

# USG General Assembly Meeting

The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly  
On This Day, 10/29/2012  
(Business Formal Attire Meeting)

- I. Call to Order
  - a. 7:30 P.M.
- II. Roll Call
  - a. 3 Proxies
  - b. 1 Absent
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Minutes Approved
- IV. Swearing in of New Officers
  - a. Chris Jaeger – Health and Human Services
  - b. Cecelia Williamson – At Large Senator
  - c. Courtney Diener – Off Campus Senator
  - d. Sam Link – MGC Representative
  - e. John Gale – Off Campus Senator
- V. Open Forum
  - a. Your Fellow Falcon
    - i. Dzienny- What we are touching on tonight is the Fly With a Falcon program that originated here, the idea is to offer an extended visit to perspective students. During this they can shadow or have lunch with a current student, or something of that nature. Senator Hetterich, Senator Supinger and I headed this up, and we will be collaborating with YFF to make this happen. I invited a representative from YFF to let you know what YFF is and let you know how to get involved with the organization.
    - ii. Candace Cotton- YFF is very excited to partner with USG in this. YFF is a spirit organization on campus. We promote giving back to campus, and making campus a friendlier place. We do programs such as lemonade stands, random acts of kindness, and things like that. For the program that you are doing with us, the training on there is on November 1<sup>st</sup> with Dan Short, basically what that will entail we will go over certain questions that perspective students usually ask, and just knowing how to answer those questions.
      1. Juzkiw- The training- is that for YFF or for the program?
        - a. Cotton- The training is for the ambassador program, which you are partnering with us to create. If you want to get more involved with YFF you can set up a meeting with our advisor to talk about that.
      2. Juzkiw- It says that the training is on Thursday, I can't make it. Is there some other option?

- a. Cotton- Our e-mail is on there, and she can set you up with Dan for another time.
- 3. Goldsberry- What time on the 1<sup>st</sup> is the training?
  - a. Cotton- We don't know yet, we will get that to you ASAP.
- 4. Durkit- If you decide to volunteer as an advisor, what kind of a time commitment will that be?
  - a. Cotton- That's more of a question that Dan Short will be able to answer, I will give that information to Melissa once I know, and she can pass that on to you.
- 5. Dzienny- What I was told was that we will be matching perspective students with people who may match with their major, so your involvement will vary based on the number of perspective students you are matched with.
- 6. Juzkiw- Are you just looking for USG people to help with this?
  - a. Cotton- We are asking you right now, because you created the program. If you know anyone who is interested, you can give them our e-mail address, because we welcome the help we can get.

VI. Lobby Time

- a. N/A

VII. Old Business

- a. Senator St. Peter and Chair Goldsberry- Amendment 2012/2013-01
  - i. Dzienny- This amendment formally modifies the office hour requirement, so it talks about missing an office hour and what you will have to do if you miss an hour. At this time I would like to motion to put this to a vote, seconded by Senator Porkorny and Chair Durkit.

- 1. Vote- Unanimous voice vote, the amendment passes

VIII. New Business

- a. N/A

IX. Executive Branch Reports

- a. President – Alex Solis [asolis@falcon.bgsu.edu](mailto:asolis@falcon.bgsu.edu)
  - i. Just a few updates for you tonight. The student engagement team is meeting this week, we have been focusing on how to get students involved. We have identified 3 main focus areas- athletic games, fine arts events, and on-campus events. We plan on talking about a possible incentive program for students to get them going to more events. If you have any questions or ideas on how you think we can get students to games, prizes you would want to see, e-mail those to me. We've also been talking about possible car rental companies for the university. It is between two companies right now. We will keep you updated on that. Our monthly meeting with Provost Rogers is this week, so if you have any talking points or questions, please let us know.
- b. Vice President – David Neely [dneely@falcon.bgsu.edu](mailto:dneely@falcon.bgsu.edu)
  - i. Solis- I have two things for you- if you have your money and you still want to order a polo, they are 10 dollars. We want to get them ordered within a week and

a half. CASCA e-mailed me this week, it is happening this year February 23-26, USG has sponsored delegates to go in past year, and I've been talking to Jon to see how many people will be able to go to that. If you have any questions, please let us know, and the application should be available soon.

- c. Cabinet Reports
  - i. N/A
- X. Procedures and Appeals Reports
  - a. Chief Administrator – Evan Colyer [ecolyer@falcon.bgsu.edu](mailto:ecolyer@falcon.bgsu.edu)
    - i. Dzienny- Evan just sent me a few things to let you all know. He is almost finished with the first round of appeals, and if you have anyone interested in sitting on the P and A board please direct them to him.
- XI. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Treasurer – Jon Zachrich [jdzachr@falcon.bgsu.edu](mailto:jdzachr@falcon.bgsu.edu)
    - i. N/A
- XII. Speaker's Report
  - a. Speaker of the Senate – Melissa Dzienny [mdzienn@falcon.bgsu.edu](mailto:mdzienn@falcon.bgsu.edu)
    - i. I had really productive one on one meetings with committee chairs, they have a lot of great plans for the future. I am looking at having constituent caucuses in November. I thought they were really beneficial when we had them at the retreat, so it will be great to do it again. Also, tonight we raised about 35 dollars for St. Baldrick's.
      - 1. St. Peter- You mentioned constituent caucuses, which are mainly for people who have similar constituents; will that extend to residence hall reps?
        - a. Dzienny- The way it worked was each chair facilitated a discussion between each of the constituent group, and I spoke with all of the residence hall senators.
- XIII. Committee Reports
  - a. Academic Affairs – Kallie Durkit [kdurkit@falcon.bgsu.edu](mailto:kdurkit@falcon.bgsu.edu)
    - i. My committee has seen that there are a lot of people who don't know what your DARS report is. It is a way for students to look up what they have taken, and what courses will fill their remaining requirements. We have found that a lot of people don't know what this is, and we are going to try to see what we can do to inform people about this. We will be working with advisors to make some sort of outreach programs, and ways to tell students how they can fill out their check sheets and keep on track.
      - 1. Wilson- I would see if there was a way on blackboard to make it more noticeable, because it is sort of on the bottom of the page where no one really sees it. I think students would be more likely to use the service if it was more prominent on the page.
  - b. Auxiliary Affairs – Katie Post [kpost@falcon.bgsu.edu](mailto:kpost@falcon.bgsu.edu)
    - i. N/A
  - c. Internal Affairs – Benjamin Goldsberry [btgolds@falcon.bgsu.edu](mailto:btgolds@falcon.bgsu.edu)

- i. Please make sure that you are doing your office hours, as of this week if you miss an hour you make up an hour. Also, it is October 29<sup>th</sup>, which means that in two days the collaborative events for October is over. Finally, if you have not sent your senator report into Dzienny, please do so, because you are required to do an extra office hour per week that you miss.

1. Durkit- Charley goes to Chair Durkit
2. Post- Harry goes to Senator Sheerer

d. Student Affairs – Jordan Sanderson

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- i. An issue was brought to my committee this week, pertaining to parking tickets, and the lack of notification for students when they are getting tickets. We thought the best way to fix this would be if a notification would be sent via e-mail if a student receives a ticket.

We are going to be setting up union tables like we did with the smoke free campus initiative, where we set up a board and students can post issues they have and think we should take care of. We are also going to be having another meet and greet at the Enclave sometime this semester.

XIV. Senator Reports

- a. Juzkiw- I attended the first meeting of the green fund. We are looking for some initiatives that we can put through the committee and make changes on campus. Talk to me and let me know if you have anything that we could work on.
- b. Post- I am on the search committee for the new director of international student services. What this person would do is oversee the new students coming to Bowling Green that are not coming here through an exchange program. It is a new way that we are reaching out to students abroad and expanding globally. This should be completed before winter break.
- c. Sanderson- I went to the Health Center advisory committee meeting. We discussed the same points that were already brought to us. The only thing new to bring up was the issue about international students, because a lot of international students prefer to go back to their home country to get their health care. Please pass any information you have onto international students you may know.

XV. Advisor's Remarks

- a. Webb-I wanted to talk to the group about a process I was involved in last week. There was a group of about 12 staff and faculty members which participated in an academic advising kaizen, which focuses on positive change. We spent 3 days looking at academic advising, and we were looking at some key things- gaps in student service, opportunities to streamline the process, looking at inconsistencies and inaccuracies in service. What we focused on was opportunities to make the advising process more clear to students. I will say that I don't think 3 days was really enough. It's such a big, complicated process on campus, while I think we made a lot of positive steps; there is still a lot to be done. There are some road blocks that aren't really advising problems, and I think a lot of advisors don't feel they have enough autonomy to fix some of the problems that students are having.

We looked at services that could be offered, and we are in the process of formalizing these recommendations so we can present them to the Provost. I am advocating that once we share those with Provost Rogers, we will share those with others. I do want this info to come back to USG, and I thought it was interesting when chair Durkit mentioned the need to clarify the DARS info, because it is helpful info, but if students don't know about it, it can't help. That is a brief snapshot of what we did last week. My sense is that when

the institution pulls something like this together the climate is right for change, but we also need to be realistic. Some things will be easy fixes, and some things will take more time. I will keep you posted, and I would appreciate feedback from you.

- i. Wilson- Is it possible for each college to have a tier breakdown for each college? I know that as a senior, I am just now starting to understand the breakdown. I know Dean Carr gave us that breakdown of what she is in charge of, I think something like that would be helpful for incoming Freshman to know about the advising offices.

1. Webb- This also leads to another area of confusion, which is when you see your faculty advisor vs. when you see your academic advisor. I think if we clarified those responsibilities, and let people know when it is appropriate to see which advisor, that would make the process easier to go through. What happens in your college and what happens in another college can be very different things, and that can add to the confusion.

XVI. Closing Remarks

- a. Goldsberry- I had the pleasure of attending the college of musical arts newcomer show, and Frailly and Juzkiw were awesome.

XVII. Adjournment

- a. 8:06 P.M.