

USG General Assembly Meeting

The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly

On This Day, 10/14/2013

Room 308 BTSU

(Business Professional Attire Meeting)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Minutes stand approved.
- IV. Swearing in of New Officers
 - a. Elizabeth Durbin- At-Large Senator
 - b. Ted Trzaska- At-Large Senator
- V. Open Forum
 - a. Ms. Jill Carr – Vice President for Student Affairs
 - i. I never claim to know the answer to everything. If I don't know the answer, I will find out and get back to you. Two of the clean air signs had been removed. One had been vandalized, and the other disappeared. They are still around campus in other places.
 - ii. Smoke-Free Campus- The Fall semester features a marketing and education campaign to market this. Started with a committee with constituent representation. Finally went to board of trustees and president in May. The implementation committee continues to meet. The replacement signs will be replaced, when everyone returns from the break. The group is also working on a video, with questions, answers, and comments about the clean air policy. New education video coming. There is an e-mail set up. cleanair@bgsu.edu
 - iii. Fiscal Concerns- Every department in the division is looking at their budget, their spending habits. Once that process has been completed, the info will go to the Student Affairs Executive Committee. I hope you all know, Student Affairs is complicated. 3 sources: E&G budget, student general fees, and auxiliary funds. The cuts will be coming from the E&G budget, our smallest budget. We will work carefully with that. We will look at what the self-exam has shown us. Make sure we stay in line with the mission of the University. We have cut significant dollars from student affairs. There is no fat. If we continue, we'll hit vital organs. If you have

suggestions of what is not central to the core of Student Affairs, please contact us.

1. Questions,

- a. Durkit- What do you see as the core or vital organizations that you will not cut dollars to?
 - i. Those funded through E&G dollars. Division office Counseling center, multicultural affairs. None of those areas I want to cut. It would be a great detriment. It would be my preference not to cut that.
- b. Durkit- In terms of tuition dollars, would you see another 1-2% increase next fiscal year
 - i. Would not want to go any higher than 2.5%. TO do less would certainly be our goal. To be able to commit to that without enrollment, would be hard to predict.
- c. Durkit- In the year previous, there had been an agreement to receive bridge funding, to freeze tuition. Is there another plan in place?
 - i. When we received it this fall, it was a one time thing. The entire state university picture would be reviewed. No guarantee on bridge money.

iv. Greek Housing- Talked to our VP of Capital Planning Steve Krakoff. Demolition still planned for this summer. Staff and faculty in Johnston hall will be relocated. Johnston hall will be demolished first. Then we can bring in equipment to demolish those behind the union, then Conklin units. Ceremony towards the 47 years of service. Constituent meeting concerning temporary housing, moving of equipment.

1. Questions

- a. Senator Dudek- What is the plan for the sorority houses on campus?
 - i. Vice-President Carr-Those will all come down.
- b. Senator Dudek- Is there a plan for that space?
 - i. Vice-President Carr-There's a discussion about moving bursar, things in the administration building. Possibly putting an addition onto the

union. This is the discussion. There needs to be a plan for those administrative offices.

- c. Treasurer Johnson- Plan for the French House?
 - i. Vice-President Carr-The French House will come down. The program will become more of a learning community, moved to a residence hall.
- d. Treasurer Johnson- How will the university accommodate the learning community, keep the same goals?
 - i. Vice-President Carr-The details haven't been addressed. Once a location is set, those details can be worked out.
- e. Chair Juzkiw- Johnston hall is the one that does the daycare?
 - i. Vice-President Carr-Johnston hall is the one off the parking lot.
- f. Chair Puccio- With the demolition of the Greek houses, will the TKE house be demolished?
 - i. Vice-President Carr-That's a follow-up. At this point, I don't believe so.
- g. Chair Puccio- Can the program be moved to the TKE house?
 - i. Vice-President Carr-I have not heard that suggestion, it's one worth investigating.
- h. Senator Darris- Will students be a part of the discussion of the use of that area?
 - i. Vice-President Carr-Yes. Planning committee for that area.
 - i. Senator Harris- For those who have a house on campus, will they be considered?
 - i. Vice-President Carr-Yes. All groups with housing have been asked.
- v. Tweets- The individual has been identified. Is not a student at BGSU, not involved in the community. Has sent evidence to the city prosecutor, has come back saying there is insufficient evidence to prosecute.
 - 1. Questions?

- a. Senator Darris- What is the next step?
- vi. Response- I have asked students to create a response plan that will suit students. There is a sub-committee working on that. Hopefully, we can start to hear some of those recommendations. Had a discussion at Cabinet about how we can include students. Leading into the issue of racism, I can look at this from two standpoints.
 1. The whole co-curricular experience is steeped in education. What you learn outside the classroom is just as important as what is in. Provide programs, staff members, reaction to behavior that we view as unacceptable. Staff involved through PACODI [President's Advisory Council On Diversity & Inclusion], Not in Our Town. Give students a chance to learn about what it means to live in a community that respects diversity. Have set clear expectations for students through the Code of Conduct. Have been able to address respect, inappropriate language. Along with that, we are obligated to make sure students are provided with their due process rights. All of that is outlined in the Student Handbook. If that's not something you've taken a look at it, I encourage you to do that.
 2. Questions
 - a. Senator Darris- Aside from meeting together as administrators, what do you have planned?
 - i. Vice-President Carr-Programs in Residence halls and Residence life. Starting there. 90% of new students live in residence life. All program planning through OCA, SA, all have that component. It's an expectation at the division level.
 - b. Senator Darris- By saying that all parts of student affairs is working on this, has there been a push, noticing what we have done is not working.
 - i. Vice-President Carr-Yes. Started last spring. Increase in the amount of diversity training for RAs, discriminatory behavior training. Programming into the fall semester and beyond.

- c. Senator Devereaux- Is the meeting Wednesday open to students?
 - i. Vice-President Carr-The space is small. Will never say the meeting isn't open to students.
- d. Chair Juzkiw- What subcommittee?
 - i. Adhoc committee called my "Inclusion" group. Helps us plan for the future.

VI. Lobby Time

- a. Kevin Lewis-Hi Everyone, my name is Kevin Lewis, I am the president of the Black Student Union. And Sydney Howell, secretary of the BSU. I know there have been some questions concerning the Call to Action initiative.
- b. Sydney Howell- Call to action is not just about the tweets. It's a response to all the racist incident in the last year and a half.
- c. Kevin Lewis- Once misconception is that it's exclusive. We're going to make it clear that our meetings are opens. Our meeting is October 28th at 10 PM. Second floor of the union above Starbucks. Not just about the tweets. Thank you to Dean of Students Webb for investigation. That's the goal. Student lead, open to suggestions.
- d. Kevin Lewis- We were inspired by the Not in Our Town campaign, we support them, but we are separate. We feel we need to take action now. Fire has died. Took it upon ourselves as students.
- e. Sydney Howell- Our main purpose here is to get your support. We cannot ask the university for anything without numbers, without support.
- f. Kevin Lewis-Would also like to spread the word about this, make sure we are not known as an exclusive group. Taking this time to form a packet. Also a list of demands on campus. Space on campus for Ethnic students. Contains the LGBT center, Ethnic center. Also, seek support from anyone we can.
 - i. Questions
 - 1. Chair Durkit- I want to say that I really appreciate you coming. If there's anything I can do to collaborate with you, please let me know. I'd love to work with you.
 - 2. Treasurer Johnson- At one of the meetings, there was an idea for a State of the Minority address.
 - a. Kevin Lewis-Want an address from President Mazey. Getting curriculum required, educating our students about cultural diversity. Why do minority student unions exist? We feel it's important to educate. That'll get the word out.

3. Chair Juzkiw- Is there any formal LGBT participation in the group?
 - a. Sydney Howell-There's no formal committee, but there has been participation.
- g. Motion to extend time.
 - i. So moved by Chair Juzkiw.
 1. Seconded by Chair Durkit.
 - ii. Questions Cont.
 1. Chair Puccio- If you can find any way to use our resources, please let us know.
 - a. Kevin Lewis-Another thing that we are really trying to get off the ground, we are trying to find those we need to talk to. We could use help with.
 2. Senator Darris- I know a lot of senators have thanked you for coming. Has the general body of students been satisfied by the USG involvement.
 - a. Kevin Lewis- That was a conversation that came up at last night's meeting. We questioned why the participation wasn't there. More about where the line of communication was. I do appreciate that there were senators there. I think it would be more beneficial if we had a room like this of senators attending. I think it's more about opening this room of communication.
 3. Chair Durkit- How large is your organization? How much space would you want? Do you think you would need funding? And would you like increased representation
 - a. Kevin Lewis- It's more of students getting together and unifying. There's isn't a branch. It's hard to say how many students were there. First meeting had 150. Coming together, collecting our thoughts.
 - b. Sydney Howell- At this point, we've been utilizing social media, campus updates. Haven't discussed formal advertisements at this point.
 - c. Kevin Lewis-About the space, one of the spaces was in Mac, the space not being used. That was in conversation. That was one of the spaces we were thinking about. We are looking for those spaces across campus.
4. Chair Durkit- What is the best way to contact you?
 - a. Kevin Lewis-I think that, I remember getting an e-mail from USG welcoming us. If you want to get it out to as many people as possible, that would be an adequate response.

- h. Motion to extend time
 - i. So moved by Senator Devereaux.
 - 1. Seconded by Chair Puccio.
 - ii. Questions Continued
 - 1. Senator Devereaux- I am the President of MGC, as well as I sit on PACODI. I love to be involved in that. I would like clarification on Not in Our Town. It's something similar, more focused on the education side.
 - a. Kevin Lewis-I think that from the students' viewpoint, it may be different from the program's director. Feedback from students. Feedback was that Not in Our Town does not have a presence. Question about the direction NIOT was taking. We need to see more.
 - 2. Senator Dettrow- What are some basic things out of students that you want to see.
 - a. Sydney Howell- Want to have our list of demands finished by October meeting. Forming committees to address each demand
 - b. Kevin Lewis- Also involves research. Don't want to go into this not knowing about what the University has. Asking students to break into teams. Then go out to meet with people
 - 3. Treasurer Johnson-As you can see, we have Vice President Carr here. You heard her talk about her initiatives. How do you feel about those? What would you want to see from the Division of Student Affairs.
 - a. Kevin Lewis- The Diversity Inclusion group has been doing well keeping the line open. The plans are similar, going into residence halls. What we're doing needs to be led by students. While we are seeking the support of Student Affairs, we want to push other division to support us. We will be definitely looking out for their plans.
 - 4. Chair Juzkiw- Regarding Not in Our Town, it is headed up by Barbara Waddell. Perhaps now that the office is settled in, more will come.
 - a. Kevin Lewis-We definitely appreciate this, however we see that these incidents will not stop. While NIOT solidifies, we felt moved to start something, before something else happens. Still wear my button.
 - 5. Senator Devereaux- Are you planning to look into other organizations, like you are presenting here tonight?
 - a. Sydney Howell- Had representation from several Greek organizations. Absolutely.

6. Senator Devereaux- Collaborations?
 - a. Sydney Howell- Collaborations with anybody.
7. Harris- Thank you for being here. Where do you see yourselves by next semester? Do you have any plans to reach beyond campus.
 - a. Kevin Lewis- We did talk about keeping the momentum up. We definitely want to engage the BG community. Some incidents have been outside of the BGSU campus. Lots of support from other schools. Other Universities going through similar things, reaching out to us, come to our school, have something public. We realize that we've been committed to something we might not see before we graduate.

VII. Old Business

- a. Ebonee Johnson – USG Budget
 - i. Johnson- Going to do a very brief review. This is our budget. Same figures. Still looking to collaborate. Feel free to ask me any questions.
 - ii. Questions
 1. Senator Sosa- Can you explain the process to start a collaboration?
 - a. Treasurer Johnson- If anyone wants to collaborate, contact me. E-mail. Contact any member of exec board. Description of the event.
 2. Senator Darris- In the portion of stipends, what is that doing right now? Has the collaboration section used?
 - a. Treasurer Johnson- There are certain members of USG who receive compensation. Wysocki has built up the marketing side of USG.
 3. Senator Darris- It was all used last year?
 - a. Treasurer Johnson-Yes.
 4. Chair Durkit- Will COSGA be covered?
 - a. Treasurer Johnson- No.
 5. Move to vote
 - a. So moved by Chair Juzkiw
 - i. Seconded Puccio
 - b. Motion Passes unanimously.

VIII. New Business

IX. Executive Branch Reports

- a. President – Alex Solis

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- i. I encourage everyone to attend the October meeting. We passed the not in our town resolution. On behalf of USG, we thank you. If you need connections, please let me know
- ii. University Council
 1. This was the most informative meeting. It was evident that students play a role every step of the way.
 2. Office of Sustainability Update
 - a. Senator Mazur appointed to PCC, eliminating the carbon footprint of the university. Important to understand the PCC.
 3. Shane McGrew is the chief officer for fundraising and Alumni development. Gave an overview of what his division will be doing. Noting that state funding is down. Private funding will play an important part. Currently at 21% State funding. Seeing no bottom out, may see that funding decrease.
 4. Vice President Stoll gave a report on Accenture, outside consulting firm to do an efficiency report. What they find will be recommendations to the president and her cabinet. Has received data from multiple sources. Report from Efficiency Task Force that Kallie Durkit sat on. Contacting administrators to gain more knowledge. Reaching out to various constituent presidents and chairs. GSS and USG have not been contacted. Would love to include any member. Willing to work with Accenture.
 5. Master Plan
 - a. How USG can do its part. 15 year plan, in 2 parts. Gave a brief update on some of the interactive learning classrooms finished this summer. USG will continue to have a seat at the table. When I get that information, I'll be passing that out.
- iii. Library Hours
 1. Want to thank Chair Puccio for his work. I'm sure he'll touch on exact figures. Great retention piece. Moving towards 24 hour model. Targeting week of, and week before finals. Library now opened until 2 AM. Successes with Dining, extending Outtakes hours. Engaging in conversation with Enrollment Management, increased hours for learning commons.
- iv. Working Group
 1. Senators Juzkiw, Durkit, Harris, Dortch
 2. Identifying policy, where it's housed. Work with the provost's office proposing edits.

b. Vice President – David Neely

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- i. Good evening everyone. Thank you VP Carr for addressing USG.
 - ii. Survey
 - 1. Want to thank everyone who helped. Results are very positive. Meeting with Mike Polis went very well.
 - iii. Meeting
 - 1. Met with Dean of College of Tech, and aviation studies. Outsourcing of program to Northstar. Looking to opening dialogue to students.
 - iv. Call to Action
 - 1. Want to thank them.
 - c. Cabinet Reports
- X. Procedures and Appeals Reports
 - a. Chief Administrator – Evan Colyer ecolyer@bgsu.edu
 - i. No report.
- XI. Treasurer’s Report
 - a. Treasurer – Ebonee Johnson eboneej@bgsu.edu
 - i. Collaborative Initiatives
 - 1. Remaining balance we want to use. Want to reach the student body. Want to talk about, if you have any ideas for USG. If you have ideas for things for USG to be involved in, that’s definitely something we can talk about.
 - a. Senator Darris- You want to work with large events. What is considered large? How does that affect students not in the majority?
 - i. Treasurer Johnson-Not something that will affect only one student organization. Student Appreciation Week. We partner with Dining, hand out food coupons. Deosn’t have to impact everyone. Sponsored NPHC step show.
 - b. Sauers- Special promotion for athletic event. Then and now event. Rabbit’s feet at sporting events.
 - i. Treasurer Johnson- Definitely things that bring spirit. Want to make sure we reach our students.
 - c. Senator Darris- Doesn’t have to be a student organization?
 - i. Treasurer Johnson- No. An initiative. Will collaborate with MLK day of service. If you have any ideas of how to better USG
 - d. Chair Puccio- Would there be a possibility of collaborating with the theatre department?

- e. Harris- One of the reasons why there doesn't seem to be a lot of diversity or involvement in the theatre department is because a lot of opportunities are not sponsored on campus. Shows not counting towards degree.
 - i. Definitely something we can talk about.

XII. Speaker's Report

- a. Speaker of the Senate – Katie Post kpost@bgsu.edu
 - i. Want to echo everyone, thanks to VP Carr for coming in to speak with us. Truly have a commitment to students. Hope to see a lot of people at your meeting.
 - ii. Next Monday
 - 1. No meeting next week. Development day from 7:30-8:30 PM. Will send location Friday. The basic goal is to enhance the knowledge of previous senators, help new senators. We'll spend 15 minutes on each of 4 topics. Really relevant to USG. That said, we will use it as your internal office hour for next week.
 - iii. Updates
 - 1. Please keep me posted. Like to know what's going on in your committees. If you want to speak to me, or if you have questions, please let me know. Starbucks is my favorite.

XIII. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs – Kasie Durkit durkitk@bgsu.edu
 - i. TED Talks
 - 1. Still pending. Devereaux and I are working to get a speaker in the fall, speaker in the free.
 - ii. Speaker on Campus
 - 1. Elizabeth Smart. Abducted when she was 14th. Coming to campus on November 5th, Dinner at 7, lecture at 8. Talking on recover programs. Mogul. It's a big deal that she's coming to BGSU. She's a personal favorite of mine.
 - 2. Questions
 - a. Senator Dudek- 50 dollars, does it include dinner?
 - i. Chair Durkit-Yes. Can also have it waived, scholarships available.
 - b. Senator Dortch- Where will it be held?
 - i. Chair Durkit-The Library Advocates' Board, event in the Ballroom. Contact the library for information.
 - c. Senator Huggins- Is that who you'd get in contact to pay?
 - i. Chair Durkit-Either them, or Womens' Studies program

d. Senator Puffenberger- Committee Meeting?

i. Chair Durkit-No.

b. Auxiliary Affairs – John Clevenger

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i. No report.

c. Internal Affairs – Eric Juzkiw

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i. Good evening everyone.

ii. IA

1. Will not meet tonight. Will meet later this week, or set up an electronic meeting.

iii. 28th

1. Best collaborative event. I'll even let you use it as an external office hour.

iv. Elizabeth Smart

1. Great Collaborative event.

v. Spots

1. 2 off campus, Conklin, NPHC, MGC

vi. Harry & Charley

1. Puccio- Charley will go to City, State and Nation Liaison Ethan Byrum. Attentive to the survey.
2. Devereaux- Harry will go to Senator Mazur. Have been really impressed by how this senator has done things. Been a great desk clerk.

vii. Questions

1. Senator St. Peter- Open positions?
 - a. Conklin, MGC, NPHC, 2 off campus

d. Student Affairs – Nic Puccio

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i. SA

1. No meeting. Would like e-mail updates by Wednesday on your projects.

XIV. Senator Reports

a. Senator Puffenberger

- i. Off-Campus caucus group is sponsoring a talk on Thursday the 17th at 7PM. If you have any ideas for people to invite, please invite them, or pass their name along. Our first push to get info about off-campus students.

b. Senator Darris

- i. I just wanted to say that that meeting on the 28th, feel free to come and speak. It's a student driven movement. Within 24 hours, we had almost 200 people there. Be a part of the conversation. Through that discussion, how you can serve the student body.

- ii. The Collective is student leaders. Currently don't have a USG representative. 4:30PM tomorrow. Room 318. At least 7 student orgs represented. Also, great opportunity. Foster collaboration opportunities. NIOT November 18-24th.
- iii. Senn- Alpha Tau Omega is having our event right now in the union oval. From 1-4 PM, we'll have the hockey team there. You can pay a dollar, toss eggs at us from behind a chain link fence.

XV. Advisor's Remarks

- a. Dean of Students Webb- I appreciate the time people. Provide valuable information, and clear things up. Good attendance in the back of the room. I would really encourage those who attended to come back. Encourage your constituents to come to USG meetings. There's real misunderstandings about who can come to USG. Hopefully tonight will open the doors. T
- b. As we get closer to a full senate, we have a lot of new people, there's some initial training done. Next week is a great time to learn more. Check out the bylaws and the constitution. If you haven't read them, they're on the website. It guides what we do in here.

XVI. Closing Remarks

- a. Devereaux- MGC is holding an event Wednesday. Room 208. Catered to greek community, but is not limited. Everyone is welcome to come. Discussion based workshop. Talking about how to make groups supportive.
 - i. Questions
 - 1. Senator Myers- When?
 - a. Senator Devereaux- 9PM.
 - b. Treasurer Johnson- Zumbathon hosted by Baskets of Care. Makes baskets for newly diagnosed breast cancer patients. Sunday from 1-3 PM. Get a t-shirt, \$10. Bring your organization.
 - c. Post- New senators, please see me.
 - d. Solis- Cabinet will meet tonight in the conference room.

XVII. Adjournment

- a. The Chair entertains a motion to close.
 - i. So moved by Senator Schubert.
 - 1. Seconded by Senator Henry.