

USG General Assembly Meeting

The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly
On This Day, 01/14/2013
(Business Casual Attire Meeting)

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 7:00 P.M.
- II. Roll Call
 - a. 5 Absent
 - b. 2 Proxies
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Minutes Approved
- IV. Swearing in of New Officers
 - a. Sami Hency – Proxy for Senator Faily – shency@falcon.bgsu.edu
 - b. Chelsey Wenner – Falcon Heights Senator – cwenner@falcon.bgsu.edu
- V. Open Forum
 - a. Mr. Matt Haschak- Alert BG
 - i. I have been asked to speak about Alert BG, I am hoping at least everyone is familiar with what Alert BG is. I want to give you some awareness about the system, what it does, and what we are planning for in the future. Alert BG is a multimodal system that allowed designated university officials to send mass communications to campus community. They let us know if an emergency is going on. This was implemented in 2007. E2campus is what we use, and they have 800 plus schools on their system. The multimodal system is used by sending out one message and it is sent via text, e-mail, BGSU homepage, twitter, and Facebook. When an alert occurs they send out about 60,000 e-mails to all account users. This usually takes 1-5 minutes. The homepage changes and will remain approximately an hour unless Marketing and Communications decided they want to keep it. The University Facebook page gets a post, same thing with Twitter. There are 125 digital signs across campus, like the ones dining uses to display messages. Those automatically change as well.

Plans for the future, we are looking to desk-top notifications, public address system, and automatic dialing of on-campus phones. We will be implementing a new phone system this year. The text messaging side is the one we are focusing on, right now you have to go to the website to subscribe to this and I believe it lasts for two years. Right now we only have about 5,800 people in the alert BG text message system, and most of them are faculty. We are looking at an opt-out model, which means we automatically load your info into the system, but you can opt-out. This is a trend we are seeing in a lot of places, and they say this is something that has really picked up in the last year. The state of Texas passed legislation that universities are required to have an opt-out model. Ohio State may

have just gone to this as well. I don't have details on how we are going to do this, so the details on the execution are forthcoming. We talked about wanting to drive up the participation. Fortunately we haven't had to use it too much, we test it at least once a semester, but every time we do that I see how many people are in the system, and we want to drive up that participation. My e-mail haschak@bgsu.edu if you have any questions.

1. Durkit- I think it is a really good idea, with only 5,000 students it is important to get the information out in case something does happen.
 2. Juzkiw-. Have you looked into people registering for the alert BG during orientation?
 - a. Haschak- That was part of the dilemma. We are looking very closely into student affairs, and that will be a big part of the next steps will be how to get all that information not only front freshman but from you all that have already been here.
- b. President Solis and Speaker Dzienny- Semester Presentation
- i. Solis- This year we decided to do a recap, but also outline some goals that we have for the upcoming year. I wanted to talk about USG background, a fall semester overview, and the spring semester focus.
 - ii. Dzienny- as far as how our senate is set up – students are represented by an at large, their residency, and their college. We also have our 4 committee chairs that are elected internally to make sure you have structure within the organization.
 - iii. Solis- When David and I took office we reformatted our cabinet. We created new positions, and moved some people around. Some of the positions we added really came into play this year. Residence Life was important with gender neutral housing, and it was also a direct connection to RSA.
 - iv. Dzienny- I think the communications between senators and committees couldn't be higher. We want to thank the student affairs committee for their effort, and I have seen a lot more issues and accomplishments thanks to this committee. The fly with a falcon program, new computers in the commuter lounge, the Roc-U DVD kiosk, and the added Charley award were all accomplished last semester. We have also completely re-organized the office and archives to make a more convenient work environment. We had 2 really strong resolutions, completely overhauled the bylaw and constitution.
 - v. Solis- On the executive branch the smoke-free campus letter. After further review, discussion, we decided to endorse the initiative but not outright, pending certain conditions. Operation Tiger and PCC was something we really wanted to touch on during our time here.
 1. Neely- Josh Chamberlin came to us with this idea about Operation Tiger, and now we have 100 percent post recycled paper in all residence halls. And PCC was something that was initiated by

Mazey, and it basically outlined goals to achieve carbon neutrality at the university.

- vi. Solis- Adam Preidis with RSA had a chance to be involved in St. Baldrick's, we had a team and were available to compete with them. We reformatted campus fest completely, updated everything, and we are still trying to make that social media push. When Neely and I came in we wanted to focus on the Master Plan, Green Initiatives, and retention. The health center canceled tonight, but they will be coming back later this month.
- vii. Dzienny- My platform goals were all about creating a strong and efficient senate. Looking more into this semester, I would like to see a strong senate turnover, we want to see a strong transition – if we can give them all of the resources we have from this year, they will have a great start. I also want to keep caucus/development days, which I think have been key to finding issues that we want to focus on. As far as this semester, we want to see legislation about Alert BG because this is important to the students, the student safety, and the student voice.
- viii. Solis- Marketing and Communications, this is a new position which had a lot of success. The Get Involved fair is coming up and we need to continue to get our name out there. Social media is a big push, but also the BG news, our weekly meetings were advertised, and we need to keep striving as an organization to be transparent. Campus renovations we want to put under focus, because the campus is changing. With Greek Housing on the table, the rec center renovations, this campus is quickly forming into something new. We just want to make sure that the student voice is heard every step off the way. You have representation on a lot of the committees where everything is happening.
- ix. Dzienny- We also wanted to emphasize collaboration between committees, and we want to focus on campus engagement and public safety to keep our students safe.
 - 1. Juzkiw- During the get involved fair- are we looking for new members, or new issues?
 - a. Solis- I think we are always hopeful for new members, but you can only do so much at a table. We are always looking to listen.
 - b. Dzienny- And if they are looking to get involved, we will be starting with a new senate soon.
 - 2. Durkit- Do you have a handout about elections or anything about the process that they will need to go through?
 - a. Solis- I know there is something that Evan is working on, and I think that will be addressed.

VI. Lobby Time

a. N/A

VII. Old Business

- a. N/A
 - VIII. New Business
 - a. N/A
 - IX. Executive Branch Reports
 - a. President – Alex Solis asolis@falcon.bgsu.edu
 - i. Gender Neutral housing we got an e-mail from Sarah Waters officially notifying us that there will be happening next fall, in founders hall. We talked about it in exec; this will be a themed community not open to first year students. RSA will be talking about this in their meeting tomorrow, and it is great to see that take form next year. Smoke free campus policy initiative, the 5 groups have representation at the initiative. The 5 sections have been determined, not much has happened, but I thought I'd share the info we do have with you- developing the purpose of the policy, tobacco zones, responsibilities, programming, violations, and clean air/defining smoke free and tobacco free. I just want to say I am really hopeful for a resolution that will be put forth about Alert BG
 - 1. Pokorny- do you know who the people on the smoke-free committee are?
 - a. Solis- I'll get back to you on that.
 - b. Vice President – David Neely dneely@falcon.bgsu.edu
 - i. I am trying to get the standing committee representatives settled, the only meeting time that I have knowledge of is the student affairs advisory board, Thursdays from 2:30-3:30. The board of trustees student rep application is ready, and I will be sending that out tonight. Please send that out to students you think would be suitable for that organization. The entire form is electronic, and it gets sent to me. It is a 2 year term, and the committee will make 5 recommendations to the governors' office, and then he will make the final decision on who the rep would be.
 - c. Cabinet Reports
 - i. Michelle Wysocki- This semester we are making a big social media push, I want to get our Facebook page to 1000 likes. We will be doing bookstore gift card raffles to get more likes, and we will be doing union tables to win this. In order to do this I need people to sign up for tables this week on Thursday and Friday.
- X. Procedures and Appeals Reports
 - a. Chief Administrator – Evan Colyer ecolyer@falcon.bgsu.edu
- XI. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Treasurer – Jon Zachrich jdzachr@falcon.bgsu.edu
 - i. I made an expenditure report for all of the expenses from last semester. I wanted to give you a few things from our budget- stipends, marketing, collaboration, operations, COSGA, incidentals, and a rollover section. We don't know what our rollover is going to be – about 3,000 maybe more- we really want to push collaboration. Something that really works is that we have a really fluid budget- we've used 2,000 dollars for operations so far (office supplies, food, things that make our operation go) so we will be probably moving some funds around. We plan on using a lot more of the marketing budget. Stipends is fixed, it lists that we've spent only a part of that money. We budget 8,000 dollars for COSGA, and we just have to pay for hotels- there is a good chance that we will be under budget. We have been using operating more and more, so the estimated budget

was around 46, 000 dollars. With what we are spending right now, we haven't used that much, so if you have ideas of how we can spend our money, we really need to do that because once we have these purchases I need to rationalize that to Dean Carr so if we want to have a budget like we had in the past we need to rationalize that.

1. Durkit- Do we pay Procedures and appeals?

a. Zachrich- Half- half comes from parking and half comes from us.

ii. Zachrich- If you are part of a student org and you want funding, get those applications in, because this year SBC we are not being very lenient with late applications. In order to get funded you have to follow some very specific steps.

XII. Speaker's Report

a. Speaker of the Senate – Melissa Dzienny mdzienn@falcon.bgsu.edu

i. Senator reports are due tomorrow night. Next week we don't have a GA, which will be our week off this month. Sign up for the get involved fair and the union tables; we are here to reach out to the students. We will be getting budget updates from Sherry Stoll, please send any questions for her to me.

XIII. Committee Reports

a. Academic Affairs – Kallie Durkit kdurkit@falcon.bgsu.edu

i. I was in a subcommittee that did a rewrite of the posthumous degree policy, and that will be voted on soon. We have come up with a formal way of tracking that through the system. CAA is doing a review of the provost, not really anything to update, and that meeting is coming up in a few weeks. I am on the BG perspectives committee, and we are doing a review of learning outcomes.

b. Auxiliary Affairs – Katie Post kpost@falcon.bgsu.edu

i. Water bottle refill stations and we have begun our planning stations. We were in contact with Dr. Nick Hennesy, biggest locations are the Field House, Offenbauer, and possibly another one in the union. If you have any opinions on the new bike racks, please let me know. I will also be meeting with the student health center advisory board, so if you have any concerns about that please let me know.

c. Internal Affairs – Benjamin Goldsberry btgolds@falcon.bgsu.edu

i. Do your office hours. Deficits were taken away for last week, but those are put into place this week. Collaborative event sheet is up, the get involved fair would count. If you don't know if it would count, we can give you clarification on that. We do have a few openings in the senate.

1. Charley goes to Secretary Banham

2. Harry goes to Senator Bingaman.

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

i. We are having union tables on the 31st, please sign up. The tables are going to be used for issues that they have with USG, and any issues that we could handle. We are going to schedule a meet and greet with Falcon's Pointe. AS of Jan 7th students should have been receiving e-mails if they received a ticket so you get an e-mail at 9 am the day after you receive a ticket.

XIV. Senator Reports

- a. Clevenger- OWGL applications are out, for anyone who is interested in being an OWGL you can come to me or visit the website, you have to visit and info session.
- b. Adamski- I am a leader of MLK day of service, so if you haven't signed up and want to let me know.
- c. Juzkiw- I have union tables signed up this week to work on filling our search committee, this Thursday is the first time, it's from 2:30 – 5:30. I sit on the green fund, when Neely mentioned the green recycled bike rack I have met with the green fund twice and we do have money in the budget for those, and they look really good. I will be working with Clevenger and Neely on this, but if you have any ideas let me know.
- d. Durkit- to college senators, we think a lot of what you guys do and my committee is linked so I will be making a listprocs to keep you all connected.

XV. Advisor's Remarks

- a. Webb- Just an update, I know a lot of you have seen a lot of concerns about flu, I wanted to let you know that we received an update this afternoon, there have only been 4 confirmed cases of the flu. There has also been a very low impact at the wood county hospital. I know there have been a lot of concerns that the vaccines are not available, we do offer that at the health center. Res life has been working very closely with student health, and I know a lot of the information has been let out very recently from the hall staff. For those students who have the flu there are mats that are available in the res halls.
 - i. St. Peter- What does the flu shot cost?
 1. Webb- It is 25 dollars, but that is covered by a lot of insurance plans. In most cases, it is covered; when you go they will submit that so you don't have to have the money in hand.

XVI. Closing Remarks

- a. N/A

XVII. Adjournment

- a. 8:32