

USG General Assembly Meeting

The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly
On This Day, 2/27/2012
(Business Casual Attire Meeting)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Swearing in of New Officers
- V. Open Forum
 - a. Associate Vice President Krakoff – Master Plan
 - i. Focus on where we're going forward from today.
 - ii. Major initiatives – next phase
 - 1. Regeneration of the Academic Core
 - a. Renovations, new construction, modernization, etc.
 - iii. Plan was approved in June 2010.
 - 1. 15 year plan with very detailed steps for the next 7 years.
 - 2. Projects recommended and taken on in a fairly good pace.
 - 3. Goes off of academic strategy, student life needs, and enrollment plans.
 - 4. Everything will be supportable from a financial standpoint.
 - iv. One of several major planning initiatives underway at BGSU
 - 1. Strategic plan
 - 2. Academic re-structuring
 - 3. Enrollment growth
 - 4. Re-investment in campus environment
 - v. Next phase:
 - 1. Regeneration of the Academic Core
 - a. Renovations, new construction, etc.
 - b. Moseley Hall- Universal Introductory Teaching Lab
 - i. Gutted and converted into the Science Teaching Lab building.
 - ii. Originally constructed as the Science and Agriculture Building.
 - c. University, Hanna, and South Hall

- i. Gutted and renovated for next generation teaching space.
 - ii. Buildings can probably last another 50-80 years.
- d. New College of Business Administration
 - i. Will be located on the land that is currently a parking lot located across from the parking lot.
 - 1. Parking will be relocated that is being displaced.
- e. Redeployment of College of Education and Human Development
 - i. Will eventually be demolished and relocated.
 - 1. Relocated into one of the neighboring buildings.
- f. Health and Wellness Across the Lifespan
 - i. Plan calls for expansion of building on the west side and up to the edge of the parking lot.
- g. Campus Environment and Site Infrastructure
 - i. Improving edge treatment of campus along Wooster.
 - ii. Getting better landscaping throughout campus.
 - iii. Improving the appearance and function of the current quads.

2. Additional Projects

- a. McDonald Residence Hall, BTSU dining renovations, and Greek Housing.
- b. Next phase of residence hall development.
- c. Numerous relocations and enabling projects and building demolitions.

3. Assembling a team of architects, engineers, etc.

4. Outcomes:

- a. \$170 million in direct impact on academic mission.
- b. Bolsters academic centers of excellence.
- c. Provides more competitive student life facilities.
- d. Provides pathway to address older buildings and deferred maintenance.
- e. Transforms campus environment.

5. Questions:

- a. Senator Pokorny: This past Friday, was recently approved as significant renovation to MacDonald Residence Hall. What will that include?
 - i. Relocating the entrance from the north part to the east side of the building. Upgrading the rooms (furniture, painting, lighting, etc). Upgrading the bathrooms, electric, windows, elevators, and landscaping.
 - 1. There was talk and discussion of adding air conditioning, but opted out due to cutting price.
- b. Senator Adamski: Do you know where the administration building and family consumer sciences offices, classrooms, etc. will go?
 - i. Deployed elsewhere on main campus or some of the other buildings that the university owns. The college of arts of sciences will remain on campus as well as financial aide, registration, and the bursar. College of family consumer sciences will have to go somewhere to be determined.
- c. Senator Kelly: Where to move Army, Airforce, and ROTC?
 - i. Not determined yet.
- d. Senator Clevenger: Would pre-major advising be moved?
 - i. Yes, into another building.
- e. Senator Johnson: Is a parking deck considered and if not then why not?
 - i. Was not seriously considered. We have enough land for parking and a parking deck would cost about \$20,000 per space while a regular lot would cost about \$2,000 per space. Plus parking deck has greater costs in upkeep.
- f. Senator Adamski: Are some of these buildings that are being demolished going to become parking spaces?
 - i. Probably not. Would like to preserve the pedestrian nature of campus and want to keep parking on the outside of campus as much as possible. Will put

something there that compliments the quad but it may not even be a building.

- g. Senator Thacker: Any plans on expanding parking?
 - i. Parking group would be better able to answer that. Did a study for parking and we have sufficient parking but may possibly need a little more. May be a recommendation to add more but not in great quality.
- h. Senator Daniels: Will the outside architectural look stay the same?
 - i. Yes, we want to keep it the same as much as possible.
- i. Senator Johnson: Motion to increase time.
 - i. Seconded by Senator Pokorny.
- j. Senator Johnson: There seems to be enough existing spaces, what plan does the university have to let students know that there is?
 - i. I really can't speak of that, you might be able to be better helped by parking services.
- k. Senator Pokorny: Will you try to retain the architectural detail of buildings such as marble staircases in Hannah?
 - i. Cannot answer specific details of buildings, but can assure that there will be steps to ensure the preservation of them.
- l. Senator Solis: Is there any way to provide consistency with appearance of the buildings?
 - i. Different universities have different philosophies on buildings and keeping them looking the same or different. Neither philosophy is right. We may not gravitate towards a single look but will be as careful as we can to have buildings fit in and fit into the context, but not having the buildings look exactly alike.
- m. Senator Clevenger: Mentioned the destruction of the education building, where would that be moved to?

- i. Have not made the final determination. Might move into what was the old college of business or into University or Hanna Hall.
 - n. Senator Zachrich: Does the ed. building being torn down means the Centrex building will as well?
 - i. Will be doing a separate study on that. The brick is nice but it needs to be cleaned up on the outside and redone. We will try to keep it.
 - o. Senator Solis: Do you know what's slated next to go to the board?
 - i. Approval to go forward with the College of Health and Human Services. Will need board to approve the expenditure of a complete design and have not confirmed the full agenda for that meeting. There may be projects during the summer that need to be approved as well.
- b. Dr. Garrett Gilmer – Counseling Center Services
 - i. Passing out new alcohol and drug brochures and also going over what counseling center has to offer.
 - 1. Handouts go over statistics and primary concerns.
 - ii. Located at College Park by the Police Station.
 - iii. Offer several forms of therapy (group, couple, crisis, etc).
 - iv. Services are free to students on campus.
 - v. As you know, we've had a number of tragedies on campus related to suicide and related incidences.
 - 1. Have quite a few students come to the counseling center because they've thought about suicide at some point in their life or have acted upon those thoughts.
 - 2. Know what to look for in those who may be depressed or suicidal.
 - 3. Suicide cannot be prevented 100%.
 - 4. If you have concerns about somebody, please talk to someone who can help.
 - vi. Been pretty busy because students are referring their peers a lot more. They've been bringing and waiting with their friends more often.

- vii. An additional 100 students came in this fall compared to last fall in terms of walk-ins.
- viii. Prioritizing students who may be at higher risks for those more frequent appointments.
- ix. Questions:
 - 1. Senator Solis: How big is your staff full time?
 - a. Probably five full time professional staff members. Also have alcohol and drug counselors, social workers, etc. About 24 counselors with everyone combined.
 - 2. Senator Neal: Is that student accompanied by a student, faculty, or mentor?
 - a. Usually by themselves but we have professionals and others on standby.
 - c. Dr. Garrett Gilmer – For Your Mind
 - i. Learn how to induce a state of relaxation, then you can help reduce stress.
Important thing is to find what works for you. Look up tons of things on the internet that can walk you through.

VI. Lobby Time

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

IX. Executive Branch Reports

- a. President – Emily Ancinec eancine@bgsu.edu
 - i. No report.
- b. Vice President – Rob Orians rorains@bgsu.edu
 - i. T-Shirts are in. Stop by the office after the meeting to get those.
 - ii. Annual USG banquet is coming up. Giving six awards. Going to send out forms for nominations in email, fill out and return by March 13th.
- c. State and National Liaison – Ryan Albrecht jralbre@bgsu.edu
 - i. This Saturday, BGSU is hosting the Lincoln-Reagan annual dinner.
 - ii. Republican presidential candidates were invited and senator Santorum accepted.
 - iii. Interested in going, contact Wood County Republican Party. All tickets are \$25.
- d. Cabinet Reports

- i. None.

X. Procedures and Appeals Reports

- a. Chief Administrator – Robert McEvoy rmcevoy@bgsu.edu
 - i. Organizing the election paperwork. If you are missing anything, you will get an email letting you know.
 - 1. These missing items need to be in Thursday by 5pm.

XI. Treasurer's Report

- a. Treasurer – Cory Tuttle coryat@bgsu.edu
 - i. No report.

XII. Speaker's Report

- a. Speaker – Benjamin Goldsberry btgolds@bgsu.edu
 - i. Reminder, senator reports are due the Tuesday after Spring Break (March 13th).
 - ii. One of the nomination forms are senator of the year, please turn in to the speaker.
 - iii. Meeting on March 19th – TED themed meeting.
 - 1. Have gotten a couple responses but if we cannot get enough responses, the meeting will be a regular meeting instead of a community themed meeting.
 - 2. Interested in presenting, please contact the Speaker as soon as possible.
 - a. If you know of anyone, send those to the Speaker as well.
 - iv. Thank you for your participation today.
 - v. Questions:
 - 1. Senator Johnson: Can non-USG members present as well?
 - a. Have them email the Speaker to see if their presentation will be appropriate.

XIII. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs – Tabitha Timbrook tabitht@bgsu.edu
 - i. Advising charts are still being worked on in getting into the BG News.
 - ii. Fly with a Falcon – Meeting with Gary Swegan after spring break.
 - iii. Advising meeting on Wednesday.
 - iv. Senator Durkitt has been working with some committees and they asked her to provide a list of the top 10 aggravators. If there are any that you can think of, please get to Senator Timbrook by Wednesday at 5pm.

- b. Auxiliary Affairs – Alex Solis asolis@bgsu.edu
 - i. No report.
 - ii. Shoutout to John Zachrich for being Freddie Falcon.
- c. Internal Affairs – Derek Sword dsword@bgsu.edu
 - i. Look for an email later this week pertaining to charitable organizations that USG can donate to.
 - ii. Harry goes to Senator Collier this week for organizing the opposition of Chick-Fil-A on campus.
- d. Student Affairs – Jared Pokorny jpokorn@bgsu.edu
 - i. Meeting this week with grounds crew about the sidewalk.
 - ii. Take a little moment today and think about the shooting at Chardon HS.

XIV. Senator Reports

- a. None

XV. Advisor's Remarks

- a. Wish everyone a healthy and safe spring break. Make good choices for yourself as you travel.

XVI. Closing Remarks

- a. Senator Timbrook:
 - i. Dance Marathon is having a Battle of the Bands at Howards this Thursday at 10pm.

XVII. Adjournment

- a. Adjournment moved by Senator Solis
 - i. Seconded by Senator Adamski