

USG General Assembly Meeting

The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly
On This Day, 04/01/2013
(Business Casual Attire Meeting)

- I. Call to Order
 - a. 7:30 P.M.
- II. Roll Call
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- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Minutes Approved
- IV. Swearing in of New Officers
- V. Open Forum
 - a. Dr. Marcia Salazar- Valentine, Division of Enrollment Management- Enrollment Updates
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 - i. I will be focusing today on international student services. The strategies for increasing enrolment have been increasing the quality of student we recruit, increasing transfers, increase the number of graduate and international student, and online students. Our goal is to have 25 thousand students at BGSU. There is a tremendous potential for international students at BGSU. There has been a 5.7% increase in international students just from last year. Last fall we had 639 students enrolled at BGSU. The national average is 3.5 percent, ours is 3.2 percent. A lot of the countries that students come from are fully funded by their governments to come here. Basically they want to make sure that students have access to education in the US. We have been focusing on the countries that have been the top countries that people have come from- Taiwan, India, South Korea, China, Canada, Japan, Saudi-Arabia, Mexico, Vietnam, and Turkey. We want to focus on emerging areas as well.

We recruit international students by attending recruiting events abroad, we work with student ambassador programs, outreach to international alumni, online recruitment events, outreach to transfer students, and other initiatives. A lot of students who come to the US start at community college, and we want to make sure that they know that we are here to help them transfer if they want to do that.

 1. Durkit- What happened to cause the dip in enrollment between 09 and 10?
 - a. Salazar- I can only give you my best guess. There was some restructuring of units and some changes happening, because that was a time when restructuring was happening in the office.
 2. Solis- They mentioned that guest students and some international students aren't tied into Starfish?
 - a. Alt- all undergraduate students are involved in the online success net system.
 3. Durkit- How much are we trying to increase international enrollment by?

- a. Salazar- Our number for fall was 639, and the goal is to double that number in the next few years.

b. Mr. Andrew Alt- SOAR

- i. SOAR is an important part of the lifecycle of our university. The orientation process is not just one event. There are many processes to help students transition to BGSU. All of the university community is involved in this process, and we look forward to that time in the summer. There is a lot of transition that happens before and after. Some of that is electronic communication, some of that happens after the summer as well. Some of the goals – we want students and parents to feel good about BGSU, we want to prepare students for their academic and personal transition- getting involved on campus, new responsibilities that they will have- we want to introduce key themes and core of students’ transition, connect students with affinity groups, and conduct necessary “business”. There are orientation pillars and themes- academic success, career development, leadership and engagement, and fiscal and personal responsibility. These are the things that people need to be focused on to be successful in the classroom, to be involved successfully, and to deal with their new personal and financial responsibility. Part of the day involves students connecting with one another- this is connecting with the affinity groups, and really important to people feeling connected with peers. Our process hasn’t really changed over the years. We have many key sessions highlighting the pillar themes, meeting with the college and academic advisor to discuss that relationship and pick courses for the fall, orientation leader group interaction, student lunch at the Carillon Place, and course registration. If all goes as planned from the office of the Provost most of our students will be registered for 2 or 3 courses before they arrive because of the linked courses initiative.

1. Neely- Over the summer there will be a lot of construction on campus, how is that an advantage or a disadvantage?

- a. Alt- We’ve had to relocate a lot of our meeting spaces around, but I don’t anticipate the other construction getting in the way. I think it’s exciting for our new students and parents to see the construction, but when we are asked to leave certain spaces it does present some challenges to keeping the program consistent.

2. Puffenberger- How does transfer and non-traditional student orientation work?

- a. Alt- We have different and distinct programs for them, as well as some overlapping dates. There is a third option, which would be to contact their academic advisor to register class. There are many differences throughout our transfer students, so we haven’t been able to find one program that fits all the needs. There are a lot of differences in their needs for transitions, and we have worked very closely with admissions very closely to work on the information that they are getting.

3. Solis- Is there any reason that the orientation times have gone down to one day?

- a. Alt- I think 2010 was the first year we had for one day orientation programs. I think it is here for the short term at least. One of the advantages is having the events during opening weekend which weren’t as visible or intentional as they were previously. Our community has gotten used to the one day

program, and it is too early to tell if that was an effective or a non effective move.

4. Juzkiw- It says that there is a student lunch at the Carillon, is there a possibility for people to eat at the Falcon's nest?
 - a. Alt- There will be time for them to visit the falcon's Nest, but we want them to eat at the Carillon for the sake of scheduling and space.

VI. Lobby Time

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

IX. Executive Branch Reports

a. President – Alex Solis

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- i. Going into next administration, CIO will be coming into exec to present on the unified communication system. All of the undergrads in the room have been notified about the changes that will be happening in the next few weeks. I don't know any of the details but I'm sure those will be happening in the next few weeks. Delegation for the statehouse visit has been selected, and they will be contacted via email. New Vice Chair for the faculty senate will be selected this week. The BGP agenda items will be on the docket, and if it is passed it will allow them to start working on the changes to the BG perspectives courses.

b. Vice President – David Neely

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- i. The banquet next week is happening next Monday in 201. Dress is business casual. Dinner is provided. We will be handing out awards that people were nominated for.

c. Cabinet Reports

X. Procedures and Appeals Reports

a. Chief Administrator – Evan Colyer

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XI. Treasurer's Report

a. Treasurer – Jon Zachrich

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- i. SBC applications are out to sit on the committee, and they are due through Org Sync on the 6th at 11:59 P.M.

XII. Speaker's Report

a. Speaker of the Senate – Melissa Dzienny

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- i. I am still putting together senate and exec transitions. I still have everyone on the listprocs, and hopefully we will have a seamless transition. I am sure the next administration will be amazing, and congratulations to all of you.

XIII. Committee Reports

a. Academic Affairs – Kallie Durkit

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- i. I was so impressed with the new senators this year and I wanted to thank you for all the work you put in. For all of the veteran senators, please keep working on your projects. I have always been impressed by the fact that a small idea that has been tossed out are brought to fruition. Thank you to all of the people who I have started the organization with and the new people.

- b. Auxiliary Affairs – John Clevenger johnc@falcon.bgsu.edu
 - i. I just wanted to say thank you to the senate and thank you to my committee for all of the hard work that you have done, and I hope to see you all next administration.
- c. Internal Affairs – Benjamin Goldsberry btgolds@falcon.bgsu.edu
 - i. We are finishing senate transition binders this evening. We are laying a lot of groundwork. You will be receiving a form if you are returning. You will also be receiving a senate information sheet with your hopeful election into the senate. Please vote.
 - 1. Charley goes to Solis and Neely
 - 2. Harry goes to E. Johnson
- d. Student Affairs – Jordan Sanderson jmsande@falcon.bgsu.edu
 - i. I would like to thank my committee for all the hard work they have done this year, and thanks to the senate for all the help they have given- we couldn't have done it without you.

XIV. Senator Reports

- a. Diener- I am working on WYMO for off campus, and we are looking at having some off campus apartment pickups. With that being said, I need some people to volunteer to help. I want people who are responsible and make sure that all the people are there and make sure that everyone is safe. I really need a lot of help, so please talk to me.
- b. Devereaux- I have established 2 meetings April 4th at 1:30, Wednesday April 10th from 3-4th P.M. they will happen in the conference room in the current health center. If you have an constituents who may want to attend those meetings, please let me know.
- c. Frailly- Every night there is some sort of performance happening in the CMA, so please come and see stuff. I want to thank everyone who has been in here for a while people you are really nice and you have been helpful to me being a first year.

XV. Advisor's Remarks

- a. Webb- I know this has been said, but elections are under way. You can do that until noon on Thursday. Announcements will happen on Friday at noon in the Falcon's nest. I will sent to USG the info about if you want to be on SBC next year. Regardless of what your goal may be in USG next year, and I would encourage a lot of you to take part in this.
- b. Land- This has been a really productive year and you deserve to be congratulated, and thank you

XVI. Closing Remarks

- a. Neely- Dance Marathon is happening this weekend, and Jodi Webb is dancing. Be sure to get out to the event, support Jodi, and everyone else who is participating.
- b. Goldsberry- For those of you who are doing a write in campaign, it's not something you can talk about in social media. Please be careful on what you post. Also, just because this meeting ends doesn't mean your job is over. Office hours this week are canceled, but I would ask you to please keep working on your initiatives.

XVII. Adjournment

- a. 8:17 P.M.