

USG General Assembly Meeting

The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly
On This Day, 02/18/2013
(Spirit Casual Attire Meeting)

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 7:00 P.M.
- II. Roll Call
 - a. 7 Absent
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Minutes Approved
- IV. Swearing in of New Officers
 - a. Jeff Devereaux – jdevere@falcon.bgsu.edu – Diversity Affairs
 - b. Emily Thaxton – ethaxto@falcon.bgsu.edu – Proxy for Senator Jaeger
 - c. Amy Paffenberger – apaffen@falcon.bgsu.edu – Non-traditional Student Senators
 - d. Jailyn Harris – jsharri@falcon.bgsu.edu – Proxy for Senator Croft Diversity Affairs
- V. Open Forum
 - a. N/A
- VI. Lobby Time
 - a. Jacob Cloloinger – Student Green Initiative Committee
 - i. I am here to talk about the Rec proposal that we have. We received this at the beginning of the last semester. What a REC is, is a renewable energy credit. It represents all of the benefits that come from the renewable energy generation. We are looking at ways to cut our energy emissions. We want to show the administration that this is something that is backed by the student body, and that most students think that this is a positive thing. We aren't asking for any funds from you, it is all covered by the funds that we have. We are just asking your formal approval. We have approved this pending your formal approval, and we just want to see that you support this.
 - 1. Durkit- What would be a 100 percent clean BGSU?
 - a. Cloloinger- Right now we have a contract with a company and with that contract in place a very small percent of that is renewable energy. By doing this we are making a very small step that is trying to promote that idea.
 - 2. Durkit- How many credits are you trying to buy?
 - a. Cloloinger- We don't really have a set number. There is always a possibility for us to go beyond that, right now we are going to buy for the year and we can go from there.
 - 3. Durkit- what kind of a strain is this putting on the green fund?
 - a. Cloloinger- It is taking a significant amount of the budget, but we will have more.

4. S. Durkit- What is the cost?
 - a. Cloloinger- Between 3 and 4 thousand a month, but that can vary a little bit.

VII. Old Business

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VIII. New Business

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IX. Executive Branch Reports

- a. President – Alex Solis asolis@falcon.bgsu.edu

i. I just want to provide everyone on a brief update on what we have had happen over the past two weeks. Today we had Robin Gerrow at our meeting, she went over with us a draft position statement for the university. This will be used for the next ten years. I wanted to update GA briefly. Once she has a more solidified statement I will bring that to GA. This week the university did break ground on the new health center. On myself and Clevenger on the health center committee, it is expected to be completed by the time we return for next fall. As far as the rec center and the tobacco free campus, those are the two main campus I have been on this semester. The rec center committee met today for nine hours, and we put a lot of the details together for how this is going to take form. We are looking for the Rec Center to begin renovations in May and have that run 9-10 months. The smoke free campus committee met with Dean Carr, when the policy starts to form it will be put in the student handbook. Once we start to solidify some of those details that will come to GA.

- b. Vice President – David Neely dneely@falcon.bgsu.edu

i. N/A

- c. Cabinet Reports

X. Procedures and Appeals Reports

- a. Chief Administrator – Evan Colyer ecolyer@falcon.bgsu.edu

i. Solis- The last information session is tomorrow at 7:30 P.M. in Olscamp 217. This information session is mandatory for any candidate who wants to run for office for the coming term.

XI. Treasurer's Report

- a. Treasurer – Jon Zachrich jdzachr@falcon.bgsu.edu

i. We just completed SBC funding, so my section of the SBC annual funding is done. 1.2 million was requested, and we had a budget of 434 million to give out to those groups, and we have finished that process. If any student org has a question on the process, have them come to me. We do have our USG camera finally, it is in the office, and we are looking for having the best process of how to check that out. If you have any ideas, talk to Michelle and we will work with that.

1. Gale- For orgs who didn't turn in their application on time, what are you doing for them?

a. Zach- We have a pretty strict policy on that, because we can't be making exceptions for anyone. Anyone who feels as though they have been wronged can go through the appeal process. It is the

same for groups who were given a hearing time and didn't show up, they are given an appeal process.

XII. Speaker's Report

XIII. Committee Reports

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

 - i. The BGP committee has been redoing the learning outcomes for all of the BG perspective classes, and that is complete. Those will hopefully be passed by the end of this year. After that there will be a process of review of all the classes.

The posthumous degree thing has gone back to subcommittee, so hopefully there will be some news on that soon.

- j. N/A

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

XIV. Senator Reports

- a. Juzkiw- we as a green fund committee believe that the RECs are a good short term assistance towards the goals of the green fund, we don't think it is a very good long term goal because we are just putting money into the system.
 - i. Durkit- What chunk of the budget is that?
 - 1. Juzkiw- It's maybe a fifth.
 - ii. Durkit- Is that 4 thousand dollars a month?
 - 1. Juzkiw- That is correct.
 - iii. Zacharich- Can we find out what they actually do?
 - 1. Juzkiw- Basically they go towards subsidizing people who create and use renewable energy.
 - iv. Solis- what other projects are on the docket for the green fund? Is this the main project, or are there other projects coming up?

1. Juzkiw- We just recently passed the vote to get 50 more bike racks. We have some initiatives with water bottle refill stations. We are looking at working with the Jerome Library to kind of revamp the entrance to kind of make it more beneficial.
 - a. Solis- I think just a recommendation, maybe facilitate a discussion with USG, but I don't know if this is a resolution stage yet.
- b. Frailly- If you haven't had your picture taken yet for faces of USG, we are going to be taking around a camera tonight if you haven't done that.
- c. E. Johnson- I met with Dining Advisory Board this Friday. Mike Paulus and Solis all came to Kohl to talk about dining. We had a good conversation. Just some updates- the Falcon's Nest outtakes will be closing at 9 P.M. starting on the 18th. They are also considering a new commuter meal plan where they get swipes and falcon dollars, we are really looking for commuter input. Something that came up was maybe a trial for that meal plan. A lot of people were talking about the swipe equivalent that is available in the outtakes, and they are looking for having that be available in the Kreischer Outtakes. We would like input on the kind of food that you want to see in the Sundial because they are looking to improve that next year. Student Culinary class on Feb 27th at the Oaks.
 - i. Durkit- Did you discuss with Mike Paulus about the healthy food option that was being talked about in the Rec center.
 1. E. Johnson- No, we did not have time to talk about that.
 - a. Durkit- I know that a lot of students were not satisfied with the healthy options in the other dining halls, so it was suggested to get healthy food options in the Rec. I was just hoping maybe in your next meeting you could bring that up.

XV. Advisor's Remarks

- a. The last info session is tomorrow night if you want to run for positions. If you can't make the one tomorrow night and you are still interested in running, you need to get in touch with Evan Colyer to schedule a meeting. One small update, to Treasure Zacharich said, SBC gave 434 thousand dollars, not million. You have probably seen via campus update, in Wednesday in the theatre the campus police are doing ALICE training. This talks about the response if you are faced with an armed intruder. It is open to faculty and students, and please consider sharing this information with your constituents.

XVI. Closing Remarks

- a. Solis- Union update. Two Fridays ago Patrick Nelson spoke to the student leader board and proposed policy changes about union room reservation. That Monday he came to USG and gave the same presentation. USG wrote legislation speaking against that policy. That Tuesday we had a chance to share concerns, go over the policy changes, identified problems, and gave recommendations we had to offer. After further review, a few things came from the meeting. Our stance was noticed. The books opened on Friday under the policy of last year, so no changes were made. The time constraint of 11 P.M. is still happening, so they will still be working with the groups that meet past 11 to see if they can be centralized to one floor. There will be no fees, and no hour cap. Patrick Nelson and myself are working to pull together a group of student organization on campus. This group along with administrators will evaluate the policy for year 15.
 - i. Frailly- Do we know if he is still cutting the 3rd shift of employees?

1. Solis- I think so, but they assured me that it was the re-appropriating of shifts and relocating those people to other places on campus, not getting rid of their jobs.
- ii. Dzienny- I just wanted to point out that this is a win for us, we did get our voice out there and made a positive change.

XVII. Adjournment

a. 8:12.