

USG General Assembly Meeting

The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly
On This Day, 3/19/2012
(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. Lance Kruse and Brooke Mason – Green Initiatives and Sustainability
 - i. What the Campus is doing, what Net Impact is doing, what we as individuals can do.
 - ii. What is Sustainability?
 1. Meeting the needs of the present without compromising the needs for future generations.
 - iii. Friday Night Lights
 1. Energy reduction program started in 2009.
 2. Students meet here to go to academic buildings and turn off lights.
 3. Volunteer opportunity.
 - iv. Campus Conservation Nationals
 1. To see who could cut down the most energy usage within a 3 week span against other universities.
 2. BGSU placed 1st in Ohio and 6th nationally in 2010.
 - v. Orange Bikes
 1. Transportation initiative.
 2. Sign up, no charge, get a key to use a bike anywhere on campus.
 3. Cannot take them off campus yet.
 - vi. The restore
 1. A place to swap and donate used items without the need of money to reduce waste!
 - a. Items such as: Clothes, electronics, art and school supplies, furniture, kitchen items, books, furniture, fans, much more!
 - vii. Green Tailgating

1. Volunteers drive around and organize recycling at football games
 2. Average of 1.83 tons recycled.
- viii. When you Move Out, Don't Throw it Out!
1. BGSU collects what you don't want at the end of the school year.
 2. Occur at the end of fall and spring semesters
- ix. Recycle Mania
1. Friendly competition between college and university recycling programs in the US
 2. Runs for 10 weeks from the end of January till April.
- x. Net Impact Projects
1. Trash audit – Went through one day's worth of trash .
 2. PCC
 3. Light Bulb Exchange – Changing bulbs to more efficient ones
 4. Re-Usable Mug
 5. Green Roofs
 6. Glass Recycling
- xi. Personal Actions
1. Energy Reduction
 - a. Unplug used appliances
 - b. Use daylight
 - c. Turn off lights when room is not in use
 - d. Use CFL/LED bulbs
 2. Waste Reduction
 - a. Reduce, reuse, recycle
 - b. Avoid disposals: plastic utensils, to-go containers, cups, plates, etc.
 - c. Use reusable containers
 - d. Buy quality products that last longer
 - e. Buy refurbished products
 - f. Know the company you're buying from
 - g. Recycle what cannot be reused
 3. Food and Water
 - a. Buy locally grown organic foods (farmers markets)
 - b. Reduce meat consumption

- c. Eat what's in season
- d. Reduce shower time
- e. Turn off when brushing, shaving, etc.

4. Transportation

- a. Walk or bike whenever possible
- b. Carpool
- c. Public transportation
- d. Live close to frequent destinations
- e. Do carbon offsets for travel

xii. Questions?

1. How do you stop from stealing the bikes?
 - a. There's a lock, waiver, and registration form. Only people with the keys registered for the program can take the bikes.
2. Ancinec: For green tailgating, do you go into the stadium and collect?
 - a. Yes, we go in before and set up bins all around and then go in after the game and sort them.
3. Neely: You mentioned glass recycling. Dr. Nick collects some of the residence halls' recycling. Are we going to get bins put out on the side walks?
 - a. BGSU used to but they cut it out of the program. Students set up the bins in their residence halls. Trying to get them into the dining centers and implemented by next fall
4. Ancinec: What work is being done for bringing composting on campus?
 - a. Met with campus operations. There's a system called Orca which takes your food waste and turns it into water within 24 hours but it takes up a lot of energy. We're going to try to start a pilot program for one residence hall and then take off from there. It'll be a slow and costly process, but we're working on it.
5. Ankele: Where do you start for the Friday Night Lights program?
 - a. Outside the Union Theater at 6:30pm on Friday nights. Takes about 10-15 min of service. It's really flexible to come and go as you please each Friday.

b. Senator Presentations

- i. Durkitt and Appt on Student Legal Services

1. Meeting with Rodney Fleming who is the head attorney of student legal services.
2. Student Legal Services is an outside firm that is not employed or connected to BGSU.
 - a. There will be no bias advocating on your behalf against the university
 - b. First program in Ohio to be formatted (1984)
 - c. 3 full time attorneys plus 3 student workers
3. What do they Do?
 - a. Land lord and security deposit issues – Look over lease, get deposit back, etc.
 - b. Tickets both moving and parking
 - c. Employment issues
 - d. Criminal issues – underage's, marijuana possession, and fake IDs
 - e. Dissolution of marriage – Cannot have kids or property
 - f. Wills
4. What they DON'T Do
 - a. Personal injury cases
 - b. Tax or bankruptcy issues
 - c. They don't go outside of the wood county court system
 - d. You can't sue another BGSU student
 - e. Felonies
5. \$7.00?
 - a. Only costs \$7.00 per semester
 - b. This gives them a budget of roughly \$225,000 a year
 - c. Also there is an agreement between all of the other student legal services at other schools to represent BGSU students if they get into trouble at those schools
 - d. If you opt out for the semester you cannot get back into the program until next semester
 - e. This fee has not raised in 5 years

- f. The introduction of the green fee lowered their participation by 1-2% but the longevity of the program and the good reputation they have is what sustains them

6. Student Participation Rates

- a. BGSU – 88%
- b. OSU – 81%
- c. KSU – 79%
- d. WSU – 67%
- e. OU -63%
- f. UT – 60%

7. Things for USG to get Involved in, in the Future

- a. Outreach to the constituency groups
- b. Supporting the move of SLS to a new location
 - i. Right now on the 4th floor of South Hall
 - ii. Atmosphere is too disruptive to privacy issues

8. Questions?

- a. Solis: The Summer fees, do I have to be enrolled in classes or can I just be living here?
 - i. Think you have to be enrolled but will find out.
- b. Solis: They might move locations, have they started drafting a list of locations?
 - i. Hoping to meet to the third floor of south hall at the moment. Working towards that goal.

VI. Lobby Time

VII. Old Business

a. Charitable Donations

i. Donovan: Move vote on what charity to give the donation

- 1. Seconded by Dzienny
- 2. Objected by Davoli

- a. There were some people not here last time. Can we go over the charities again and the amount of money we would be giving to these charities?

ii. Senator Grant: Operation Homefront

1. To help with home modifications and accommodations to veterans who have disabilities and military families.
- iii. Senator Post: Micro-Loans
 1. Giving money to third world countries to go towards startups for businesses. They would give the money back when they earned enough to do so.
- iv. Senator Sword: Recap on the rest of the Charities
 1. CCI (Canine Companions for Independence)
 - a. Trained dogs would go to individuals with physical or mental disorders.
 - b. Money is 100% given to the families or puppy raisers.
 2. To give the money to the families of the girls of Alpha Xi Delta who passed in the crash and to the survivors.
- v. Senator Foster: We only have \$35 correct?
 1. Sword: We will be taking donations until the end of the year
- vi. Davoli: With the money we have, we should give to the micro-loan because it would give the most impact for the small amount we have.
- vii. Durkitt: How would be voting on these ideas?
 1. Speaker: I will list the charities and ask to raise hands.
- viii. Grant: I do like the sorority sister one because USG is a student body organization so I think it would be the right thing to do.
- ix. Foster: \$35 seems like too small of an amount to give to Alpha Xi Delta.
- x. Michael Ginsburg: You cannot take money out of your budget funds to increase the amount that you donate.
- xi. Vote:
 1. Operation Homefront: 1
 2. Micro-Loans: 12
 3. CCI: 4
 4. Women of Alpha Xi Delta: 20
 - a. Women of Alpha Xi Delta will receive the money

VIII. New Business

- a. Senator Dzienny – Academic Advising Resolution
 - i. Discussion:

1. Solis: For clarification, you want to base it off the college of musical arts correct?
 - a. Yes and we can send something out over the list proc.
2. Timbrook: Point of Clarification: The committee is going to model it off of that but it will not be the final answer. This is just to help develop a system.
3. Dzienny: Erin Rice is looking for a program to replace blackboard so that may change the system as well.
4. Ancinec: Do we have a timeline of when this may come about?
 - a. Met with the director of advising services who said this is something that has been pushed for a while now.
 - b. Hoping to see it implemented within Fall 2012 Semester.

IX. Executive Branch Reports

- a. President – Emily Ancinec eancine@bgsu.edu
 - i. If you are sitting on the internship taskforce, talk to President Ancinec after the meeting.
 - ii. If \$35 doesn't seem like a lot to you for the charity, donate yourself so we can make more of an impact to the women of Alpha Xi Delta
- b. Vice President – Rob Orians rorains@bgsu.edu
 - i. Banquet will be April 9th starting at 7:30pm after new members are sworn in at 6pm.
 - ii. Going to the State House tomorrow for the trip to Columbus.
- c. State and National Liaison – Ryan Albrecht jralbre@bgsu.edu
 - i. No report
- d. Cabinet Reports
 - i. No reports

X. Procedures and Appeals Reports

- a. Chief Administrator – Robert McEvoy rmcevoy@bgsu.edu
 - i. All of the online ballot information was sent in this morning. System will be set up soon and it will be formatted.
 - ii. Going to have the date finalized for the debate by tomorrow and will forward the information on forward as well

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. Thank you for those who sent Senator Reports
 - ii. After tonight, we have two business meetings left.
 - 1. You want to write any legislation it needs to be submitted by next week
 - 2. If you want anyone to speak, let the Speaker know now
 - iii. If you are late to the GA meetings, come through the back door to not create a disturbance
- XIII. Committee Reports
 - a. Academic Affairs – Tabitha Timbrook tabiht@bgsu.edu
 - i. Make sure you look over the Academic Advising Resolution in committees
 - ii. Fly with A Falcon meeting Wednesday
 - 1. Get anything you want to get into the meeting to Dzienny by Tuesday night
 - iii. Anything you think is a problem in General Education, let Timbrook know
 - b. Auxiliary Affairs – Alex Solis asolis@bgsu.edu
 - i. No report
 - c. Internal Affairs – Derek Sword dsword@bgsu.edu
 - i. Congratulations on choosing where to give the money. Challenge you all to raise more money.
 - ii. Committee will meet tonight.
 - iii. Project Mosaic
 - 1. Going to be next Wednesday, March 28th from 10:30am-7:30pm.
 - 2. Events all day: Male empowerment, female empowerment, disability services, voices of Asian cultures, etc.
 - iv. Harry
 - 1. From McEvoy to Orians for all his hard work on the banquet and the end of the year transition
 - d. Student Affairs – Jared Pokorny jpokorn@bgsu.edu
 - i. No report, committee meet right after
- XIV. Senator Reports

- a. Zachrich:
 - i. The student budget committee is going over a policy review.
 - 1. Suggestions, let Zachrich or Tuttle know
 - ii. Any ideas on services to the Union, let Zachrich know
 - iii. Any issues on dining services or questions, let Zachrich know by early tomorrow
- b. Durkitt
 - i. Still looking for aggravators, contact with any
- c. Neumann
 - i. His hall council liked the idea of a BG app very much
- d. Durkitt
 - i. Someone came into the office last Thursday and suggested Universities have compressed air for bike tires on campus
 - 1. Any committees or people who think it's a great idea, run with it

XV. Advisor's Remarks

- a. John: Hope everyone had a safe St. Patrick's Day. Appreciate the email President Ancinec sent out
 - i. Thank you for those of you who presented today. This will be significant especially for next semester

XVI. Closing Remarks

- a. Ancinec: If you're sitting on the internship taskforce, talk to President Ancinec
- b. Davoli: Believe the charity donation is great but sending around a pledge sheet to donate more money to the ladies of Alpha Xi Delta.
- c. Speaker:
 - i. University Coral Society is having a performance
 - ii. Thank you all for not getting into the blotter after this weekend

XVII. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn by Senator Ankele
 - i. Seconded by Senator Zachrich