

USG General Assembly Meeting

The Official Minutes of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly
On This Day, 08/27/2012
(Business Casual Attire Meeting)

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 7:30 pm
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Present
 - i. 21 Present
 - b. Absent
 - i. Senator Burley
 - ii. Senator Kochheiser
 - iii. Senator Lampton
 - c. Tardy
 - i. Senator Dettrow
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Speaker Dzienny – Are there any objections to the approval of last meetings minutes.
 - i. (None)
 - b. Speaker Dzienny – Seeing none, the minutes stand approved
- IV. Swearing in of New Officers
 - a. Richard Channel – Diversity Affairs Senator
 - b. Kasie Durkit – At Large Senator
 - c. Dominique Johnson – Off Campus Senator
 - d. Jared Pokorny – Off Campus Senator
 - e. Sarah Harden – Proxy for Senator Foster
 - f. Emily Clingerman – Proxy for Senator Clevenger
- V. Open Forum
 - a. Dining Services Update- Mr. Mike Paulus
 - i. First off, thank you for having me. I was asked to stop by and give you an update of what all in happening in Dining Services. There were a few additions since last May and we did the remodeling in the Union. We have added a couple of new brand name dining areas in the Union like Panda Express, Chickendippity and Mondo Subs. We moved Jamba Juice around to the front and we added an Outtakes. We will be opening up the new Pub Bistro on campus. We are doing some soft training right now to be tentatively opening tomorrow. We also added a new Sweet Shop over by The Oaks where the old Outtakes was. We are in the processes of finishing up a new space in Kohl Hall with a new Outtakes by next week. We hope to be transitioning this Outtakes into a larger area in Kohl. So that is what I did over my summer vacation. I will open it up to questions.

1. Senator Foster – Where was that Sweet Shop located again?
 - a. Mike Paulus – It will be taking the space of where the Outtakes be The Oaks used to be located.
2. Senator Harbauer – I really like the renovations but I was wondering if there was any initiative to speed up the lines?
 - a. Mike Paulus – One thing that we cannot change when we are doing renovations is whenever 20,000 students choose to eat lunch and the same time. We blew out our space by 30% over summer. We have been up in numbers for body count and revenue. The service will speed up as soon as students and Falcon’s Nest employees all figure out what they normal schedule is and we can see those trends play out. At that time, it will start to become more like clockwork. That way we can then start to plan out our rushes and hopefully within the next week or so we can start to plan more efficiently for the heavy traffic times. What I will say if you can get into the Falcon’s Nest at about fifteen on the hour than you will deal with far less people.
3. Senator Kallie Durkit – What is the picture looking forward for Dining Services?
 - a. Mike Paulus – We will have no more building, I hope. I am tired. A lot of this has to do with the master plan. The idea of dining services was to solve some of the logistics on campus and contain costs and expenses for the students. Our focus is to have two All-You-Can-Eat facilities supported by two large retail locations all supported by satellite operations. Our next move depends on the master plan and the evolution of Harshman and Kreischer. That will determine the next locations for dining services and such but for now, I need a break.
4. Vice President Neely – What is the goal for the Founders Dining situation?
 - a. Mike Paulus – Quite honestly, there is a tug of war on campus with space at a premium. A lot of departments are interested in that space. Academics, student affairs, Recreation and Wellness, they are all looking at that area. Once we start looking at the relocation of on campus operations and as they start taking down buildings that area will be used as a swing space until new facilities are ready. I would really have to defer to Steve Krakoff, he is the genius behind it all.
5. Senator Goldsberry – What was the end of reviews for the two new locations last year?
 - a. Mike Paulus – As far as customer satisfaction on both locations; The Oaks averaged about 92% satisfaction while the Carillon received an 89%. The biggest thing we have been seeing is that is has been helping for healthier eating. Menus now are coming with applicable nutritional facts. Another thing we accomplished over the summer was my dietician, sous chef and I sat down together and did all of the menus with all of the nutritional content for all of the meals at the All-You-Can-Eat facilities

6. Senator Goldsberry – What was the whole thought process being getting the sweet shop in that old Outtakes area? Were there other things in mind?
 - a. Mike Paulus – We are trying to make all sorts of unique services available to students across campus. The Outtakes store that was there was an overbuild. We knew that we would have Outtakes in the Union. It just doesn't work well having the Outtakes outside of the All-You-Can-Eat areas because as you are leaving The Oaks, the last thing you want is a candy bar. We made small renovations to the space for \$8,000, helping to keep our overall costs low. We have been open since last Sunday and our profits have been growing by almost \$100 a day.
7. Senator Goldsberry – I am just looking for somebody to confirm or deny this but I heard that the Oaks is up for its Gold Leed certification.
 - a. Mike Paulus – We had submit the paperwork last July. We are confident. TO get a gold score, we have to have a score of at least 60. We submitted the application with a total score of 60.8. This is a very subjective matter though so only time will. If this committee would like a tour of this building and how it works we would love to have you.
8. Senator Cherry – The changes are great but certain lines, when you first step up, there is a TV right in the way and you have dodge them to place your order. Can we move those?
 - a. Mike Paulus – Those were moved last Thursday.
9. C/S/N Liaison Holbrook – Isn't the Outtakes in Founder's supposed to expand?
 - a. Mike Paulus – Yes, we have the plumbers in soon to make last connection to the beverage bar. We hope to make that transition sometimes over Labor Day weekend.
 - i. Holbrook – Where?
 - b. Mike Paulus – If you know where the existing Founder's Outtakes is, go up the ramp it is around the circular and it is around the corner. We have converted that space, gotten it cleaned up, added in HVAC we have brought in new merchandisers in hope of expanding the selection for students and add Slurpee machine we just wanted an all-around larger selection for everyone. This should be done by Sunday night and if not then Monday morning.

VI. Lobby Time

- a. Jarrelle Scott – Alpha Phi Alpha Inc.
 - i. I am currently the Vice President of Alpha Phi Alpha, and I am here today to propose collaboration with USG and Alpha Phi Alpha on our Voteless People Hopeless People Program. The program was originally designed to help African American register to vote. Today the program is intended to increase awareness on the issues and ballots presents. My understanding is that President Solis and Voce President Neely, one of their platforms was to collaborate with other organizations, and we fell like this is a great opportunity to collaborate during the election seasons.

1. Senator Durkit- What is it that you are looking for us to help you with?
 - a. Jarrelle Scott- We have a broad base that we can reach out to, but USG has an even broader base and through you we may be able to get more people educated about the issue.
 2. Senator Harbauer – Have you talked with the campus organizations for Democrats and Republicans?
 - a. Jarrelle Scott- Not yet.
 3. Senator Post – Is your organization associated with any parties?
 - a. Jarrelle Scott- No, we are a non-partisan organization.
 4. Senator Durkit- When are you looking for us to say that we will or will not help you with this?
 - a. Jarrelle Scott- If you would discuss it in your next meeting and get back to us that would be great.
- b. Mandy Wise- President of Students for Romney
- i. The purpose of our organization is to get Governor Romney elected to the presidency. There are a lot of things going on in this organization. We are offering an internship for those who want to get involved. We are also offering volunteer hours to any organizations that need them. The first meeting is Tuesday August 28th at 9 P.M. in Olscamp 117, and we are looking forward to a good turnout. The focus is on the presidential election, but we will also focus on local republican candidates and local issues as well. We felt the need for this organization because of Wood County’s importance in the presidential election. Wood County has determined the outcome of the state of Ohio in the presidential election 96% of past elections. Presidential elections come once every four years, which means that once in a college lifetime you get to participate in something like this, and we would love to see people get involved if they want.
 1. Senator Durkit – Is this a BGSU student organization or part of the national organization
 - a. Mandy Wise- It is a BGSU organization.
 2. Senator Harbauer – Are you willing to work with Voteless People Hopeless People
 - a. Mandy Wise- What is that?
 - i. Senator Harbauer- The organization just wants to get more voters registered.
 - b. Mandy Wise- Yes, for sure!
 3. Senator Harbauer – Could you expand more about the internship credits you mentioned earlier?
 - a. Wise- What we are doing is though Wood County Republicans, there are directors there that would be the ones who sign your internship credit. However, we are independent of them as we are a campus organization. The internship could be for political science, history, business, law, economics and things like that- this internship would be a perfect fit for those majors. Obviously the student would have to speak with their advisors if they feel this internship would meet their requirements for their major. You can take up to nine hours of internship credit. As part of my

internship I have to write a paper at the end of this experienced talking about the experiences of campaigning and the issue of getting students involved. This is a campaigning internship.

- i. (Time)

VII. Old Business

a. Senator Goldsberry - Constitution and Bylaw Revisions

- i. Just before we start, I know you all talked with committees in meetings and I compiled all of those, and I will touch on all of them as much as possible. I am going to talk briefly on what I did and some thoughts that I had. First off, as I said last week and it was suggested that I change the requirements of the Chief of Administration to have the necessity of USG experience but not P&A experience. This facilitates the position getting filled with people who have USG experience and who know the organization, and would qualify a lot more people for the position instead of focusing on those in P&A. Moving on to the Bylaws, there is discussion to send all of the general assembly minutes to all students, and I did not end up adding that to the bylaws. Getting out the information of the meetings is the role of the senators, and if you want to do that for your constituents, that is your job. People talked about the conflict between they, their, he, she, they and their use. They, their, and they have worked as gender neutral pronouns since the 15th century, and therefore I would like to use them. I just prefer to use they and their instead of ze, zer, etc. This is the most familiar language to BGSU students, and it will make the bylaws more accessible if the students can understand the language therein. The last thing I want to discuss is the internal review and a lot of discussion, which is something I foresaw. Internal review has been under internal affairs unofficially for a few years now and just has never been spoken. The move was just to work with what our organization has been doing. The current stability and organization structure should reflect what is going on. We are going to keep it in internal affairs for now, and over the next year look at the role of P&A. The reformation of a stronger judicial branch is something to look into, but for time constraints and getting passes as soon as possible, as it stands now, it would not benefit us to haphazardly slap together new duties. As it stands, internal affairs is good but P&A is not in the right state to run internal review. We are going to put it aside for now, then move it back when P&A becomes more available.
- ii. (Twenty minute discussion on the Bylaws and Constitution)
- iii. Senator Goldsberry – When the motion to vote occurs, we will have to vote separately on each document through two different motions.
- iv. Senator Post- Just a point of clarification, when is the next time we could revise these Bylaws and Constitution to have them take effect?
 1. Senator Goldsberry – The next time that it would take effect would be with the next administration.
- v. Senator Durkit- Do the minutes get posted online?
 1. Senator Goldsberry- Yes they do.
- vi. Speaker Dzienny- As there are no further questions, is there a motion to put either the constitution or the bylaws to vote?
 1. Senator Durkit- Motion to put the constitution to vote.

- a. Senator Wilson- Second the motion
 - i. Roll Call Vote
 - 1. Yes – 21
 - 2. No – 0
 - 3. Abstention – 1
- vii. Dzienny-The motion is carried. Is there a motion to put the bylaws to vote?
 - 1. Senator Foster- Motion to put the bylaws to vote.
 - a. Senator Adamski- Second the motion.
 - i. Roll Call Vote
 - ii. Yes – 21
 - iii. No – 0
 - iv. Abstention – 1
- viii. Dzienny- The motion is carried.

VIII. New Business

IX. Executive Branch Reports

a. President – Alex Solis

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i. David Neely, filling in for President Solis.

- 1. Good evening, the President can't be with us tonight, so I will be giving his report. President Solis has had the opportunity to meet with David Robinson, who acts as a consultant on a legal matter. This is house bill 77, regarding the student board of trustees members' right to vote. There is a follow up meeting scheduled for President Solis, myself, and Graduate President David Sleasman as well as two board of trustees student members - Vivian Felix, a graduate student, and Beau Slater, an undergraduate student. I wasn't at the meeting, but President Solis wanted to get the information out to you.

a. Senator Durkit- Do we have a stance on this? Do we care?

- i. Neely- This is something that you would probably talk to people about and get an idea about how you feel. The university has no current stance, but if it passes we will be forced to choose whether or not to support it.

b. Vice President – David Neely

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- i. So last week I passed around a standing committee sheet, and there are still a few slots open. Talk to me after the meeting about taking one of those slots. If the new senators are not currently signed up for, contact me. They are university run committees with faculty, staff, and student representatives, and they talk about quite a range of things, and each committee has their own specialized topic. Campus fest is Thursday from 11-3 P.M. outside the student union. We will be handing out can cozies, and you can stop by the office to see them. The retreat is going to be held in the BTSU room 315 on Sunday September 16th from 10-5. Let me know if you cannot attend so we can get an accurate count for meals. Additionally, we are looking to collaborate with Alpha Phi Alpha. We spoke to

them previously, and I think it is a great opportunity to make sure that undergraduate students are registered to vote. If you could speak to your committees about that, that would be great.

1. Senator Schnerer- Is there a sign-up sheet for campus fest?

a. Vice President Neely- Yes, Jameson will have that.

c. Cabinet Reports

i. Chief of Staff – Jameson Taylor

1. Campus fest is this Thursday; I am passing around a sign-up sheet. There are half hour slots and four slots each half hour. If more than four of you want to sign up, that's fine. Also, I think that Voteless People Hopeless People is a great program, and I am excited to see what we can do with it.

X. Procedures and Appeals Reports

a. Chief Administrator – Bob McEvoy

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i. (None)

XI. Treasurer's Report

a. Treasurer – Jon Zachrich

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i. Hello, everybody. I mentioned that I will be giving a presentation on how the USG treasury works, and if you have any questions please bring them to me and I will put them in the presentation. Chances are, if you have a question, someone else has the question as well. Just a few quick updates. The funding process has changed, and it is important to realize that and tell constituents about it, especially if we want to keep our funding. I will putting together the format for a new purchasing form within the next week so there will information on that as well. I also want to give a shout-out to Ben, Melissa, and David. They get the special homecoming teddy bears that will be given out during homecoming later, but they get some early. Also, there will be other spirit things coming around if you want take something feel free to.

1. Senator Wilson – Some other organization have wondering what the new processes will be through SBC.

2. Treasurer Zachrich – We have Treasurer's Training through SBC every week before we do spot funding. There are help sessions for it through OCA. I just want to say that there is a lot of great information on Orgsync about all of this.

a. (Time)

3. Senator Foster – Motion to extend time by 5 minutes.

a. Senator Goldsberry - Seconded

ii. Zacharich- So yes, we are doing a bit push for OrgSync, and there will be info in the training session about that.

1. Senator Appt- Do you know when those training sessions will be?

a. I know they are listed on the OCA website. The next meeting is on August 19th at 6 P.M. in room 316, then another on September 4th in room 317 at 6 P.M., then another on September 12th at 6 P.M. in room 207, and a final one on September 19th at 6 P.M.

XII. Speaker's Report

- a. Speaker of the Senate – Melissa Dzienny mdzienn@falcon.bgsu.edu
 - i. First off something definitely on the top of my life. Congratulations on passing the Bylaws and Constitution. I was really happy to see the dialogue and all of the input you gave Senator Goldsberry to get this accomplished. We will be heading to UT for the joint meeting on Monday September 10th. The meeting starts at 8:15 PM. I would like all of you to arrive at the office (BTSU 404) by 7 PM. I have signup sheets and liability forms that I will pass around. Put your name on front and you phone number and then take one of the forms. I want those filled out are returned to me today but if they are not, just drop them in my mailbox as soon as possible. Just a quick update on my secretary search. We have Alyssa here tonight shadowing Senator Juzkiw who is filling for the minutes. We will be making the transition into her being the full time secretary in time for the next home General Assembly on September 17th. Just one last thing, we have our senate almost filled. We just need the Residence Hall senators, Greek Senators and the Health and Human Senator.

XIII. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs – Kallie Durkit kdurkit@falcon.bgsu.edu
 - i. Hi again. I still don't have very much because a lot of the academic affairs standing committee still haven't started yet. The first topic we will be really looking into is with general education reform. This has been going on over the summer with the talk of changing the campus community but none of the information has gone out to the whole student body yet. We are working in ways to send that out to the student body. If you have any ideas about general education or campus culture in general, that will be what we are discussing over the next couple of weeks. Please, to my committee, let's just meet outside of the doors again really quick. I think we will have to redo our weekly meeting because I didn't have all of the information I needed.
- b. Auxiliary Affairs – Katie Post kpost@falcon.bgsu.edu
 - i. Hi, hopefully this is the last week I will ever to talk about this because it will be getting installed soon. ROC-U should be in by the end of the week pending any technical issues. We are still in the developmental phase of getting issues so if you have any issues that are pertinent please let us know. My committee, please meet up in the office after the meeting.
 - 1. Senator Cherry – Will ROC-U be BG1 Bucks accessible?
 - a. Senator Post – I am not sure if the technology is there yet but I will look into for sure.
- c. Internal Affairs – Benjamin Goldsberry btgolds@falcon.bgsu.edu
 - i. First off, thank you all. A lot of time and effort was spent to get those amendments into the documents. Thank you also for voting unanimously, that is very impressive. The collaborative event for August will be for August and September. Considering there is not a lot of time in August that allows for some leeway. Office hours were very poor this week. Either they were unmarked or undone. If you are doing them, please mark them and please do them if you did not do them. In terms of the office, we just made a purchase for mailboxes to have more room than what we have in the giant mailbox. We got a smaller one to fit a couple more spaces but we will continue using the whole big one. The faces of USG binders have been purchased; we will start taking pictures on

September 17th. Please get your proxies in and sworn in as soon as possible. These are for you for any absences so that at the very least you can still get information from meetings. The campus fest form will be available in the office after the meeting just in case you didn't have a calendar on you. Two last things, Internal Affairs, we will meet in the office after General Assembly. And we need to give HARRY away.

1. Senator Juzkiw – Looking at this individual; he has been very busy with several different groups but has still found plenty of time to devote to USG. Not to mention, it sounds like he has been doing a lot of quality preparation on how to take his role to the next level. I would like to give HARRY to Treasurer Zachrich.

d. Student Affairs – Jordan Sanderson jmsande@falcon.bgsu.edu

- i. Good evening, I would just like to remind all of you that the Enclave meet and greet is Wednesday at 6:30 P.M. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Plan for the next meet and greet to be at Falcon's Point; but there are no dates yet so we'll see how that goes, and I will let everyone know. The newest project we are working on is repainting the basketball courts by Harshman. This project was worked on last year, but was not completed, and we would really like to see that happen.

XIV. Senator Reports

a. Senator Juzkiw

- i. This upcoming Thursday at 8 PM in the Union Theater, there is the annual Office of Multicultural Affairs B!G Stars Talent Showcase. I am telling you all this for two reasons. First off, I am playing so it would be awesome to get some support. Secondly, though, the Office of Multicultural Affairs is the reason why one of our new Senators came to USG in the first place so I think it would be really nice to support that organization for helping us out.

1. Senator Durkit – When was that again?

a. Senator Juzkiw – This Thursday at 8 PM.

2. Speaker Dzienny – Also keep in mind that if you go with another Senator, you can count that as a collaborative event.

XV. Advisor's Remarks

- a. Advisor Land – This is the most timely and thorough job with bylaws and constitution I've seen, and I hope that you all learned something from the experience. I will see you all in Toledo.

XVI. Closing Remarks

- a. Senator Goldsberry – Just a reminder that the campus fest sign up will be available in the office after the meeting.
- b. Senator Sanderson – To my committee, please meet up in the office after this meeting.
- c. Senator Wilson – Let's give one more round of applause to Senator Goldsberry and Speaker Dzienny for all of their hard work on the Bylaws and Constitution.
- d. Senator Dzienny – All new Senators, I will be giving New Senator Orientation after the meeting in the Legislative Office.

XVII. Adjournment

- a. Motion to close made by Senator Clevenger
 - i. Seconded by Senator Goldsberry

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Absent</u>	Bylaws	Constitution	
Adamski	Tasha	y	Y	Y	
Appt	Tyler	y	Y	Y	
Berry	Cassie	y	Y	Y	
Buelsing	Caitlin	y	Y	Y	
Burley	Dylan	n	-	-	
Cherry	Greg	y	Y	Y	
Clevenger	John	y	Y	Y	
Croft	Nicole	y	Y	Y	
Dettrow	Jordan	late	-	-	
Durkit	Kallie	y	Y	Y	
Dzienny	Melissa	y	-	-	
Foster	Lance	y	Y	Y	
Goldsberry	Benjamin	y	A	A	
Gombash	Amber	y	Y	Y	
Harbauer	Travis	y	Y	Y	
Hetterich	Alex	y	Y	Y	
Juzkiw	Eric	y	Y	Y	
Kochheiser	Brian	N	-	-	
Lampton	Joe	n	-	-	
Lohse	Travis	-	-	-	-
Morrison	Brandon	y	Y	Y	
Moyer	Sean	y	Y	Y	
Post	Katie	y	Y	Y	
Puccio	Nicholas	y	Y	Y	
Sanderson	Jordan	y	Y	Y	
Schnerer	Kathleen	y	Y	Y	
Supinger	T.J.	y	Y	Y	
Wilson	Kayela	y	y	Y	