

# USG General Assembly Meeting

The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly

On This Day, 3/12/2012

(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. Chairman William Primrose – Board of Trustees
    - i. Would like to sincerely thank everyone in the room for the effort of working for Bowling Green.
    - ii. Role of Board of Trustees
      1. Appointment from the Governor. Appoints one Trustee every year.
        - a. Every year one comes off, one comes on.
        - b. Typically made up of alumni.
        - c. One undergraduate trustee and one graduate trustee.
          - i. Usually one term and are non-voting members.
      2. Each trustee is appointed to a committee.
        - a. Meet outside of the trustees meetings.
          - i. Ex: Academic Affairs Committee
            1. Responsible for Academic Affairs – Approval of tenures, wage changes and promotions, etc.
          - b. Financial Affairs – Financial affairs, budgets, capital expenditures, buildings, bonds, etc.
          - c. Audit Committee – Meet with external auditors in Toledo.
            - i. Come down and go over the finances every year.
            - ii. Accountants review financials, management letter (we have the proper rules and regulations, separation of duties, numbers are right, etc.)
          - d. Investment Committee – Meet quarterly and decide what to invest in and how to allocate the funds between accounts.
          - e. Evaluation Committee
          - f. Executive Committee
          - g. Governance Committee – Meet and review the bylaws.

- h. Compensation Committee – Review compensations particularly with the President.
    - i. Liaisons
  - 3. Major Responsibilities of Trustees
    - a. Make sure we have a good President – Find and hire the President.
      - i. Hire the right President, makes the Trustees feel better.
    - b. Approve the Annual University Budget
      - i. Approx. \$300million dollars.
        - 1. Go through review of where and how to spend the money before June for the following year.
    - c. Approve Capital Expenditures over \$500,000
      - i. Ex: Wolf Center
    - d. Reviewing the Master Plan
      - i. Necessary to review it every year
    - e. Prove of the Strategic Plan
      - i. Where the University is headed, educational and retention goals, etc.
    - f. Trustees need to serve on committees
    - g. Approve the Union Contract
      - i. Faculty is in the process of getting their first union contract.
      - ii. Trustees have to approve it and sign it.
    - h. Review the President
      - i. Go through a review process, look at any kind of bonuses/pay raises that they would get.
    - i. Executive Session
      - i. Talk about wages and confidential material.
  - 4. Each Trustee is assigned to two Deans
    - a. This way they learn about specific colleges that they have no previous knowledge of.
    - b. Helps build awareness.
    - c. Questions?
      - i. None
- b. Dr. Stewart – The Inclusion Network
  - i. Committee established in Spring of 2011
    - 1. Assess and propose ways to improve the climate of inclusion on campus.
      - a. Not just race and ethnicity, but also gender, sexuality, religion, social class, ability, etc.

2. Committee composed of a core group
  - a. Over half a dozen members currently
  - b. Members of core group are serving as chairs of sub committees.
- ii. Sub Committees (6)
  1. Artifacts – Do you see images of different demographics being represented around campus?
  2. Curriculum – Diversity and inclusion in the classroom as you interact with faculty and staff.
  3. Policies and Procedures – Rules and policies, norms and procedures that govern the lives of students, faculty, and staff and ways that they encourage or inhibit/hinder inclusion.
  4. Recruitment and Retention of Faculty and Staff
  5. Recruitment and Retention of Students
  6. Organizations
- iii. Really want undergraduate student participation both at the core group and sub-committees
  1. Core Group meets during fall and spring semesters once a week
    - a. This summer meeting schedule is still being decided.
    - b. Looking for graduate students and undergraduate students.
  2. Sub-Committee Meetings
    - a. Depends on the chair of that committee.
- iv. Questions?
  1. Senator Zachrich: Are there any other major initiatives that you are currently working on right now?
    - a. First is the office of multicultural affairs has annually planned a project called Project Mosaic. Student forum that encourages students to speak on diversity and inclusion at that time.
    - b. Artifacts on Campus – Beginning a contest to help put more graphic images of diversity and inclusion within the learning commons (first floor of the library). Encourage students you know to submit their work who may give great additions to the atmosphere of the Learning Commons.
- c. President Ancinec – COSGA
  - i. 40 schools from across the nation met at Texas A&M University.
  - ii. Three keynote speakers who spoke on aspects of leadership.
  - iii. Sat in on three different workshops and round tables.
  - iv. Concluded with a trip to the Bush Library

v. First Keynote Speaker:

1. Spoke on different aspects of a group and each group needs a “Hawkeye”
  - a. Visionary leadership, see further, see sooner, see more. Look at the long term benefit as well as short term.
2. Also spoke on global service being an important aspect of a University’s outreach.
  - a. Service is the highest form of leadership.
3. Talked about barriers to global and domestic service.
  - a. Doesn’t occur
  - b. Feeling powerless
  - c. Can be expensive (Globally)
    - i. There are corporate sponsorships and sometimes Universities offer sponsorships for service related projects.

vi. Second Keynote Speaker:

1. “Escaping the Matrix” – Putting away electronics, getting off the grid.
  - a. Find passions
  - b. Find happiness
  - c. Failure is a myth
  - d. Kill it with creativity
  - e. Ignore the impossible

vii. Talked with Student Governments

1. One government wore shirts saying “What’s the Issue?”
  - a. Let people write on their shirts about what they believed the issues at the university was.

viii. Workshop from UT

1. 100 Great Ideas for UT
  - a. System of set guidelines that better the university community as a whole.
  - b. Tell people what their student government is.
  - c. “What you want Wednesdays?”
    - i. Sit in Union and ask people what they want to see done.
  - d. 100 Ideas Display Board
2. What Qualifies as a Great Idea?
  - a. Not student government specific
  - b. Helps at least 1 student group
  - c. Lasts longer than a year

- i. Ex: General Fee Video, Advisor Evals, \$10,000 project competition.

ix. Internal Networking

1. “Touch Someone Game” that we played at retreat.
  - a. Show gratitude.
2. Development Days
  - a. Roundtable discussion with different members from different committees. Helps cross barriers and dig into issues.
3. Issues Board in the Office
  - a. All the issues we are working on and stuff that we discussed on development days on the board at all times.
4. “Smart Goals”
  - a. What does each senator get excited to work on?
  - b. Can create goals based off of what the senators are passionate about.

x. External Networking

1. Incorporate Tech. into USG
  - a. USG app for students
  - b. Continue to use Facebook and Twitter to create a following
2. Questions of the Day in the Student Union
  - a. Post it note responses
3. Wear our USG apparel Mondays
  - a. To promote our GA meetings
4. “Coffee Talks” around Campus
  - a. Fill up a USG coffee mug while talking to the students about their concerns with campus.

xi. “The Linchpin”

1. Member of the organization that holds everything together
2. What can you do for our senate? For your internal committees?

xii. Advising

1. North Dakota State University created a new academic advising center
  - a. People could drop in and ask basic questions that were not major specific (ex: Gen ed. Requirements).
  - b. Has one employee who is a professional along with some student desk help.
  - c. This could be something to consider for getting gen ed. Requirements to better mes with BG perspectives because that is not something that is in the major advisors experience.

xiii. Roundtables

1. Possibility of getting more exposure at freshmen orientation about what USG is.
2. Video about the breakdown of student fees
  - a. We could just have a chart that explains what each of the categories are and what the money goes to.

xiv. Discussion at COSGA

1. Judicial Branch
  - a. Board should be more visible on campus.
  - b. Members should be separate from the legislative branch.
2. Other information from different colleges
  - a. Student government as a whole should look into working with UAO more.
3. Visibility as a Whole
  - a. Advertise By:
    - i. Placing our name on computer monitors
    - ii. Buying a spot in the newspaper
    - iii. Shirts

xv. Questions?

1. None.

VI. Lobby Time

a. Miss McConnell – President of College Democrats at BG

- i. Falcons for Obama
- ii. Building structure for the Obama campaign
- iii. Passing around a pledge to register to vote
  1. Goal was 1,001
    - a. Trying to beat out other universities
  2. Sign up, put info at the bottom
  3. Get a reminder to register to vote
  4. Getting the largest number of students to vote possible
  5. Even if you move from a room to another, you have to re-register.
- iv. Can also help volunteer for the campaign

b. Questions?

- i. Senator Solis: Do you know what the absentee ballots will be available?
  1. Not quite sure
- ii. Senator Grant: Can you use this registration form even if you are not going to be at BG after this school year?

1. Yes, just fill out where you're going to be or provide an email that you can access after you graduate.
- iii. Senator Johnson: When is the deadline to register to vote for the November election?
  1. 30 days before the election
  2. Voter information can be found on the Secretary of State's website
- iv. Senator Foster: If you register in another state how long does it take to transfer?
  1. You can register right away.
- v. Senator Durkitt: If you're interested in volunteering, who do you contact?
  1. On the pledge to register to vote form, fill in the box.

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

a. Charitable Organizations

i. Senator Grant: Operation Homefront

1. Military organization that helps veterans and people who have served in the armed forces with housing accommodations and things to improve their quality of life.
2. Types of accommodations are free service for problems such as electrical, plumbing, roofing, etc.
3. Senator Johnson: How much of the funds actually goes towards the charity?
  - a. Will have to research depending on whether or not people will like it or not.

ii. Senator Post: Micro-Loans

1. Ex: Donate \$25 towards someone in a third world country to help them set up a business or some sort of sustainable profit.
  - a. Earn money back once they turn a profit
  - b. Investment can keep being recycled

iii. CCI (Canine Companions for Independence Program)

1. Gives trained Labradors or Labrador mixes towards people with disabilities to help them.
2. Completely non-profit and does not cost anything to the person who receives the canine in question.
3. All dogs come from Santa Rosa, CA
  - a. 1,082 Volunteer Puppy Raisers
  - b. 123 Breeder Caretakers
  - c. 92 active breeders of the dogs
4. Funded by private contributions from individuals, businesses, grants, etc.

5. Dogs can go to schools, people with physical disabilities, schools, and even prisons.
  - a. They are not seeing eye dogs.
    - i. For people in wheelchairs or people who could walk or hearing teams.
6. Raising is done by a single person or couple. Raised for 14-16 months and then give the puppy away.
7. Dogs are also trained in social situations (movie theaters, shopping malls, grocery stores, museums, etc.)
8. Returned to regional centers when they're 16-18 months old.
  - a. Additional nine months of training.
9. 1-800-972-BARK
10. Senator Donovan: How long does the full process take?
  - a. Around a year and a half roughly.
11. Senator Coyle: Is there an age where the dogs get too old to be able to work?
  - a. The dogs will age out eventually and will be given to a separate owner and the original owner will be given a new puppy for no cost at all.
- iv. Give the money we have to the women who have suffered from the car accident
  1. Some members of BGSU pass away recently from a car accident right before spring break
    - a. Two are still alive
  2. One has questionable physical ability and decent mental ability
  3. One has questionable physical and mental ability
  4. Fund would go towards memorial for the girls who passed away and the other part towards the girls who survived
  5. Scholarship fund has been set up, but it is questionable if the money will go towards the fund or towards the medical bills for the surviving girls.

## IX. Executive Branch Reports

- a. President – Emily Ancinec [eancine@bgsu.edu](mailto:eancine@bgsu.edu)
  - i. Faculty senate is looking for someone in USG to go down to Columbus on March 20<sup>th</sup> – Day Trip
    1. Travel expenses will be covered
    2. Networking lobby – Meet people down in Columbus that are in higher education.
    3. If interested, please contact President Ancinec after the meeting
    4. There will be a car pool going down.



5. Times are still to be confirmed.
- b. Vice President – Rob Orians [rorains@bgsu.edu](mailto:rorains@bgsu.edu)
    - i. Currently working on planning the banquet. Formal invitations will be going out shortly.
    - ii. T-shirts are in so stop by the office after the meeting.
  - c. State and National Liaison – Ryan Albrecht [jralbre@bgsu.edu](mailto:jralbre@bgsu.edu)
    - i. The 911 emergency Legislation is still being looked into and still planning on moving forward with it.
      1. Meeting with Councilman Gordon this week and several other parties
      2. Very hopeful and positive that this will pass through
      3. Do not know if this will actually be finished and be able to be brought before USG and GSS before the semester is over. It is something that summer government could look over if that is the case.
      4. Senator Foster: Is it something that is being looked into or that is just “there”?
        - a. Something that Councilman Gordon and Senator Albrecht would like to see happen and are pushing to get it done before spring semester ends.
      5. Senator Johnson: What is this legislation?
        - a. It’s to protect students if they are taken to the hospital or if they call one of their friends to take them to the hospital in case of alcohol poisoning or drug overdose, etc.
      6. Have you looked into getting the university to sign into legislation like this as well as the community?
        - a. Last time the council did not send it through is because they thought the university had a policy that covers this. The university does not a policy covering this but has ways of handling different levels of the issues.
      7. Senator Durkitt: Are you working with student legal services and getting advice?
        - a. Have not because they are a separate entity from BGSU.

8. Is this something that is just for the protection of the students or will students be informed of this?
  - a. Students will be aware of this to allow students to be safe no matter what choices they are making. Have not tried to get it out to the students because it has not been passed yes.
9. Senator Johnson: Can the EMT have discretion?
  - a. Not clear on that as of yet.
10. Senator Foster: Can getting a quote to see how much it would cost to go through student legal services be possible?
  - a. Not sure if there is money in the budget and it has honestly not come up yet.
11. Senator Durkitt: If you want, Senator Durkitt and Appt are on the student legal services board.
  - a. Once met with Councilman Gordon, will probably take Senator Durkitt up on that.
12. President Ancinac: Is this something that has been proposed to city council yet?
  - a. Has not yet, but will be once everything is in line.
13. Advisor Ginsburg: What research have you done with Dan Codwell?
  - a. Have not met with Dan yet but will be.
14. Senator Durkitt: Are there other cities that have this ordinance?
  - a. Yes, there are other cities that have very similar ordinances in place. It is not new and has worked elsewhere.

d. Cabinet Reports

- i. No reports

X. Procedures and Appeals Reports

- a. Chief Administrator – Robert McEvoy [rmcevoy@bgsu.edu](mailto:rmcevoy@bgsu.edu)
  - i. Email will be going out to USG and everybody participating in elections with the contact sheet breaking down who is running for what.
    1. Those who are participating – We are looking to make a hyperlink to the online ballot where voters can click and read a short summary/platform and make an informed decision.
    2. Debate time and date will hopefully be finalized by tomorrow.

XI. Treasurer's Report

- a. Treasurer – Cory Tuttle [coryat@bgsu.edu](mailto:coryat@bgsu.edu)
  - i. Fiscal Advisory Affairs Committee
    - 1. All different segments of university are going to be presenting their annual budgets this week and next week.
      - a. If you have a particular interest in any of the budgets, get in contact with Treasurer Tuttle and he can get you information.

XII. Speaker's Report

- a. Speaker – Benjamin Goldsberry [btgolds@bgsu.edu](mailto:btgolds@bgsu.edu)
  - i. Senator Reports are due tomorrow night by 11:59pm
  - ii. Congratulate Senator Neumann who was on Good Morning American representing the BGSU Men's Chorus.
  - iii. Send the USG Award Applications/Nominations to the Speaker or Vice President Orians
  - iv. Next meeting will be a regular meeting with slight variations.
    - 1. Any questions, come see the Speaker after the meeting.

XIII. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs – Tabitha Timbrook [tabiht@bgsu.edu](mailto:tabiht@bgsu.edu)
  - i. If you have a smart phone, look up the University of Texas App
    - 1. Test drive the app and give feedback to Senator Timbrook.
    - 2. Senator Dzienny and Timbrook met with members of the advisory council.
      - a. Look out next week for more information on online scheduling for advising.
    - 3. Policy Committee
      - a. Will be meeting next week to look at policies that affect retention.
  - ii. Senator Donovan: Do you know if the online scheduling with advisors will be pushed as another option?
    - 1. You will still have the option to call in to the office but this would be an additional option.

- a. Right now just offering support for the exploration of such a project. Could be available for next year but right now is just in the development stages.
  - 2. Senator Durkitt: It's not online advising, it's online scheduling for an advising appointment.
- b. Auxiliary Affairs – Alex Solis [asolis@bgsu.edu](mailto:asolis@bgsu.edu)
  - i. Katie Post is still working very hard on Roxi. Still shooting for the end of spring semester.
  - ii. Dan Johnson has submitted his Dyson proposal.
  - iii. David Neely's green proposal for bike racks across campus did go through and pass.
    - 1. Original amount was \$17,000 for 24 of them but will be getting 22 due to tax, shipping and handling, and funds available.
- c. Internal Affairs – Derek Sword [dsword@bgsu.edu](mailto:dsword@bgsu.edu)
  - i. Did the window splash with the office of multicultural affairs. It is in the Pub.
    - 1. Go to Project Mosaic
  - ii. Harry goes to Chief Administrator McEvoy for elections, meetings, etc.
- d. Student Affairs – Jared Pokorny [jpokorn@bgsu.edu](mailto:jpokorn@bgsu.edu)
  - i. No report

#### XIV. Senator Reports

- a. Senator Grant
  - i. Have come across a video that has come onto Youtube that shows deeper details of the accident.
- b. Senator Dzienny
  - i. Will have resolution rolling around here on the policy of advising appointments. If anyone would like to see it and give input, contact Senator Dzienny.
- c. Senator Durkitt
  - i. Efficiency Taskforce – Looking at the “Top 10 Aggravators” at BGSU, if you have anything that is an aggravator then send an email to Senator Durkitt.
- d. Senator Johnson
  - i. Talked to the green fund this morning – They like the idea and have looked heavily at the project. They for sure will be putting in a new type of dryer in Mac whether it's Dyson or not.
- e. Senator Neely

- i. Climate Commitment met today and set short term and long term actions. If you want further information, email or talk to senator Neely.
    - f. Senator Zachrich
      - i. Friday March 16<sup>th</sup>, there will be a candlelight vigil for the accident.
      - ii. If you have any broad ideas for the student union, let Senator Zachrich know.
      - iii. Senator Grant: When would you like the ideas?
        - 1. Email them by the end of the night (3/12/12).
- XV. Advisor's Remarks
- a. Hope you all enjoyed yourself over spring break.
  - b. Three business meetings left after this meeting during the semester.
  - c. Memorial Service is more than a vigil.
  - d. Saturday is St. Patrick's Day – Enjoy it if you are of age responsibly.
- XVI. Closing Remarks
- a. Senator Timbrook
    - i. History Society is having a quizbowl on Thursday at 8pm in Olscamp 221.
      - 1. Max team of four. Each team is \$10.
  - b. VP Orians: Fill out the nominations
- XVII. Adjournment
- a. Motion to adjourn – Senator Zachrich
    - i. Seconded by Senator Ankele.