

USG General Assembly Meeting

The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly
On This Day, 10/22/2012
(Business Casual Attire Meeting)

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 7:33 P.M.
- II. Roll Call
 - a. 3 Absent
 - b. 0 Late
 - c. 0 Proxy
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Minutes approved
- IV. Swearing in of New Officers
 - a. Ashley Stanley – proxy for Nichole Neely, Conklin Senator
 - b. Rhea Vulgamore – proxy for Brianna Sosa, Pan-Hellenic Senator
 - c. Eric Juzkiw – Senator for College of Musical Arts
- V. Open Forum
 - a. Ms. Patricia Donnelly- Student Money Management Services
 - i. My name is Chelsea York, I'm from student money management services. For those of you who don't know, we offer a free service for students to help them set up a budget, or look at any financial concern that they have. We wanted to address the underutilization of our service. We were created in 2007 by members of USG, so we thought it was appropriate to come and talk to you about these issues. What do you think about the need for this service on campus?
 1. Zachrich- I know one of the issues on campus is a lot of student not being able to budget their own food plan money, so that is something they should look at is not only their own money, but money given by the school.
 - a. York- How do you think we could better address that?
 - i. Chair Durkit- Are you at freshman orientation?
 1. York- Yes we are.
 2. Juzkiw- How much programming do you do?
 - a. York- We do use the first year success series, but we tend to encourage students to set up a meeting with us to go over any concerns.
 3. Pokorny- Do you just have a table to orientation, or do you have a presentation?

- a. York- We just use a table.
 - i. Pokorny- Is there any way you can get into the presentations? Because a lot of times people just walk right by the tables.
- 4. Zachrich- If you have walk in hours students may be more likely to use the services, because if they hear 90 minute sessions they may think they have to use the whole time, and that may deter them from using the services.
- 5. Pokorny- Have you also thought about going into freshman classes to talk to the students?
 - a. York- We have done that, but we don't want to step on any professors' toes by taking up their class time.
- 6. Durkit- Have you thought of partnering with PNC?
 - a. York- That's tricky, because of the agreement we have with PNC we can't really partner with them.
- ii. York- we just recently started office hours in the hub, how do you think this will do in raising awareness?
 - 1. Post- I think it will be good at raising awareness, but I don't see it as being practical for going over actual student problems in the hub.
 - a. York- We're not using it for that purpose, the idea is just to get people talking about us.
- iii. Chelsea- What topics do you see as being of the highest interest for student?
 - 1. Pokorny- Definitely credit cards, and taking out loans because a lot of students are taking out loans on their first cars and things of that nature.
 - 2. Durkit- Information on when to sign into a system and when a good time would be to start looking into retirement plans and things like that.

b. Jon Zachrich- Treasurer Update

- i. USG will be purchasing a camera that will be available for the senators to use. How this will work will be that you will be checking it out from Alice Cook. You will check it out, either giving your student id or some other form of id, she will keep it while you use it, and then you bring it back. It's an investment, but it's under 500 dollars so it doesn't have to be voted on. We also have the USG polos. We are going to maintain the polo cost as 10 dollars per person.

We have a 13 dollar printing cost, and we have a \$2.54 cost for phone use. Those are recurring costs, unless we have a large charge, so I am going to stop presenting on those. The SBC is going to be going through a lot of changes. It is the funding program that we have for student organizations to get money for their programs. Currently we are down one member, so if

you have any interest, we want to fill that. It's only a 3 hour commitment every other week, and then two weekends in the spring. Anyone who has any problems with the SBC, we are really trying to get feedback, so please bring those to me. We really want actual ways that we can improve what we do, if you have anything about your experience with SBC, or if you feel like you haven't been treated with fairness or respect in the past, that's what we would like to know.

VI. Lobby Time

- a. My name is Katie, I am the world student association representative. International education week is coming up. The kick-off event is the world student association international dinner. Tickets are on sale through October 29th, at the union tables Wednesday and Thursday of this week, and at the union info desk. This will be happening on November 4th from 5 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. tickets are 15 dollars per person.

VII. Old Business

- a. N/A

VIII. New Business

- a. Senator St. Peter and Chair Goldsberry- Amendment 2012/2013-01
 - i. St. Peter- Chair Goldsberry and I authored this amendment in order to address the current way that internal affairs were handling the office hour deficit.
 - ii. Goldsberry- In reviewing the bylaws, we discovered that in regards to office hours deficits there have been a little confusion on how you should be making up those hours. It used to be that if you missed an hour, you were making up a half hour. In the bylaws it reads that missing an hour will cause an hour and a half to be made up. We decided the middle of the road, so from now on it will be one hour for every missed hour.
 1. Foster- This will be in affect this year?
 - a. Goldsberry- Yes
 2. Wilson- I think that this really makes sense, if you think about the way it was, this is much more logical.
 - a. Goldsberry- This was made to clear up confusion.
 3. Dzienny- This will be tabled into next week when it will be voted on.

IX. Executive Branch Reports

- a. President – Alex Solis asolis@falcon.bgsu.edu
 - i. A construction firm has been selected for the rec center renovations. The original 13 month timeline will be shortened to 9 months. I will have a lot more final details on that next week. The health center is also moving along, they did approve the leasing of the land to the wood county association. The design team has been selected, and they will be working with our capital planning, and they will be working to design the building.

Katie Post and myself will be serving as representatives for the health center. There will still be a standing committee that works as an advisory board. Update on Voteless People is a Hopeless People- we collaborated with Alpha Phi Alpha on this. We reached a total of 40 people who were registered, plus however many absentee ballots we collected.

- b. Vice President – David Neely dneely@falcon.bgsu.edu
 - i. There are three vacancies for standing committees, if you could all send me an e-mail if you are interested at all, I would like to have these filled by tonight. We are moving ahead with polos, they will be white polos with the USG logo. We will be going through nice shirt for these, and there will be a cost of ten dollars per senator. If you pay in cash, please put it in an envelope and give it to Alice or Jon, if you are writing a check please make it out to BGSU and put it in Jon's mailbox.
 - c. Cabinet Reports
 - i. N/A
- X. Procedures and Appeals Reports
- a. Chief Administrator – Evan Colyer ecolyer@falcon.bgsu.edu
 - i. Dzienny- Chief Administrator Colyer couldn't make it this evening, but he gave me his updates to give to you all. The draft application for P and A board is complete, and Evan asks that you send any recommendations that you may have for people who may be good in a spot on the P and A board to him via e-mail.
 - b. Treasurer – Jon Zachrich jdzachr@falcon.bgsu.edu
 - i. N/A
- XI. Speaker's Report
- a. Speaker of the Senate – Melissa Dzienny
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 - i. If you did not turn in a senator's report, I have forwarded your name to Chair Goldsberry so he will move forward with that, but you need to still send those out. Standing committees- while they are not required, we do want to see each senator involved in a committee, so please contact Vice President Neely about those.
- XII. Committee Reports
- a. Academic Affairs – Kallie Durkit kdurkit@falcon.bgsu.edu
 - i. N/A
 - b. Auxiliary Affairs – Katie Post kpost@falcon.bgsu.edu
 - i. I just wanted to update on what auxiliary affairs is doing. Currently our issues include getting a crosswalk at the Falcon Heights and Offenhauer intersection. We want a blinking light crosswalk which would be the same as the Mercer crosswalk. We are also looking into getting lights at the volleyball courts at Offenhauer, a goal horn in the ice arena, water bottle refill stations in residence halls, and trash cans in lot 12 that are accessible

to students. Last week's pumpkin sales went really well, I really appreciate all the people that came out to help, we raised 76 dollars from that, but we didn't sell all of them, so if you want one they are up in the USG office and you can take one if you'd like.

c. Internal Affairs – Benjamin Goldsberry btgolds@falcon.bgsu.edu

i. I have nine recommendation forms from my committee, so thank you. I think some people are confused as to how the office hours system works, so if you are confused please see me, but know that you do have to do one internal and one external. If you did not do your senator report, you will have one office hour added to your deficit until you turn that in.

1. Sanderson- Harry goes to Chair Post

2. Juzkiw- Charley goes to Senator Durkit

d. Student Affairs – Jordan Sanderson jmsande@falcon.bgsu.edu

i. N/A

XIII. Senator Reports

a. Wilson- Scheduling this semester seems to be pretty hectic, the advisors are really sorry, there have been some internet issues, and they are working on it. It's not just one college, so if people are frustrated, please tell them to be patient. Be aware of what is going on, it's not the advisor's fault- it's the internet.

XIV. Advisor's Remarks

a. Webb- For those of you who live on campus, last week Residence Life sent out an e-mail to all on campus students, providing you of your verification of your on campus address so if you are voting in Bowling Green you can have verification of your address. I think it will be helpful if you communicate that to your on campus constituents.

i. Bingaman- Do they just have to print that e-mail off?

1. Webb- Yes, you just have to print that message off that they will accept that as verification.

XV. Closing Remarks

a. Durkit- I am going to the polka fest this Thursday in the union ballroom, if anyone would like to go with me that would be great.

b. Supinger- What is our status on St. Baldricks?

i. Preidis- We have 4 people signed up on the USG team, and RSA is still destroying us as far as raising money is concerned.

XVI. Adjournment

a. 8:12 P.M.