

USG General Assembly Meeting

The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly
On This Day, 08/26/2013
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
- VI. Lobby Time
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
 - a. Not In Our Town Resolution - Eric Juzkiw ejuzkiw@bgsu.edu
 - i. See attached resolution.
 - ii. “This was an initiative...I worked on through the Equal Opportunities Compliance committee last year. It came up through the President’s Advisory Council, though we worked together on a lot of issues. They need a lot of help from the undergraduate students. I took more of an action stance, in order to tell the undergraduates about this, and to get into this campaign.”
 - iii. Reactions
 1. Vice President Neely
 - a. “Juzkiw has done a great job. It might start with us, but it is definitely an issue that the whole student body should be involved in. “
 2. President Solis
 - a. “We come from the standpoint that this is an initiative that started off some of the incidents last semester. I would hate for this movement to lose momentum.”
 - iv. Chair entertains motion to table resolution
 1. Motion by Chair Devereaux
 - a. Seconded by Chair Puccio
 - b. Ay Ziggy Zoomba Resolution - Matt Mazur mmazur@bgsu.edu
 - i. See attached resolution.
 - ii. Reactions
 1. Chair Devereaux
 - a. Friendly amendment to line 18.
 2. Chair Puccio

- a. “My initial reaction is that I feel this resolution was well written. It should be taken into deep consideration. Will not be degrading Forward Falcons. This is one of our traditions, we don’t have many. Wouldn’t it be nice to pass this resolution around Homecoming? “
 - 3. Chair Devereaux
 - a. I want to commend Senator Mazur. Keeping intact the integrity and honor of this song. This is a needed step. We have incorporated “Ay Zigga Zoomba” across campus. Multiple departments use this phrase.
 - 4. Chair Puccio
 - a. We have two mascots, why can’t we have two fight songs? Why not do this?
 - 5. Senator Frailly
 - a. I didn’t know that Ay Zigga Zoomba wasn’t the fight song.
 - 6. President Solis
 - a. Preserving one of the few traditions that we have at this university.
 - 7. Vice President Neely
 - a. What’s taught at opening weekend is “Ay Ziggy Zoomba”. It’s basically in our blood.
 - 8. Chair entertains a motion to table resolution.
 - a. Motion by Senator Puffenberger
 - i. Seconded by Senator St. Peter
- c. Proposed Bylaws Changes - Eric Juzkiw ejuzkiw@bgsu.edu
 - i. “I have a slew of bylaw revisions that I am proposing. We can vote on them Sept 10th.”
 - ii. “While this is what I am proposing for our change, there might be another revision.” Might write in the Caucus system.
 - iii. Most of these changes are punctuation
 - iv. “I’m looking at Article 2, section B. Point C.” Changed wording from power to ability.
 - v. Point L: “I’m proposing a change to the senator recommendation process, we would use the same senator recommendation form. Before it goes to IA, there would be a mandatory interview that myself and Post can sit on.” Meeting so that we have a face, and have an idea of the person. I feel that it help with retention of Senators

- vi. Senate Meetings: Originally only standing members could speak and debate, did not include Advisors or Cabinet. Changed so that any member of USG and advisors can speak and debate.
- vii. Changing speaker power to extend time, opened to the floor
- viii. Edit from Chair Devereaux, “shall promote quality education at an affordable cost.” sounded hokey, new text “shall promote a quality education while remaining attentive to the financial needs of all the students at BGSU”
- ix. Summer Student Government: former text was “Each member of SSG is responsible for 20 hours per week”, now it is any member of USG, allows Exec board to contribute
- x. Emergency vote of the senate during Summer Government: gave power to Speaker
- xi. Eliminated telephoning in votes.
- xii. For appeals, changed from 10 to 5 percent, it’s rough for us to get 10% in any election, 5% is more realistic
- xiii. Campaigning: May begin instead of shall begin
- xiv. Voting: Changed because voting is online. “The Procedures and Appeals branch shall be responsible for coordinating efforts with institutional research and marketing and communication for setting up online polling”
- xv. You can read all the little blips as you like.
- xvi. Questions
 - 1. Treasurer Johnson
 - a. Under appeals, 5% still says ten
 - i. Noted.
 - 2. Senator Dettrow
 - a. Could senators text their votes instead of email?
 - i. I suppose so.
- xvii. Timeline
 - 1. We must present one meeting, and vote the next. I will be hosting bylaw roundtables Tuesday and Wednesday, we will discuss it and comb through it. Tomorrow at 7PM, Wednesday at 5PM.
 - 2. President Solis
 - a. Bylaws review start in the fall, but can be continued at any time
 - i. Must have bylaws passed by the 4th meeting. Living document. If anything is not working, we can revisit later
 - 3. Chair Puccio

- a. With interviewing potential new senators, did you include that chairs can be there?
 - i. Put that chairs are not required. It is a good idea

IX. Executive Branch Reports

- a. President – Alex Solis asolis@bgsu.edu
 - i. Good evening everybody. Want to welcome everyone back. Want to congratulate senators for their resolutions. I think it's great that we have 2 meaningful resolutions already. Those not involved in SSG should look at summer minutes to see plan.
 - ii. Job expectations will be out for cabinet positions soon
 - iii. P&A
 - 1. Still taking nominations for that. Send them to Chief of Staff Kochheiser or Chief Administrator Colyer.
 - iv. Strategic plan
 - 1. President Mazey and her cabinet have focused on this. Living document. Review them. Important things you can learn there.
 - v. Questions?
 - 1. Email or text, door is always open
 - vi. Residence Life Liaison
 - 1. Currently open. Started by Vice President Neely and President Solis last year. Represents both Residence Life and Resident Student Association. Send nominations to CoS Kochheiser.
- b. Vice President – David Neely dneely@bgsu.edu
 - i. Hope classes went well
 - ii. Standing Committees
 - 1. Some positions filled, some still opened. Paper on bulletin board outside Vice President Neely's office.
 - iii. Falcon Health Center
 - 1. Previously, co-pays were charged to bursar. Students are now required to pay before their visit, or \$10 fee. \$50 fee for no show. Making sure we understand why this is happening. Might be hearing feedback soon, so make sure you are advising your constituents.
 - iv. Board Of Trustees
 - 1. David Westmeyer is new Undergraduate Trustee. Very student friendly, wants to hear about student issues
 - 2. Thanks to Brian Kochheiser, Cecelia Williamson, and Ebonee Johnson for sitting on the committee. We had a lot of great candidates.
 - v. Questions

1. Chair Puccio

- a. If you cancel your appointment, is there a fee? If you don't show up, will you be charged the co-pay and the no-show fee?
 - i. No fee for cancel. Only no-show fee, not co-pay.

2. Senator Sosa

- a. Time period for cancelling?
 - i. Not sure. Will check. Previously it was as soon as 5 minutes. Will be meeting with Wood county hospital to make sure things are in order.

c. Cabinet Reports

- i. No report

X. Procedures and Appeals Reports

a. Chief Administrator – Evan Colyer

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- i. Hello everyone. I was pretty much on personal leave all summer, a lot of work to catch up on. Excited to be back. Will chisel away at the rest of the summer appeals. Also looking for P&A nominations. The first 3 general assemblies to get that filled. Hopefully by the third week of September
- ii. Questions

1. Johnson

a. Summer appeals

- i. Come in waves. Current as through June or July. I've been doing as much as I can. At the beginning of every packet, there seems to be 10 or so from March. Used to be 3 weeks, now only 10 days to appeal. You have roughly 10 days from the time ticket was given. Might be an IT problem in that system. That's something that's out of our hands. June, I'd say.

2. Frailly

- a. Do we know if it's 10 days from ticket, or 10 days from email notification
 - i. Email started second semester. Almost 100 appeals from people who "never" got the e-mail notification. I'm not sure if that's true or not. So, it's not guarantee. The other thing that was new, is that they were having issues with people using an old forged pass, using something to cover it up. Pass has to be 100% open. Some have been very picky about things hanging. If you live at

Greenbriar, or Falcon's point, make sure you try to switch it out. Make sure you appeal, state your pass number, and that you have a valid pass. Not sure if it [the e-mail] is from the handheld machine, or some sort of database.

XI. Treasurer's Report

- a. Treasurer – Ebonee Johnson eboneej@bgsu.edu
 - i. I have talked to Alice, Vice President Neely, and CoS Kochheiser about the budget. Making some fine adjustments. Still taking suggestions.
 - ii. 17th of September is the first SBC hearing. As personal note, would like to hear student opinions of SBC. Want to hear about student leaders' opinions on SBC

XII. Speaker's Report

- a. Speaker of the Senate – Katie Post kpost@bgsu.edu
 - i. Really excited that everyone is back! Really great to see all of you. There's a lot to get involved with. You saw two resolutions, and the bylaw revisions tonight. That's not all that we do. Thanks to those who did, put in a lot of effort. You can review the bylaws, take another looks at the resolutions we presented tonight. Take a look at what you want to change at BGSU, because that's why we're here.

XIII. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs – Jeff Devereaux jdevere@bgsu.edu
 - i. Gonna make this brief. Welcome back. Excited to work with you all.
 - ii. Committee
 - 1. Hopefully you still remember that you're on my committee. Quick meeting after GA. Sorry if it was an inconvenience that I was not here during the summer; I was in the Columbus area. I'm back now!
- b. Auxiliary Affairs – John Clevenger johnc@bgsu.edu
 - i. Hope you all had a good first day back, better than mine.
 - ii. Committee
 - 1. Brief meeting after GA
- c. Internal Affairs – Eric Juzkiw ejuzkiw@bgsu.edu
 - i. I'm sure you're tired of my voice already.
 - ii. Office Hours
 - 1. Not administered this week.
 - 2. Senators must do one external (discover issues, talk with constituents), and one internal office hour (anything conducive to USG) per week. There will be a piece of paper in the office, where you can mark your office hours. You won't have another reminder, because we will not have a meeting next week

iii. Roundtables

1. Hoping to see a lot of attendance. If you attend one of the meetings, you can count it as one office hour for next week. Put the times in your calendars.

iv. Caucus Chairs

1. Greek- Senator Dudek
2. Off-Campus- Senator Puffenberger
3. Academic- Senator Shearer
4. At Large- Senator Dettro
5. Res Hall- Senator St. Peter
6. Diversity Affairs- Chair Deveraux

v. Committee

1. Meeting upstairs after GA

vi. Harry and Charley

1. Harry will go to Senator Mazur, did an excellent job on his amendment
2. Charley goes to Jodi Webb, did such a fantastic job last year, and so far this year.

vii. Question

1. Puffenberger

- a. If we cannot make a roundtable, can we meet with you outside
 - i. Of course.

d. Student Affairs – Nic Puccio

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- i. I'm glad to be back, happy to see everyone is here.

ii. Committee

1. Meeting in 308 after GA. Will keep meeting short, though there's a lot to cover.

iii. Student Colors

1. Please vote. Currently 15th. We get 10,000 if we become first. The link is on President Solis' Facebook page.

iv. Questions

1. Puffenberger

- a. Not a question, but the link is in Campus Update as well.

XIV. Senator Reports

a. Post

- i. I encourage everyone to share their experiences during this time.

XV. Advisor's Remarks

a. Webb

- i. It's good to be back. I encourage you to think about your priorities. A lot of progress has been made this summer. "I encourage you to look for opportunities for small successes." Positive for USG, positive for you, good for the student body. "If there is anything I can do to help you out, don't hesitate to contact me." Will be at all USG meetings. "I'm flying solo" this year, sole advisor to USG.

XVI. Closing Remarks

- a. Treasurer Johnson
 - i. Dining
 - 1. There's a lot of changes with Sundial. We have a new commuter plan. They even have a trial plan. It's something that's really accessible and affordable. Dining Advisory Board is a standing committee. If someone wants to join...
- b. President Solis
 - i. I want to take this time to mention that as we take the time to schedule our meetings, if you have any suggestions, please submit them to Speaker Post, or Vice President Neely & President Solis
 - ii. Want to congratulate Advisor Webb on her award.
- c. St. Peter
 - i. On Thursday, we have a football game against Tulsa, if you can try to make it out, the guys would appreciate it. I was water boy. All the guys are super nice, super awesome. Try to get as many of your constituents out there as possible. Make it a great experience for the seniors.
 - 1. Questions
 - a. Johnson
 - i. Rumors about meeting the team if you are one of the first 100
 - 1. First 100 get t-shirts, area is roped off.
 - 2. Get to be the tunnel for the football team
 - 3. Get Ziggy Points
 - b. Frailly
 - i. Does the game award Ziggy Points?
 - 1. Yes
- d. Vice President Neely
 - i. Meeting next week?
 - 1. Post: No.
- e. Director Wysocki
 - i. We have a table at campus fest, will be handing out sunglasses
- f. Chief Administrator Colyer

- i. Football game is great
 - ii. MAC title team playing, Women's volleyball team playing this weekend. New coach has brought in phenomenal new players. I believe it is Saturday.
- g. Speaker Post
 - i. RSA Casino Night
 - 1. Big Residence Life event. "I will be dealing Blackjack", President Solis will be dealing Hold'em.
 - ii. You can always approach, "I will not shoot you down." Feel free to contact me.

XVII. Adjournment

- a. Chair entertains a motion to close.
 - i. So moved by Chair Clevenger.
 - 1. Seconded by Senator Banham