the subject.
 - 3. Senator Collier: Things should not be pushed through so a group mentality vote does not occur. People should be given more time to think about the amendments as a whole.
- xii. Senator Dzienny: Motion to table bylaws until next week's meeting so committee heads and committees can see what they want to do with bylaws as a whole.
 - 1. Senator Perfetto: Motioned for discussion.
 - 2. Dzienny: Table for next week.
 - a. Vote: 22 yes, 1 no, 6 abstains
 - i. Motion passes.
- b. Robert McEvoy – Election Guidelines
 - i. Had a week to look over guidelines. Did not get any emails about changes. Is there amendments wanted or changes to election guidelines?
 - 1. Senator Zachrich: End discussion.
 - a. Seconded by Senator Durkit
 - 2. Senator Zachrich: Motioned to vote to approve election guidelines.
 - a. Vote: Unanimous approval

VIII. New Business

IX. Executive Branch Reports

- a. President – Emily Ancinec

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- i. Review the bylaws, already had a week so good time to review again. Any interests or concerns please raise them.
 - ii. Johnny L. Lewis – Suffering from Leukemia and there is a benefit dinner at Frickers from 2-5pm on Saturday, February 4th. Will be emailing out.
 - b. Vice President – Rob Orians rorains@bgsu.edu
 - i. Two committees available.
 - 1. Efficiency taskforce – From provost office.
 - 2. Landscaping Master Plan committee – See after meeting if interested.
 - ii. If any reports, please stand up and say what you need to say so there is no confusion.
 - c. State and National Liaison – Ryan Albrecht jralbre@bgsu.edu
 - i. Last December, three occupy BG protesters were arrested during eviction of campsite.
 - 1. Two protesters were sentenced to 15 hours of community service.
 - 2. Last protester’s trial is Friday.
 - ii. National Elections are in November.
 - 1. Kelly Wicks (Owner of Grounds for Thought) is running for State Congress.
 - 2. Angela Zimmerman (Professor of GSW) is running for the House of Representatives.
 - a. Local Campaigning will be happening, if you are looking for an internship try to take a hold of this opportunity and get involved.
 - d. Cabinet Reports
 - i. No reports.
- X. Procedures and Appeals Reports
 - a. Chief Administrator – Robert McEvoy rmcevoy@bgsu.edu
 - i. Parking appeals came in. First batch were under 50 for all of Winter Break and the past three weeks.
 - 1. Will be finished by the end of the week.
- XI. Treasurer’s Report
 - a. Treasurer – Cory Tuttle coryat@bgsu.edu

- i. No report.

XII. Speaker's Report

a. Speaker – Benjamin Goldsberry

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- i. Any questions about what happened tonight, come talk to Speaker or committee heads. Communicate if there are any questions or concerns because understanding is important.
- ii. Please sign up for a spot to do a one-on-one. This is mandatory of all senators.
- iii. If interested in having anyone come in to speak, tell Speaker so they can be formally invited to come in.
- iv. Apologize for the three emails this week.
- v. Want to do a USG meeting on March 19th with the feel of a TED event. If there is anybody interested, talk to the Speaker as soon as possible.

XIII. Committee Reports

a. Academic Affairs – Tabitha Timbrook

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- i. Advising – Senator Dzienny has been working on contacting all the colleges. Getting the information back.
 - 1. Will have a chart out in the next week or so, still waiting for three different departments.

b. Auxiliary Affairs – Alex Solis

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- i. No report.
- ii. Committee meet upstairs in GSS office tonight.

c. Internal Affairs – Derek Sword

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- i. Grade checks
 - 1. Make sure to fill out sheet in USG office.
 - 2. Need a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5.
- ii. Harry – From Rob Orians to Tyler Appt.
- iii. Committee meeting in USG office right after GA meeting.

d. Student Affairs – Jared Pokorny

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- i. No report.
- ii. Committee meeting in lounge on 3rd floor following GA meeting.

XIV. Senator Reports

a. Senator Dzienny: Currently working on Fly With a Falcon.

- i. Recruitment and retention effort.

- ii. Public institutions are lacking in allowing students interacting/viewing a class.
This will allow perspective students to shadow a student at BG.
 - iii. Interested in involvement, contact Senator Dzienny.
 - b. Senator Zachrich: Meeting with Dining Services tomorrow. Any questions, contact Senator Zachrich before tomorrow (1/31/12).
 - i. Also any input or questions on the union, let Senator Zachrich know.
 - c. Senator Post: Library Advisory Committee.
 - i. Library is looking at making changes to be more student friendly and appealing to students.
 - 1. Any ideas to make it more appealing, contact Senator Post or Senator Ankele.
 - ii. Trying to proceed with negotiations with Roxi. Not official yet, but are proceeding communications and are making progress.

XV. Advisor's Remarks

- a. Extremely important to share what the standing committees are doing because it shows what work is being done.
- b. Thank you Senator Collier for speaking up, please do so more often.
- c. Abstention: Means you have a special interest in a vote. Most of you that abstained should have really said no. If you do not benefit, you should otherwise vote yes or no.

XVI. Closing Remarks

- a. Rob Orians – Two standing committees open, please contact if interested in either one.

XVII. Adjournment

- a. Motioned by Senator Dzienny
 - i. Seconded by Senator Perfetto.