

# USG General Assembly Meeting

The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly

On This Day, 09/16/2013

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. Ethan Byrum- City, State and Nation Liaison
  - b. Amanda Dortch– Kreischer Compton/Darrow Senator
  - c. Liam O'Brien- Off-Campus Senator
  - d. Nadia Ayler- Centennial Senator
  - e. Cory Huber- Health & Human Services Senator
  - f. Nick Delorme- At-Large Senator
  - g. Kaitlyn Boswell- Offenhauer Senator
  - h. Amir Huggins- Harshman Anderson/Bromfield Senator
  - i. Tyler Verhoff- Off-Campus Senator
  - j. Angelo Seghetti- Proxy for Senator Robison
- V. Open Forum
- VI. Lobby Time
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
  - a. Election of Academic Affairs Chair
    - i. Chair opens nominations
      1. Chair Juzkiw nominates Senator Durkit- Accepts
    - ii. Chair entertains a motion to close nominations
      1. So moved by Senator Devereaux
        - a. Seconded by Chair Puccio
    - iii. Senator Durkit- Hi. As some of you may know, my name is Casey Durkit, and as some of you may also know, I am an absolute nerd. I love school; I think having a passion for education is [important]. I think my responsibilities are two-fold. How do we instill a passion for education in other students? There is an important nexus between academic affairs and retention. How successful are linked courses? Are students demanding majors we don't have? Secondly, as the Academic Affairs chair, I would address the question; how does BGSU maintain its academic integrity? I would focus on major requirements, BG Perspectives, student evaluations. In Finality, Jeff Devereaux has left the bar very high. He is

motivated for progress at this University. Academic Affairs is what I know. If you asked me to do Chair Juzkiw, Clevenger, or Puccio's job, I'd say no way. School is something that I love, and I hope you can see that. Thank you.

1. Questions

a. Senator Harris-

i. How would you address transfer students?

1. That's a great question. Obviously, I am very new to the position, but I'd love to get your perspective. Something I would definitely approach in Academic Affairs meetings.

iv. Discussion

1. Chair Puccio

- a. Senator Durkit is a hard worker. Her sister previously took on this role. She has two people that she can always go to.

2. Senator Devereaux

- a. In my decision process, one of my considerations was who would be qualified to take over this position in the most seamless fashion possible. Considering the individuals here, it was almost a no-brainer. The first week I was in charge, I gave her an initiative, and by the next week, she had already done research. This is what the position needs.

v. Chair entertains a motion to move into a secret ballot vote

1. So moved by Chair Puccio

- a. Seconded by Senator Devereaux

vi. Secret Ballot Vote

1. Senator Durkit has been elected to the position of Academic Affairs Chair.

vii. Swearing in of New Officers

1. Casey Durkit- Academic Affairs Committee Chair

IX. Executive Branch Reports

a. President – Alex Solis

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i. Chair Durkit

1. Congratulations. I am excited to work with you.

ii. Senators

1. Welcome to the new senators. Most of you were elected as Residence Hall senators. Representing the on-campus population is very crucial to what we do on campus.

iii. Cabinet

1. Will meet tonight after the meeting. Agenda full of new business items. Will receive position expectations. Nothing should change much from last year.

iv. Career Center

1. As Vice President Neely stated last week, we are collaborating this week with the Career Center. First Senior Reception, open to all students. When the Career Center looks at the first 6 weeks of events, it's focused on underclassmen. This is the opposite. Focuses on the upperclassmen. 4:30-6:30 PM in 308, meet with Career Center personnel. Get a padfolio. Meet with alumni who are passionate about the career center. Reach out to your constituents. It's a great opportunity for all students on campus, not just seniors.

v. University Council

1. Comprised of Dr. Mazey's cabinet and herself, and the five constituent heads on campus. We meet once a month to discuss the month's agenda items, what's moving forward. Use this time as an opportunity to address some of the issues on campus, objectives, how we can do our part. We covered the strategic plan, and efficiency of campus.

a. Strategic Plan

- i. Living document. 15 Year plan. All the capital projects, seven main goals. Over the summer, President Mazey assigned her cabinet-level positions each goal, and how they are affected by it.

vi. SEC

1. Senate Executive Committee. Chaired by Dr. Sheri Wells-Jensen. Chair Durkit will be working with Faculty Senate. Our faculty unionized last year, went through contract negotiation, Collective bargaining agreement. Finally reached a negotiation last spring. Ratified by Board of Trustees last May. Making sure both sides are coming to the table. SEC has created ad-hoc committee to focus on workloads.

b. Vice President – David Neely

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- i. Good evening everyone. Welcome new senators.
- ii. Academic Honesty Policy

1. Next Tuesday, we will be meeting with Dr. Wells-Jensen. Creating an ad-hoc committee to discuss changes, make it more appealing to students, represent students better.

iii. Library

1. Meeting with Dean Bushong, extending library hours. Actuarial Science major ran tests, concluded that library should be open until 2 AM every day. Discussing keeping the library open 24 hours the week before, and week of finals. Chairs Clevenger and Puccio will be using campuslabs to create a survey, and holding union tables, gauge the student body, see how many students would use it.
  - iv. David Westmeyer
    1. Will be meeting to discuss bill on the floor at the state level. Will allow Universities to decide if student trustees will have the right to vote. Will be gauging how the congress will vote.
  - v. Standing Committees
    1. Standing committees are committees that house undergraduate students, graduate students, and faculty. There's a lot of different ones. There's a list on the window in the USG office on the bulletin board. Those are filling up rapidly. If you are interested in getting involved, this is a great way to start.
  - c. Cabinet Reports
    - i. Chief of Staff- Brian Kochheiser
      1. President Mazey GA
        - a. I sent out an e-mail last week. If you have anything you want her to talk about or address, please talk to me or Speaker Post, and we'll be sure to pass it on to her office.
- X. Procedures and Appeals Reports
- a. Chief Administrator – Evan Colyer [ecolyer@bgsu.edu](mailto:ecolyer@bgsu.edu)
    - i. No report.
- XI. Treasurer's Report
- a. Treasurer – Ebonee Johnson [eboneej@bgsu.edu](mailto:eboneej@bgsu.edu)
    - i. President Solis- Ebonee wanted to pass on two quick notes.
      1. Budget ideas
        - a. Please send any ideas to Ebonee.
      2. Budget
        - a. She's more than happy to walk anyone through it.
- XII. Speaker's Report
- a. Speaker of the Senate – Katie Post [kpost@bgsu.edu](mailto:kpost@bgsu.edu)
    - i. E-mails
      1. Please add our list proc to your contacts. Please check for USG e-mails. [usg@lists.bgsu.edu](mailto:usg@lists.bgsu.edu).
    - ii. Senator Reports

1. Due Friday at 5 PM. Please make sure you got that. For those of you who are new, please see me after the meeting.
- iii. Placards
  1. If you do not have a placard, or see errors, please let me know. We will go through and audit them, but if you know of a mistake, please let me know.
- iv. Business Casual
  1. These are professional meetings. Everyone looks fantastic. Just a reminder that business casual means a polo, khakis, dress pants, button up shirt. A dress/skirt that comes to your knees. Heels that aren't super high. Make sure that all of your skin that should be covered is covered. Shirts that should be tucked should be, otherwise shirts should be below pant line.
- v. Next Meeting
  1. Next meeting is Business professional, since President Mazey is coming in. If you have any issues with that, please let me know. It's a lot better to look professional, as opposed to going to a fashion show.
- vi. USG Float
  1. We are considering putting a float in the Homecoming Parade. If there is any interest, please see me after the meeting.

### XIII. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs –Casey Durkit
  - i. Thank you. You don't know how much this means to me. A special thank you to Chair Juzkiw and Senator Devereaux for both coming up to me and saying they would nominate me.
- b. Auxiliary Affairs – John Clevenger [johnc@bgsu.edu](mailto:johnc@bgsu.edu)
  - i. Welcome to all of the new Senators. If you have any questions, don't be afraid to approach any of us.
  - ii. Not in Our Town
    1. Extending visibility. Senator Dettrow is leading that.
  - iii. Green
    1. Senator Schafer is working on glass recycling in residence halls. More bike racks. Senator Shearer has completed getting additional trash cans in Lot 12.
  - iv. Code of Conduct
    1. Sitting on a committee to review the Code of Conduct. Any comments or concerns, please speak to me.
  - v. Committee

1. Meeting in the pub following the meeting.
- c. Internal Affairs – Eric Juzkiw [ejuzkiw@bgsu.edu](mailto:ejuzkiw@bgsu.edu)
  - i. Now that the bylaws are revised, you can hear my voice less.
  - ii. Open Positions
    1. There are still several open positions. 2 at large, 2 off campus, National Pan-Hellenic Council, and the remaining res hall positions. Any RA's, Res Hall senators, please help us get senators here. If you are Greek, if you could help work with NPHC to find a senator, that needs to happen.
  - iii. Senior Reception
    1. That event can be used as a collaborative event. It is a University event.
  - iv. Committee
    1. Meeting following GA. Need to meet with Senator Dettrow and St. Peter regarding caucus chairs.
  - v. Harry and Charley
    1. Speaker Post- Harry goes to Senator Devereaux for his respect to this position, and respect for all of his positions across campus.
    2. Chief of Staff Kochheiser- Charley goes to Chair Juzkiw for all his work on bylaws and his resolution.
  - vi. Questions
    1. Senator Harris
      - a. Should people e-mail you directly for senate seats?
        - i. Juzkiw- Fill out a senator recommendation form, forms should be in a manila folder by the computer, return it to my mailbox.
    2. Senator Huggins
      - a. Do we know what residence hall positions are available?
        - i. Juzkiw- Not sure yet. Not sure if they have been elected, simply that they don't have someone here yet.
- d. Student Affairs – Nic Puccio [npuccio@bgsu.edu](mailto:npuccio@bgsu.edu)
  - i. Congratulations to Chair Durkit. Thank you to Senator Devereaux for his hard work.
  - ii. Library
    1. We will be doing Union tables this Friday. There will be a signup sheet in the office. Will count as an external office hour.
  - iii. Committee
    1. Meeting in 308 after GA

#### XIV. Senator Reports

- a. Senator Devereaux- Good evening. I want to congratulate the new Academic Affairs Chair, Casey Durkit. She has shown her worth in this position. I'd like to thank my committee. It made it a wonderful experience. I will still be on the committee as a senator, working with you, and being a resource. Because I respect this body, I wanted give a couple words as to why I resigned. I'm involved in a lot of things on campus. I serve as the president to the Multicultural Greek Council. Both were extremely large time commitments, and if I were to do both, I would not be able to serve as an effective leader to both organizations. I'm going to lead as the President of MGC, I will take a step back so that someone else can step up and be an effective leader for this committee. I will still be a part of this governing body.

XV. Advisor's Remarks

- a. Dean Webb

- i. Welcome

1. Welcome to the new senators to USG. My name is Jodi Webb, I am the Dean of Students, and serve as advisor to USG. I look forward to getting to know the new senators. I encourage you to get active with this organization. There's a lot of people around this table who know this organization well, and will certainly be there to support you.

- ii. Leadership Safari

1. Many of you are very involved in many parts of campus, but I know some of you may feel the need to hone those skills. Tomorrow night there is a program called "Leadership Safari", sponsored by the Center for Leadership. Open to the campus community. Take this back to your constituents.

- iii. Next Week

1. We have a great opportunity. If you have particular topics, please talk with Chief of Staff Kochheiser or Speaker Post. She is very open to Q&A, but if you have a key topic, please take advantage of this.

XVI. Closing Remarks

- a. Chair Juzkiw

- i. I apologize; this is more of a senator report. Tomorrow's leadership Safari can count as a collaborative event.

- b. Speaker Post

- i. If you do ask a question of President Mazey, I ask that you do it in the most respectful manner. If you do ask a question, word it carefully.
  - ii. Those just sworn in, please see me after the meeting.
  - iii. Thank you to our guests in the back. We don't always have guests, and we're so happy you came.

XVII. Adjournment

- a. Chair entertains a motion to adjourn.
  - i. So moved by Senator Devereaux
    1. Seconded by Senator Frailly