

USG General Assembly Meeting

The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly
On This Day, 3/26/2012
(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. Andy Alt – Office of New Student Orientation
 - i. Office is a combination of serving new incoming students and helping them transition into and throughout their year at the university.
 - ii. Working on revamping the early alert system.
 - iii. Goals and Objectives
 1. Supporting the mission statement
 2. Creating strategic and creative programs
 - iv. Key Programs and Services
 1. Student Orientation Advising and Registration (SOAR)
 2. First Year Programs
 - a. What is being done for students their first year?
 3. Retention and planned interventions
 - v. Orientation is not just one opportunity in the middle of the summer
 1. Ongoing process for new students coming into the institution
 2. Components
 - a. SOAR
 - b. Facebook initiatives
 - c. Timely ways of sending messages to students their summer before attending BG
 - vi. Proposing four pillars/core themes
 1. Academic Success
 2. Career Development
 3. Leadership Engagement
 4. Responsibilities

- a. Orientation leaders to help students achieve success
- vii. First Year Programs
 - 1. Common Reading Experience
 - 2. First Year Seminar
 - 3. Office of Service Learning to help students become engaged
 - 4. Cohort Programs – President’s Leadership Academy, Office of Multicultural Affairs, etc.
- viii. Retention Initiatives and Planned Interventions
 - 1. Coordinated for the campus community
 - 2. Early alert system
 - a. Coordinated effort for faculty, programs, academic advisors
 - 3. Major mania
 - a. Has not been done for a few years
 - b. Students who enter campus without a declared major are less likely to be academically motivated
 - c. Development of program will increase student’s chances of becoming motivated
 - 4. Report Card
 - a. Want students and family members to be informed
 - 5. Student Consulting
 - a. Helping students who have some sort of enrollment issue
 - b. Gaining retention of students
- ix. To do any of these things needs great cooperation and collaboration
 - 1. Need feedback and input from the student body
- x. Andy Alt reports dually to Albert Cologne and Jill Carr
- xi. Starfish
 - 1. Something that students will find helpful as well as faculty
 - 2. See that Early Alert is ineffective
 - a. Students are not communicated with in a timely matter
 - b. Is vague and unclear
 - c. Hard to report on/isolate students that directors work with
 - 3. Starfish will notify students by email or text
 - 4. Will allow faculty to submit entire roster
 - a. TAs can do so as well

5. Offer online appointment scheduling
6. Closes the feedback loop back to faculty or whoever submitted the alert

xii. Questions?

1. President Ancinec: How will you hold faculty accountable to using the system?
 - a. It has gone done from faculty because they don't see where the alert goes or what it does. Will implement a strong communication plan through the provost office. Also meeting with general first year student courses.
2. Senator Zachrich: Will there be a way to add this in for RAs and Hall Directors?
 - a. That is very possible. There is a thing called the student success center. I don't think we can do RAs but hopefully Hall Directors can.

xiii. Time

1. Motion to extend time by 5 minutes – senator Dzienny
 - a. Seconded...no opposition

xiv. Questions?

1. Dzienny: Will there be a fee for receiving the texts?
 - a. There will be no fee other than what's in your phone plan
2. Dzienny: Can you tell us the capabilities of Starfish?
 - a. Google Starfish and there are free webinars and videos that can be looked at. A student would log in and select who they would like to schedule an appointment with. It would send an outlook email to the faculty notifying them and students will get a response back in email form telling them when the meeting is.
3. Durkitt: Will there be a chance to give positive feedback?
 - a. Yes, faculty can list "kudos".
4. Durkitt: The alerts do not need to originate in the classroom?
 - a. They do not need to originate in the classroom.
5. Timbrook: When will the program be implemented?
 - a. For Fall 2012 (by August).
6. Neely: What's the means of promotion to make sure students are actually using Starfish?

- a. There was a committee to review promotion and there will be a meeting tomorrow to meet and figure out how the promotion will work.

7. Dzienny: How far along are we in the process to bringing this to campus?

- a. We've explored three different options and none of them offered online scheduling. Few of them are as developed as Starfish. There's not much out on the market for this. This one is student-centric and faculty friendly.

VI. Lobby Time

VII. Old Business

a. Senator Dzienny – Academic Advising Resolution

- i. Resolution is all about promoting a universal system to schedule advising appointments.
- ii. When logged into advising, will be able to click onto the different college websites.
 - 1. Some students do not have any access to online advising scheduling depending on college.
 - 2. College of Musical Arts however, show appointments available on a calendar and will give you the opportunity to access each adviser and the times that are available.
 - a. There will be no emails reminding students about their appointment.
- iii. Senator Donovan: Will you be able to schedule more than one appointment and how far does it go?
 - 1. There is no limitation but if that is a concern then we can talk in a committee to make sure.
- iv. Senator Durkitt: It's important that we pass this and support it. It will take the intimidation out of having to call your advisor.
- v. Senator Zachrich: Call to previous question
- vi. Vote
 - 1. Passes unanimously

VIII. New Business

IX. Executive Branch Reports

- a. President – Emily Ancinec eancine@bgsu.edu
 - i. Like to thank Bob McEvoy for bringing the debate together.
 - ii. If you were involved in Greek Sing this weekend, President Mazey raved about it so great job.
 - b. Vice President – Rob Orians rorains@bgsu.edu
 - i. The banquet is April 9th at 7:30pm in this room. Dress is business casual.
 - 1. Awards are given out at this event.
 - c. State and National Liaison – Ryan Albrecht jralbre@bgsu.edu
 - i. No report
 - d. Cabinet Reports
 - i. None
- X. Procedures and Appeals Reports
- a. Chief Administrator – Robert McEvoy rmcevoy@bgsu.edu
 - i. Final budget is due this Friday as well as all receipts for those who are running in elections
 - ii. Debate went really well, thank you for all who came out and asked questions
- 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 Dzienny for the resolution and to everyone for passing it
 - ii. Thank you for your patience with the AV equipment
 - iii. Remind your constituents to vote
 - iv. Next week is the LAST meeting of this administration
 - 1. If you have anything you’d like to see at this meeting, email the speaker by 11:59:59pm by Thursday.
- XIII. Committee Reports
- a. Academic Affairs – Tabitha Timbrook tabiht@bgsu.edu
 - i. Fly with a Falcon is moving forward
 - 1. Gary Swegan is very supportive and working with other orgs. to make it a reality.

- ii. Long list of policies, if there are any that you want to voice your opinion about, contact Timbrook
 - 1. Withdraw/Withdraw Fail
 - 2. Grading Policy
 - 3. Transfer student policies
 - 4. Retake course policy
 - 5. Dismissal and replacement
 - 6. Dual Degree policy
 - 7. Academic honesty policy
- iii. Desire to need to declare a major within 60 credit hours
 - 1. Need feedback on that as well
 - a. Donovan: Does that include if you come to BG with credit hours?
 - i. Not set just yet.
 - b. Donovan: Extend the timeframe to change classes?
 - i. Can add it to the conversation with grading policies
- b. Auxiliary Affairs – Alex Solis asolis@bgsu.edu
 - i. Roxi is still on hold a little bit. They were supposed to present a business plan but have not gotten back yet.
 - ii. Bike Racks will be implemented by the end of April or finals week
 - iii. Dryers were approved to a different brand other than Dyson so they will be about 3x cheaper
- c. Internal Affairs – Derek Sword dsword@bgsu.edu
 - i. Harry: From Rob Orians to Devin Neal
- d. Student Affairs – Jared Pokorny jpokorn@bgsu.edu
 - i. No report

XIV. Senator Reports

- a. Dzienny: Thank you all for voting on the resolution tonight. It will be very useful as we continue to pursue academic advising here on campus.
- b. Durkitt: Aggravators is moving forward. Creating a facebook and a twitter so if you have a name for it that can be constructive, send it to Durkitt.
- c. Johnson: Resolution to introduce pushed to next week

- d. Zachrich: Emily approached Zachrich to give a presentation on food prices on campus. If there's anything else you would like to see presented about dining other than prices than ask Zachrich.
 - i. Grant: How are the renovations for the student union going?
 - 1. Zachrich: Going well.
- e. Post: Senator Durkitt mentioned last week that the idea of putting in air for bikes on campus so if you have any ideas or questions, let Senator Post know.
- f. Sword: This week is the diversity affairs Project Mosaic. If you go on Wednesday, it will count as office hours.
- g. Holbrook: Working on a code of ethics, only about three responded.
 - i. Next year's legislation will have to push it forward for next year.
 - ii. Holbrook is looking for a possible write in for elections.

XV. Advisor's Remarks

- a. Michael Ginsburg: Would like to congratulate candidates and McEvoy on the debate.
 - i. Senator Durkitt think Falcon Frustraters

XVI. Closing Remarks

- a. Exec meeting after GA
- b. Adamski: President Ancinec won the parking pass photo contest
- c. Ancinec: If you are confused on the student leaders, Wesley Henderson is from Net Impact and Sarah Swegan is from Dance Marathon
- d. Neal: Dance Marathon is this weekend so come out and support
- e. Timbrook: If anyone can be there at 4:30 on Thursday at the ice arena, there is a biker sendoff
- f. Speaker: If you want to put anything on the last agenda, email by Thursday at 11:59:59pm

XVII. Adjournment

- a. Adjourn by Senator Collier
 - i. Seconded by Dzienny