

USG General Assembly Meeting

The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly

On This Day, 12/2/2013

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
- V. Open Forum
 - a. Dr. Nick Hennessy – Sustainability Coordinator, BGSU
 - i. My title is Sustainability Coordinator. I am a one-person office. What you see here is a result of a lot of volunteer effort. Two paid internships, also students working for academic credit.
 - ii. Please see attached.
 1. If you have additional questions, please contact us at <http://www.bgsu.edu/sustainability> greenbg@bgsu.edu
 2. Nearly everything we do at the university center around 3 things: reduce, reuse, recycle.
 3. Areas of focus: These are the areas that we are heavily involved in. All of them are part of the sustainability effort.
 4. At first, we were doing a lot of independent projects. We needed a comprehensive plan, attack everything from a sustainability standpoint.
 - a. We came up with a three point plan.
 5. Results of the survey will be reported on December 11th.
 6. Had a higher number of student volunteers; over 30 volunteers per home game.
 7. Recycling is not in the Sustainability profile.
 8. I cannot overestimate the value of you expressing what you think.
 - iii. Motion to extend time by 10 minutes.
 1. So moved by Chair Durkit
 - a. Seconded by Chair Puccio
 - iv. Questions
 1. Senator Timbrook- Concerning the LEAD buildings, what kind of features do they have?
 - a. Dr. Hennessy- It starts with their construction. The materials that are incorporated into the building, how much is recycled on-site

during the process, native materials versus importing. Energy efficiency is huge, how much energy does it use.

2. Chair Durkit- After a building has been slated as “Silver”, is there any room for advancement?
 - a. Dr. Hennessy-No. There is a window of opportunity, but after that, the plaque’s screwed into the wall. In the situation of the Oaks, there was a preliminary determination of the points, and they wanted a re-evaluation.
3. Chair Puccio- Is there a plan to use solar energy?
 - a. Dr. Hennessy-I wouldn’t call it a plan. It amounts to a discussion. Started talking about a solar array that would be large in size. Meeting with AMPOhio. Anything in our district has to go through the City of Bowling Green. We can’t go off and produce our own electricity, need to put some on the grid. Talking about it, very much in the talking stages. 3,000 student Baptist college has the largest solar array of all of Ohio. What it is now is hopeful talk. Need it between 3-5 megawatts.
4. Chair Puccio- How much money would that save the University?
 - a. Dr. Hennessy-Depends on the deal worked out with the other parties. Typically, you partner with a company who builds the array, we lease them the land. Need to buy the solar energy from them. What we negotiate in \$/kw/hr.
5. Chair Juzkiw- Green fund discussion went in the direction of green Learning Community. Your thoughts?
 - a. Dr. Hennessy-Would be great. Very supportive of that. Need to determine what the money would go towards. Eco leaders, green RA’s. Look at the example of Denison. Large alumni donation. A lot of cool programming, big impact on the university.
6. Chair Durkit- Was the office of Sustainability involved in the gas leak crisis?
 - a. Dr. Hennessy-No, not whatsoever. That project is the BCI building. Just sits on University land.
7. Senator Dettrow- There were a few solar panels on the ice arena. Those are dedicated to the Ice Arena?
 - a. Dr. Hennessy-Yes. Three panels, one not-operational. Go directly to the lighting and cooling of ice arena. Partnership with the City.
8. Senator Dudek- How do you make a dysfunctional panel work?

- a. Dr. Hennessy-The panels literally break. Thin-film technology. Back in the day, panels were fragile. Weather, and age. Not angled, flat.

- v. nickjh@bgsu.edu Send me any questions.

- VI. Lobby Time
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
- IX. Executive Branch Reports

- a. President – Alex Solis

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- i. Green Accreditation

- 1. That [Dr. Hennesey’s presentation] was part of our accreditation process. We had our site-visit today. Again, we’re looking at an announcement before the board of trustees meeting. 79 of 100 components Second office to be accredited

- ii. Board of Trustees

- 1. Meeting Friday. Encourage you to attend the 1:15 meeting, open to the public. The Ay Ziggy Zoomba resolution was considered, they will have a resolution of their own at this meeting. Meeting will be in this room.

- iii. Accenture

- 1. Efficiency firm that came in, identify university efficiencies. As we move into planning fiscal year 15. Report will be officially published later this week. That administration plans to work through an open forum or panel with the university community. It’s very important that USG has representation at the panel.

- iv. Academic Honesty Policy

- 1. Still going well. Will meet this Thursday. FS pulled together a subcommittee as well. Meeting next Monday as well.

- v. Call to Action Presentation’

- 1. Since then, USG leadership has met with CTA leadership.
- 2. There is meeting tomorrow, 10 PM, Olscamp 223. Please attend that meeting. Will be going over administrative response.

- b. Vice President – David Neely

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- i. Welcome back from break.

- ii. Reminder

- 1. Get involved in the St. Baldricks campaign. That will be Jan 26, 9AM-4PM in the Multi-purpose room. Plenty of opportunities to get involved

- iii. Library

1. Will be partnering with UAO, catering, Wellness Connection. Providing stress relief, food beverages during Sunday, Tuesday. 10:30-Midnight.
 - iv. Call To Action
 1. Please attend the meeting. A lot of good work to be done.
 - v. Green Fund
 1. The office of Sustainability is looking for a big initiative. One that is quite visible, makes a huge impact. When talking to constituents, bring these up.
 - vi. Football Team
 1. Make sure to support them as they play for the MAC Championship.
 - c. Cabinet Reports
 - i. Chief of Staff- Brian Kochheiser briantk@bgsu.edu
 1. Nicole Neely and I are currently working on an initiative to create a tagline for the university.
 - a. Currently looking for two representatives from USG. Please come talk to us if interested.
 2. Questions
 - a. Durkit- Can you elaborate?
 - i. Chief of Staff Kochheiser- Creating a tagline or creed. Just like Miami University.
- X. Procedures and Appeals Reports
 - a. Chief Administrator – Danielle Parker dnparke@bgsu.edu
 - i. No report.
- XI. Treasurer’s Report
 - a. Treasurer – Ebonee Johnson eboneej@bgsu.edu
 - i. No report.
- XII. Speaker’s Report
 - a. Speaker of the Senate – Katie Post kpost@bgsu.edu
 - i. Student Affairs Budget
 1. Shows how Student Affairs spends its budget. Please take a look at that packet. VP Carr is looking for ways to trim the budget. Want to recommend ways we think student affairs can cut back. Identify critical components. Send comments to me, or VP Neely, or P Solis.
 - ii. Call to Action
 1. Still working with them. Hoping to pull a Call to Action committee together to support their initiatives. Anyone who has a passion for that, please let me know.
 - iii. Senator Reports

1. Due next Friday the 13th, by 5 PM. If you have questions, please let me know.
- iv. Penny Wars
 1. Now over. Will take our jar to the Library, see if we won any awards. We have very little silver.
- v. Questions
 1. Senator Huggins- Is it over over [the penny wars] ?
 - a. Speaker Post-Yes.

XIII. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs – Kasie Durkit durkitk@bgsu.edu
 - i. Congrats to Brian, Alex, and David for the Green evaluation.
 - ii. Academic Affairs Committee
 1. Doing a review of the Provost. We will find out those results Wednesday.
 - iii. Finals
 1. Study hard! Hang in there. If you get stressed, I teach cycling at 6:15 on Wednesdays.
 - iv. Evaluations
 1. Coming out soon. Please be the trailblazers. Give them an honest evaluation.
 - v. AA
 1. Meeting after GA in 308.
- b. Auxiliary Affairs – Matt Mazur mmazur@bgsu.edu
 - i. No report.
- c. Internal Affairs – Eric Juzkiw ejuzkiw@bgsu.edu
 - i. I apologize for missing last week's meeting. I hope you all can understand.
 - ii. Office Hours
 1. Looking into a new system. Not always there in time. Trying to find a way to utilize Orgsync for office hours.
 - iii. Green Offices
 1. Senators want to try and get their front desks green certified.
 - iv. IA
 1. Meeting Saturdays 2-3:30. Please block out that time.
 - v. Call to Action
 1. You can use that as an external hour, or collaborative event.
 - vi. Pub
 1. Come out and join us.
 - vii. Harry and Charley

1. Oehler- Would like to give Harry to Senator Darris. Extremely helpful in regards to Call to Action.
 2. Huggins- We would like to give this to President Solis. Fantastic leader.
- d. Student Affairs – Nic Puccio npuccio@bgsu.edu
- i. Paint The Rock
 1. Tomorrow at 7:30, weather permitting. Will know by 4PM tomorrow.
 - ii. Honors College Senator
 1. Want to get the college its own senator. Want to recycle some of the seats we cannot fill.
 - iii. SA
 1. Meeting in here after GA.

XIV. Senator Reports

- a. Senator Darris
 - i. Quick update on Call to Action. Basically, what Mazey's role was, was to put pressure on the cabinet. Basically felt a nod from President Mazey. Seems very supportive. I know that we talked about CTA president into two Cabinet meetings. The most tangible one is demand five, the action plan. They said they would do exactly what we said. USG, GSS, and others working with cabinet to investigate, release a statement.
 - ii. Not in our town subcommittee looking for their own resolution. Will go into more detail tomorrow.
 - iii. The Call to Action meeting is tomorrow. Kwanzaa is from 6-8 in Olscamp
 - iv. Questions
 1. Treasurer Johnson- Could you forward the paper to us?
 - a. Senator Darris- No electronic version yet. Will scan it.
- b. Chair Juzkiw
 - i. Broadway Cares
 1. It's an organization based in New York City, based around helping the HIV/AIDS epidemic. This week, we are doing our AIDS awareness week. Tonight at 8:30, there is a panel discussion.
 2. Tuesday is Zumba for the Cause. 6-8 in the dance studio in the union.
 3. Wednesday is a travelling bake sale. Exec members will have
 4. Thursday will be a screening of "How to Survive the Plauge". In the theatre. Got SBC funding to do this program
 5. Friday from 8-10 PM is Disney Karaoke in the ballroom.

XV. Advisor's Remarks- Dean of Students Jodi Webb jwebb@bgsu.edu

- a. Dean Webb- I just wanted to mention an idea that floated around last spring. Last spring, there were some changes in the city regarding to heavy trash pick-up. It was no longer

being done at the end of the semester. Now done in September and March. It's challenging for students off-campus. Last year, we worked with the city to get the word out to students. Some of you may recall, we had a senator interested in doing recycling efforts last semester. I do know that St. Mark's Lutheran is interested in being a pick-up site. If any committees, or senators are interested, I'd be happy to talk to you. Dr. Nick may be interested in having that conversation.

XVI. Closing Remarks

- a. Senator Timbrook
 - i. Tickets to Detroit are 5 dollars for the ticket, 10 for the bus. Can go to the MAC championship for 15 dollars.
- b. Chair Durkit
 - i. All classes [at the rec center] are free during Finals weeks. Also teaching spin Thursday morning.
 - ii. Questions
 1. President Solis-Open to everyone?
 - a. Chair Durkit- YES!
- c. Chair Juzkiw
 - i. Go Falcons. See you all at the Pub

XVII. Adjournment

- a. The chair entertains a motion to adjourn.
 - i. So moved by Senator Banham.
 1. Seconded by Senator Henry.