

# USG General Assembly Meeting

The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly

On This Day, 10/28/2013

Room 308 BTSU

(Business Casual Attire Meeting)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Minutes stand approved.
- IV. Swearing in of New Officers
  - a. Tess Janczarek – Residence Life Liaison
  - b. Danielle Parker- Chief Administrator
  - c. Alexis Lopez- Multicultural Greek Council Senator
- V. Open Forum
  - a. Ms. Lingxiao Ge – President, Graduate Student Senate (GSS)
    - i. Lingxiao Ge- Good evening, I am Lingxiao Ge, the President of the GSS, and a fourth year doctorate student studying biology. As the leading student organization for graduate students, we strive to represent the needs, interests and opinions of graduate students. Similar to what USG does for undergraduate students, we make every effort to ensure the just representation and treatment of graduate students, and to enhance their academic and social experiences. Senators come from every graduate program, and every college. Must come to by-weekly meetings. We consider ourselves the bridge between graduate students, and others on campus. The closest connection is between graduate students and undergraduates. This is demonstrated best by the work between USG and GSS. Currently, the graduate college is faced with budget restrictions. There will be significant changes to the graduate program. GSS conveys any relevant changes to graduate students. GSS sponsors events on campus, GSS Forum. Forum is November 6<sup>th</sup>, 11 Am 201 BTSU. Topic is City/University collaboration, facilitated by Daniel Gordon. Please feel free to come and share your experiences.
    - ii. The other event, the curriculum day and the Shanklin awards, occurs in April. Showcases graduate work. Showcase creative projects, conference papers. This event used to be open to only graduate students. significant change to this event. Want to get undergrads involved as well. There will

be presentations about different topics and research. Good opportunities to learn about research, and. Also, will give Ziggy points.

- iii. Allow me to introduce our Vice President, Martha Schaffer; Liz Yale, our secretary; Academic Affairs representative Rachel Robinson; and our Professional Development chair, Arpan Yagnik.
- iv. Questions
  1. Chair Juzkiw- I recently started researching an old bill of rights. Can you share your information? Are you looking to collaborate on this initiative.
    - a. President Ge-Thank you for the question. Of course, we can share our statements. Interestingly, it was initiated in 2011, can only find a bill of rights in our archives. Do not know if a resolution was passed. I would love to have collaboration towards a joint student bill of rights. I consider it could be kind of hard. We have challenges as graduate student body that are different. Most graduates students 3-5 years ago had tuition scholarships. Also focused on rights of graduate students, as teaching/graduate assistants.
  2. Chair Juzkiw- What is your email?
    - a. President Ge: [glingx@bgsu.edu](mailto:glingx@bgsu.edu)
  3. Chair Durkit- What are issues facing grad students?
    - a. President Ge- These are two very sensitive topics, program cuts. The other topic that may impact students are the budgets cuts. As I just said, most students used to get scholarships and stipends from colleges. Based on a recent speech given by Dean Ogawa to the graduate senate, there will be some adjustment to the graduate scholarships.. When they are enrolled at BG, there will be many options available for funding. Will be similar to the current undergraduate student model. Everyone will get different packages.
    - b. In our meetings with Provost Rogers, we discussed current and potential cuts. The reasons are because these programs may not have good enrollment, or not good job placements

after graduating. Doing the calculations very carefully.  
Making sure we are not sacrificing programs, or graduate students.

b. Mr. Michael Paulus – Director, Dining Services

- i. Good evening, thank you for having me. I was asked to provide some updates on dining services, and to have an open forum.
- ii. It's Halloween in dining. Had our fourth annual farmer's market earlier this month. Customer Satisfaction surveys were generated last week, should have that data soon.
- iii. Didn't build anything. Had a couple of different program changes. Instituted nutritional kiosks.
- iv. Hired two students as manager-in-training programs, graduation in may, provides full-time placement.
- v. Questions
  1. Chair Juzkiw- I am an off-campus senator. One of the issues I wanted to work on was cheaper options for off-campus students. Are there any ideas as to bringing a cheaper meal option to campus?
    - a. Paulus- Going to be hard to compete with a sack lunch. Dealing with cost of facilities. Help me understand your price point. We created an enhanced student/faculty meal plan. Discount for falcon dollars. If I'm competing with a PB&J, I'm going to lose.
    - b. McDonalds is pulling value menu.
      - i. I think there's something to say on the feasibility of a cheaper option for students.
      - ii. It's hard to find a 3-4-5 dollar price point. Not a lot of sustainable models offering meals. I'm more than happy to look at how we can find value, or better utilizing AYCE for commuter students. Trying to find that price point is going to be the key. We do a lot of solicitation.
  2. Chair Durkit- Update for Rec Center dining options? Vending machines or kiosk? Is there no healthy eating option

- a. Paulus- No discussion since last year. No idea what they decided
3. Chair Durkit- During the off-campus caucus, there are pamphlets that are not as complete as they'd like.
  - a. Paulus- There should be that information at the kiosks. They are little iPads installed at each location. For a tutorial, ask any of the cashiers. We also have myfitnesspal on there, help you monitor your caloric intake.
4. Chair Puccio- As far as prices go, is there a possibility of lowering the price of healthy food options? Is there talk about making healthier options cheaper?
  - a. Paulus- Healthier options aren't cheaper to make them. The one thing that we do every year is marketing in our pricing. Right now, retail did not go up. Didn't raise prices in Greens.
5. Chair Puccio- Are there options for healthier food?
  - a. Paulus- What do you mean? One of the things you need to look at is the function of the area. Wild Greens is a popular station. Could we support two on campus? No. Our brands serve the 18-22 age group. Other options are on a 28-day cycle at the AYCE facilities/
6. Chair Puccio- In which ways are you soliciting towards off-campus students?
  - a. Paulus- The biggest problem is reaching you. You are overloaded with data every day. I'm lost, like everybody else. I really don't know the best vehicle to reach out, more than what I'm doing. How do we reach you? I'd love to have that secret?
7. Chair Puccio- Have you looked into reaching out to USG? What a better way there
  - a. Paulus- I think I have a good relationship with this body. If you want to sell my meal plan, be my guest.
8. Puccio- How can we be of use to reach out to students? How would you be able to utilize us?
  - a. Paulus- No idea how I can exploit you.

9. Chair Puccio I'm an off-campus senator. We have college senators.
  - a. Paulus- That function is served by the dining advisory board. Representation is there. Their job is to bring back feedback.
- vi. Motion to extend time by 10 minutes
  1. So moved by Chair Puccio
    - a. Seconded by Chair Juzkiw
- vii. Questions continued
  1. Vice President Neely- Can you explain to us the phasing out of buildings, and touch on the potential of taking franchises out of the union, put in new options?
    - a. Paulus- Buildings coming down will have an effect. Will affect what happens. Just did a cosmetic change this summer, cannot compete with other facilities. Will continue with a retail performance. The idea being that we want two dedicated facilities for each [AYCE, Retail]. Waiting for master plan, timeline on when they're coming down. One of the big things we are looking to do is move pinkberry to the sweetshop. Expand the outtakes in CP. We are driving a lot of the community into that quadrant.
  2. Vice President Neely- Are there any thoughts about taking franchises out, and replacing them? How do students play a role in that?
    - a. Paulus- We survey each spring. Also accept suggestions. Can't put a Chipotle in yet, but do have a working relationship with 55 brands. You have to tell me. I think there's some brand fatigue. Focus groups start in the spring. Will also be looking at Kreisler.
  3. Chair Juzkiw- I think we should utilize Treasurer Johnson. If we hear issues, we should take them to her. That's that route we should use.
    - a. Chair Juzkiw- Has it ever been a thought to do more of the farmer's markets?
      - i. Paulus- We've had a very limited growing season. Your representative voiced this same concern. A lot

of work that goes into it. Great response. Hoping to have a tandem run, efficiency. That's something we can certainly explore.

4. Chair Juzkiw- In regards to fresh food, what's the radius?
  - a. Paulus- Procurement can be everywhere. We have agreement with Monterrey Aquarium. We try to farm as much local product as available. We try to get that in print as much as possible. Using local partnerships.
5. Senator Dettrow- I know you mention that there was a lot going in the sundial. Were those improvements successful?
  - a. Paulus- Satisfaction is there, traffic is down. Cannibalization happening at that area. One of the biggest challenges is the day traffic. Need to look at that day traffic. I'm trying to compete with the union, and where you are geographically. Security issues. Reached out with a late night program. Want to survey those residents. Have the greek population moving over there. Spring.
6. Senator Banham- I'm an RA for first year students. Gotten a lot of negative feedback for required mealplan.
  - a. Biggest thing with mandating that program was to manage their meal plans more effectively. Historically, our challenge was the freshmen classes running out of money in October, November. Looking to drive retention programs. Can check out a Wii at the dining halls. Being the residence hall living room or kitchens. Getting them out of the halls.

viii. Motion to extend time by 10 minutes

1. So moved by Senator Banham
  - a. Seconded by Chair Juzkiw

ix. Questions Part III

1. President Solis- You are still one of the largest employers on campus, correct? You still have a scholarships available for students?
  - a. Paulus- We award \$10,000 in student scholarships. We created two salaried positions open for BG graduates. They

learn every aspect, then have guaranteed engagement. Two candidates are halfway through that.

2. President Solis- Good feedback for Falcon's Nest?
  - a. Paulus- Sales exceeding expectations. We're still tweaking. Wishing we were able to make that a 12-month enterprise. Teaching wine classes. It's a 9 month operation. It's hard to retrain employees.
3. President Solis- When do you start conversations for next year.
  - a. Paulus- Will start in December. Required to create a budget at that point. Everything's looking flat. Had to have an increase of 2% two years ago. Froze rates for a year. I'd love to do it again, I get paid to restrain costs.
4. Senator Dudek- There has been some conversation about receipts being printed. I understand the practicality, but with all the initiatives going on, receipt paper isn't cheap.
  - a. Paulus- First of all, I believe in receipts. It's a validation of the transition. The fundamental on/off is a timing issues. We do over 3.8 million transactions on campus.
5. Senator Dudek- I don't doubt the usage. \_\_\_\_\_. Is it possible to get a software update to get an option in?
  - a. Paulus- I just spent 300,000 on the Point of Sale system. Not real happy with my registers. Not in any hurry to look into it.
6. Chair Durkit- What is the traffic at the AYCE facilities?
  - a. Paulus- Higher than last year. Surprising amount of cash transactions. Had to create a child's price for the Oaks. Performing beyond expectations
7. Treasurer Johnson- When requesting funding events, there's a lot of questions about food. Can you explain why orgs must going through dining
  - a. Paulus- I'm a believer in some, but not all. Res Life requires all dollars spent in C-Stores. I respectfully have to say that no, I have to provide services. Avoiding litigation. Using unlicensed caterers. Ours is to protect the health and

safety of the university. If one student gets sick, will be suing the university

8. Treasurer Johnson- Your procedure with cultural events?

- a. Paulus- Do a lot of events for international students on campus. I have 6 certified executive chefs on campus. I ask you to plan the events. Any type of specialty, we ask for advanced planning. Meet with our chefs. Cooking is a community. I will work with you, can get the product in. I want to work with you.

VI. Lobby Time

- a. Shaq Diaq- I'm a new member of Phi Beta Sigma. We're here to ask for funding for one of our events.
- b. The reason we are looking for funding is to sustain this fraternity for the next 100 years. Being able to go to the convention will allow us to see how the fraternity is run. Our motto is "Culture for Service and Service for Humanity. We plan on doing everything we can. Highest GPA in NPHC. Award for sustaining chapter.
- c. Eddie Hodges- I am a junior, and a member of Phi Beta Sigma. One of the reasons I am interested, is because our fraternity has been around for 100 years. Also use to grow in our degree. Fraternity possesses a great brotherhood. Looking for an opportunity to do something that not everyone can do. We have a summer convention, full of summer events. A lot of famous people in this Fraternity. Bill Clinton, Al Sharpton.
- d. Zachary Sterky- I am the youngest member of this fraternity. We should have the right to be involved in this 100 year celebration. I
- e. Lance Williams- I believe this would be a great learning experience for the chapter. Travel outside of ohio, represent BG in Washington DC. Will gain communication skills. I serve on the board of a NAACP organization. Allows me to gain qualities I do not have. Allow me to meet people in the business world. As a business major, It w
- f. Geoffrey Hardin- I am president of NPHC. Being an older member, I've seen a lot of our older members come and go. When I first came inot the chapter, at the time, I didn't have the leadership qualities developed. This is my second year in the fraternity. Looking up to the older members, seeing them in leadership positions, inspiired me. That position alone is difficult. A past member of our chapter has held this position too, and having him tell me how to run the position. Will help the younger members grow. Will help future leaders on our campus, and of our chapters. The things we learn at Centennial, we can bring back to the campus. We have the most graduated members of any chapter in the mid-west region. Help build a better BG community. Help us do more things. Will benefit everyone.



g. Questions

i. Treasurer Johnson- You are going as a delegate? How many would you be funding?

1. Hardin- 5.

ii. Johnson- Could you talk about the events?

1. Hardin-They're not fully finished with all the events. One of the events is "Black Man Think Tank". Provide examples, how to be a better black man, a better professional.

iii. Johnson- With the skills you will be learning, how will you bring this back to the campus?

1. Hardin- One project we did was Project Sleep. Collected clothes and funding for the homeless. Help us learn how to help others.

iv. Johnson- in terms of numbers, how much?

1. Hardin- 450 for each member, for 6-7 of us.

h. Motion to extend time by 5 minutes

i. So moved by Chair Juzkiw.

1. Seconded by Chair Durkit

i. Questions

i. Juzkiw- Does that money cover registration? Does this include food?

1. Hardin- Package deal.

ii. Juzkiw- Are there any other sources?

1. Hardin- We're raising money as well.

iii. Sosa- Do you have any way for us to go back to our constituents, and how to donate

1. We could set up an account. [zsturke@bgsu.edu](mailto:zsturke@bgsu.edu)

iv. Dudek- Is there a national conference every year

1. We have a conclave every two years.

v. Dudek- Do you send delegates every year

1. Yes, two delegates are required to go

vi. Johnson- Why is the celebration in the summer?

1. Due to school, celebration pushed

vii. Devereaux- In your budget proposal, one of your qualifications required that funding benefit the whole student body?

1. Sort of.

viii. Devereaux- Can you elaborate how getting this funding will b

1. Our culture is to serve. We can set up a program, or collaborate.

ix. Johnson- If you were to receive funding, how would you be able to market USG? What ways could you be able to get us to reach out

1. President- Last year, for the the election, we had the event Red, White and Blue. Had updates on the election. I believe that Alex Solis come to the event, as well as others events. We would like to do more large-scale events. Any event that can market USG. USG is very important to the campus. You are our voice. Doing more collaborative events. Having people come to these meetings. Having people get on the senate.
- x. Johnson- You promise that if you receive funding, you will have more people here?
  1. Hardin- Yes.

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

IX. Executive Branch Reports

- a. President – Alex Solis [asolis@bgsu.edu](mailto:asolis@bgsu.edu)
  - i. Good evening everyone. I just have a few updates regarding operations sicne our byweek
  - ii. Accenture
    1. Has contacted USG, setting up meeting. Gauge efficiency. This report, when finalized, is a list of recommendations.
  - iii. Academic Honesty
    1. Senators and Cabinet leadership. Analyze next steps. Able to present to Dean’s Council, get their feedback. Meeting biweekly
    2. Durkit, Post, Dortch. If there’s anything you want to say to the group, let them know.
  - iv. Congrats
    1. Congrats to Tess and Danielle for joining cabinet. Two important cabinet positions.
  - v. Website
    1. Michelle had a meeting with me regarding the website. Working with the Dean of Sudents intern. Any feedback, reach out to Michelle or Brian.
  - vi. Not in Our Town Banner
    1. We passed a resolution supporting this movement. Ordered a banner to display in the office.
  - vii. Cabinet
    1. No meeting. Encourage members to attend Call to Action. Meeting 10 PM, Second floor of the union.
- b. Vice President – David Neely [dneely@bgsu.edu](mailto:dneely@bgsu.edu)
  - i. Good evening everyone. Just a few updates.
  - ii. UAO Collaboration

1. Reached out to give incentives for students to attend the library during finals week. Granola bars or hot chocolate.
- iii. Akron
    1. Been reached out to. Seeking interest in 1 day conference for leaders across the state. Giving positive response. Once we have cost figured out, we will determine how many delegates to send.
  - iv. Call to Action
    1. Please attend. Tonight at 10
  - v. Hard Work
    1. Thank you for all your hard work. Might not get your chance in the spotlight, so I want to thank you all for being here in the long hours.
- c. Cabinet Reports
- X. Procedures and Appeals Reports
    - a. Chief Administrator – Danielle Parker [dnparke@bgsu.edu](mailto:dnparke@bgsu.edu)
      - i. Thank you Alex and David for the opportunity. Hard to fill seats mid-semester. Good experience for students.
  - XI. Treasurer’s Report
    - a. Treasurer – Ebonee Johnson [eboneej@bgsu.edu](mailto:eboneej@bgsu.edu)
      - i. Funding
        1. The process for SBC funding is completely online. OCA is working through online process, getting a better handle on how to go through the portal. If there are any questions, contact OCA. Mistakes happen.
      - ii. SBC
        1. Open position. Meets every other Tuesday from 5-who knows. If you are interested, please let me know
      - iii. Questions
        1. Juzkiw- Meetings are every other week?
          - a. Johnson- Yes.
        2. Harris- How soon would it take them to correct issues?
          - a. Johnson- Will be forwarded to Joy Usner. Can talk to orgs, automatically pull up what happened.
  - XII. Speaker’s Report
    - a. Speaker of the Senate – Katie Post [kpost@bgsu.edu](mailto:kpost@bgsu.edu)
      - i. Provost Rogers
        1. Coming in on the 18<sup>th</sup> of November. If you have questions for him, please e-mail me now. He is the Vice-President of Academic Affairs. If you hear people talking about academic issues. Will need to send that out before the 11<sup>th</sup> of November.

- ii. GSS Liaison
  - 1. Request to have a representatives in GSS. Can report back to USG. If you are interested, talk to Katie Post, who will put you in contact.
- iii. Upcoming Speakers
  - 1. November 4<sup>th</sup>, Patrick Nelson, Union Director, Barbara Waddell
  - 2. November 18<sup>th</sup>. Provost Rogers, Representative for United Way
  - 3. I will send these out in an e-mail.

### XIII. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs – Kasie Durkit [durkitk@bgsu.edu](mailto:durkitk@bgsu.edu)
  - i. I asked Senator Devereaux to give a joint committee report. Devereaux represented me in Undergraduate Council two weeks ago.
  - ii. Devereaux- GSW is looking to revamp the entire program. 8 proposals on the table. Changes it from 2 semesters to 3 semesters. Integrate oral communications. Will continue, Chair Durkit will represent us well. Any questions send them to Chair Durkit.
  - iii. Questions
    - 1. Oehler- There is currently a course for public speaking. Combining those?
      - a. Devereaux- Will be integrated into the program [COMM 1020]
    - 2. Puccio- In GSW, you are able to
      - a. Devereaux- I do not have an answer at this time. Discussion about the formatting for individual departments. Students not writing papers in correct formats. That's something that's gonna need to come up.
    - 3. Harris- Did they mention how restricting that program will effect transfer students?
      - a. Devereaux- Not at this moment. Focusing on how they can help students currently in the program
    - 4. Juzkiw- How will this affect students who change their major?
      - a. Devereaux- Great question. Good questions for Chair Durkit to take to the next meeting.
    - 5. Puccio- Are they looking to cap how many times you can revise papers?
      - a. Devereaux- We did receive proposals, almost all of them had caps.
    - 6. St. Peter- Has there been any initial discussion as to how this will affect current students?

- a. Devereaux- This was briefly touched on. They will gear this towards entering students. They said that current students will not be affected by this.
    - iv. Durkit- Remember, the Elizabeth Smart lecture is coming up. Free lecture at 2:30 PM. Will e-mail details out. I encourage you all to go. Very interesting past.
    - v. Committee Meeting
      - 1. Up in USG office, in the committee chair office. will keep it brief. Any issues with the new Student Center, we will consider them.
    - vi. Fines
      - 1. Is there a cap for library fines?
        - a. Post- I've paid 18 dollars for a fine.
  - b. Auxiliary Affairs – John Clevenger [johnc@bgsu.edu](mailto:johnc@bgsu.edu)
    - i. No report.
  - c. Internal Affairs – Eric Juzkiw [ejuzkiw@bgsu.edu](mailto:ejuzkiw@bgsu.edu)
    - i. Deficits
      - 1. Will be e-mailing you tonight. Do your hours, and mark them
    - ii. Senate
      - 1. Need CMA, two off-campus, NPHC, and Conklin/Falcon Heights.
    - iii. IA
      - 1. Meeting tonight. Discussing a possible new time.
    - iv. Harry and Charley
      - 1. Mazur- Harry will be going to Senator Puffenberger. Doing an excellent job holding an off-campus forum.
      - 2. Charley- Ethan is not here, will be going to Dean Webb.
  - d. Student Affairs – Nic Puccio [npuccio@bgsu.edu](mailto:npuccio@bgsu.edu)
    - i. Special Announcement
      - 1. It is Nicole Neely's Birthday.
        - a. [USG Sang "Happy Birthday" to Director Neely]
- XIV. Senator Reports
- XV. Advisor's Remarks
  - a. No remarks.
- XVI. Closing Remarks
  - a. Juzkiw- Go to Call to Action
  - b. Harris- If I have a question, who do I send it to
  - c. Post- I read her book this weekend. Go to her event.
  - d. St. Peter- I sent out an e-mail, but my internal affairs is working on the senator resource binders. I will find out who has them, and who doesn't.
- XVII. Adjournment

- a. Chari entertains a motion to adjourn.
  - i. So moved by Senator Dudek
    - 1. Seconded by Senator Devereaux.