

# USG General Assembly Meeting

The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly  
On This Day, 09/09/2013  
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. Casey Durkit- Off-Campus Senator
  - b. Nick Puhala- Proxy for Senator Mazur
- V. Open Forum
  - a. Vicky Kulicke & Barbara Waddell Office of Equity & Diversity
    - i. Barbara Waddell- Good afternoon My name is Barbara Waddell, Chief Equity and Diversity Officer, and Title IX Coordinator for Bowling Green State University. Congratulations to the new senators. I know you'll do a fantastic job this year, and I know that this is going to be a great year for USG. I want to take a few minutes to tell how much I appreciate your leadership. Although I am no longer in the Provost's Office, I look forward to continuing my connection with your great leadership. Thank you for having us here this evening to talk about the "Not in Our Town" Initiative. You have been so supportive, and been a part of the grassroots efforts to move this forward. I want to say on behalf of the Office of Equity and Diversity, we are so pleased to be a part of this initiative.
    - ii. Vicky Kulicke- Good evening, and thank you so much for having us this evening. It happened about twenty years ago that really brought this in play in Billings, MN, when Not in Our Town started. We've done a lot, and I know that there's a lot that's gone on this summer that we're really excited about. There was "Late Night at the Perry Field House". We had a banner in which all the freshmen got to see. A lot of the students had never heard of Not in Our Town before. They would come up, and read the pledge what the pledge said, and then they would say "I could get behind this" or "I wish they had this at my high school." Last week, I attended the Big Gay Picnic. They had a new banner, because the old banner was totally filled. Again, people were lined up at the door, waiting to come in to the function. The reaction that the students are having is unbelievable There have been a lot of meetings with student and community groups, and the police departments. They are so into supporting Not In Our Town. But it takes the efforts of students like you to keep it going.
    - iii. Questions

1. Senator Harris

a. Do you have any plans to expand beyond the BG campus, to other nearby areas?

i. Barbara Waddell- I think that's a great question. I think this initiative is so important, that once people see what we're doing here, they'll want to be a part of it. One of the things we hope you can do is take it in the community you live in. We're hoping you're so passionate about it, that you will want your hometown to also get involved. The sky is the limit. We see this as a starting point.

ii. Vicky Kulicke- I've had the opportunity to talk to Perrysburg. I see a really good opportunity to bridge with the junior high and the high school, and have an opportunity to talk to students at that level. It comes very strongly when it comes from a student.

iii. Barbara Waddell-Vickie and I had an opportunity to speak to their [United Way's] board. The United Way is a national entity. They are so excited and committed here, I can see it spreading to the surrounding community.

2. President Solis

a. What are the initial next steps? What committee drives it?

i. Vickie Kulicke- The President's Advisory Council on Diversity and Inclusion, which Barbara is the chair for. We have a subcommittee called "Not In Our Town" which anyone can join. This summer we met 4 times, and we looked at cards we handed out at events. 24 pages later, we went through the documentation and saw what people wanted to see out of this campaign. We looked at what we can effectively work on. We're encouraging every group to come together to meet this. Multicultural Affairs' National Coalition Building Institute training now includes "Not in Our Town"

ii. Barbara Waddell- It can't be two people. It can't be limited to one office. We see "Not in Our Town" not as a function of our office, but a function of the campus and the community. It also includes a plan of action. If an

incident occurs again, how do we mobilize what we have going. We want to respond with one voice. Want to continue the conversation.

VI. Lobby Time

VII. Old Business

- a. Not In Our Town Resolution - Eric Juzkiw [ejuzkiw@bgsu.edu](mailto:ejuzkiw@bgsu.edu)
  - i. Chair Juzkiw-I want to thank Barbara and Vicky for coming in today, especially so that you can watch us pass this resolution. A quick recap: essentially this resolution is saying that we as a student body want to do everything we can to push this initiative. That we fully support this initiative.
  - ii. Debate
    1. Chair Devereaux
      - a. I just want to commend Chair Juzkiw for writing this resolution. As someone who identifies in the LGBT community, it's great to see a campaign that is saying "not in our town." Saying student leaders take this initiative will send a message to the campus.
    2. President Solis
      - a. I just wanted to offer a few remarks about Not in Our Town. This is our campaign, a grassroots effort. We support this initiative. I want to thank Chair Juzkiw, because this is a resolution that really speaks volumes to what we're here to do.
  - iii. Chair entertains a motion to vote
    1. So moved by Chair Clevenger
      - a. Seconded by Senator St. Peter
    2. Senate Resolution 2013/2014-02 passes with a vote of 20 Ayes, 0 Nays, and 1 Abstention
- b. Ay Ziggy Zoomba Resolution - Matt Mazur [mmazur@bgsu.edu](mailto:mmazur@bgsu.edu)
  - i. Senator Mazur- Just wanted to quickly recap what we covered last meeting. Essentially, we are looking to promote Ay Ziggy Zoomba to "official" fight song status, while maintaining Forward Falcons.
  - ii. Debate
    1. Chair Puccio
      - a. I feel like we should vote yes on this. We have two mascots, why can't we have two fight songs? We don't have many traditions, let's build more.
    2. Chair Devereaux

- a. We have incorporated Ay Ziggy Zoomba and the Ziggy theme into a lot of our programming. The campus just promoted a new campaign called “Ziggy Points” I think it’s only proper to promote Ay Ziggy Zoomba. It’s part of our heritage, and our traditions.
3. President Solis
  - a. I think this resolution really says something about our traditions. It is ingrained in our culture, and I think this is something that students, alumni, faculty and staff can identify with.
4. Senator St. Peter
  - a. I’ve been discussing this with my constituents, and while I think this is a resolution that is well thought out, I know that there are some constituents that are a little worried about changing “Ay Ziggy Zoomba”. I do fear that Forward Falcons will be replaced. I think there is this inherent risk that Forward Falcons will disappear.
5. Chair Juzkiw
  - a. I think to think of it in terms of Falcon Marching Band. Both are played constantly. As long as the bands continue to play both songs, they’ll continue to be known.
6. Chair Puccio
  - a. The band plays both. As long as they keep promoting both, it will be ingrained in our tradition. Sure, we should be promoting Forward Falcons. That is an issue. But we’re adding to tradition. We’re trying to give our school more, show more spirit.
7. Treasurer Johnson
  - a. In terms of the song dying it out, I think it’s up to the band, and how they play these songs.
8. Senator Frailly
  - a. As the College Of Musical Arts senator, I have a few questions. I don’t know how it works timeline-wise, how long will it take? If this is announced soon, we are bringing in the composer and writer of Forward Falcons to be recognized. I feel it would be inappropriate to announce this at the same game.
    - i. Senator Mazur- We are well aware. We are looking to work around this. By promoting Ay Ziggy Zoomba, we can also promote Forward Falcons.

b. As a Senator, I am for this resolution. I didn't know Forward Falcons was our fight song. I relate it to, how many people know the words to the Alma Mater? At every icebreaker, at every session, they don't teach Forward Falcons, they don't teach the Alma Mater.

9. President Solis

a. We're working with various deadlines for the October board meeting. The goal is the homecoming game. The composer is coming three weeks later to the Akron game. I think this is something that students identify with. At the end of the day, it's all BG spirit.

10. Senator Dettrow

a. Have we talked to Alumni, to understand their feelings on this?  
i. Senator Mazur- Not specifically. That's something we should be thinking about.

11. Chair Juzkiw

a. The band listens to the marketing of the Athletic Department, to what they want to hear.

12. Chair Puccio

a. All of us in this room are going to graduate. We're all going to be alumni. The thing that matters is that everyone in this room, and all the students, would support Ay Ziggy. As long as we support having two fight songs, generations in the future will support both. I feel that our alumni now would learn to accept.

13. Senator St. Peter

a. I agree with what you're saying. However, It's hard to say that just because we may accept it now, our constituents will have a similar mindset. Current alumni may have different mindsets from alumni of 50 years ago. I think it may be difficult to have support from alumni, and I think it's hard to say how opinions will change.

iii. Chair Clevenger moves to extend debate time by 5 minutes.

1. Seconded by Senator Sanderson

iv. Chair Juzkiw moves to vote

1. Seconded by Senator Banham

v. Senate Resolution 2013/2014-03 passes with a vote of 18 Ayes, 0 Nays, 3 Abstentions

- i. Hello everybody. Thank you to Senator Dudek, Senator Henry, and Chair Puccio for attending the bylaw roundtables. Most changes are punctuation. There are 3 or 4 changes that I want to highlight for you.
- ii. Article II, Section B, Point 3, subpoint A: “Appellants may choose to appear on their behalf during the appeal to discuss the violation, or decisions may be made using information provided on the Procedures and Appeals information form.”
  1. Struck this section. Believed to be untrue. If true, will be amended later.
- iii. Article III, Section C, Point 7: The ~~Legislative Secretary~~ President will prepare the legislation on the official Undergraduate Student Government letterhead for the specified number of recipients before one calendar week after the legislation has passed. The President, ~~as well as the authors of the legislation~~, and the Speaker must sign the legislation the week directly after the meeting at which the legislation was passed.
  1. Transferred power from Legislative Secretary to President, authors no longer sign legislation.
- iv. Article III, Section C, Point 7, subpoints f & g: ~~The President shall put the legislation and the cover letter in the Legislative Secretary’s mailbox. The Legislative Secretary shall send out the finalized legislation by the end of the seventh business day after the legislation is passed.~~
  1. Struck.
- v. Debate
  1. Chair Puccio
    - a. I really feel those who have attended the meetings and roundtables put in a lot of time and effort. There were a lot of necessary changes. We didn’t get too picky, we mainly tried to focus on the big ones. Once we add in the caucus system, if our Senate decides to do that, obviously more change will be made. Let’s keep looking for things to correct or change.
  2. Chair Juzkiw
    - a. Even though we’ll be done with the bylaws, the election packet needs to be passed before we can do elections, hopefully it can be done by the end of semester. There will need to be another revision, assuming we want to write the caucus chair system written into the bylaws.
  3. Chair Devereaux
    - a. I’d like to applaud Chair Juzkiw, Internal Affairs, as well as all those who attended roundtables and helped amend this document.

- vi. Chair Devereaux moves to vote.
  - 1. Seconded by Chair Puccio
- vii. Governing Bylaws have been approved with a vote of 20 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 Abstention.

VIII. New Business

IX. Executive Branch Reports

a. President – Alex Solis

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- i. Good evening everyone. I just want to provide various updates to you as we start the new school year. Congratulations to Chair Juzkiw and Senator Mazur on the hard work. It's great to see both of these resolutions on the floor.
- ii. Not in Our Town
  - 1. I think what we said tonight was something that was very special. Moving forward, there's a lot of discussion with constituent groups on how we're gonna keep the "not In Our Town" campaign going. These are battles that are fought every day. I'm glad that it was passed tonight. Speaker Post will sign them in effect, and I will sign them, and they'll be out this week.
- iii. Green Fund Focus Group
  - 1. Today we brought together the Green Fund Focus Group. This group has representation from Senate Leadership, as well as Chair Juzkiw, who serves a unique role as the USG representation on the Green Fund. We also pulled together some cabinet members, as well as an outside peer student advisor, Lance Cruze, CEO of Net Impact. He has had vast experience in the Office of Sustainability. This serve will be a think tank, on how we can move forward as USG, can access and use the Green Fund. One of the biggest complaints is that it [The Green Fund] is underused.
- iv. Student Engagement Team
  - 1. Today the Student Engagement Team met. I've appointed Nicole Neely as the USG delegate to that team. That body has various constituent representation that really has control over Ziggy Points and that incentive retention program. Nicole will be giving updates to this body as Ziggy Points moves forward.
- v. Enrollment Management Council
  - 1. Today I met with my subgroup for the Enrollment Management Council. The EMC is a group that President Mazey appointed last year. That council serves as a student body for our enrollment plan. You often hear

the phrase “We want to reach 25,000 students by 2020”. The full committee will meet tomorrow.

vi. Exec

1. We meet every Monday before Exec. This is a time to put initiatives on the table. Robin Gerrow, Chief Marketing & Communication Officer, will be attending Exec for the next few weeks. Now they’re getting into the new look for the website.

vii. COSGA

1. If members could meet with David and I following GA, we want some feedback.

viii. Promotions

1. I’m sure you got the e-mail from President Mazey this morning about Jill Carr, now the Vice President of Student Affairs. She’s the chief Student Affairs officer on campus. She played an integral part in the Falcon Health Center, as well as the Rec Center renovation, and construction of the Greek housing. Congratulations to Jodi Webb, now our Dean of Students.

ix. Cabinet

1. Still searching for a Residence Life Liaison. I have asked Michael Ankele, City, State, and National Liaison to step down, due to personal and academic reasons. He has submitted his letter of resignation, so we are searching for that position as well.

b. Vice President – David Neely

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- i. Evening everyone. Great job with the resolutions and bylaws.

ii. Library Hours

1. After a study was done by an Actuarial Science major, they found results showing that the library would be utilized more if it were open later. Following Fall Break, the Library will be open until 2 AM. Additionally, a survey will go out, conducted by Chair Puccio and Chair Clevenger, in regards to 24 hours access during finals week, and the week before. Chair Puccio will also be doing Union tables to collect feedback.

iii. Senior Reception

1. The new Director of the Career Center, Jeff Jackson, has reached out to us looking for some sponsorship for an event called the Senior Reception. The beginning of school is focused on new students, so he wants to celebrate their success of making it to senior year, and also give them the tools to move on. On September 19<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30-6:30 PM, he will be hosting a reception for all students, to help them getting prepared



for Grad school, or start interviewing/resume reviews. He's asked USG for financial support. He request \$450. We feel it is a good investment in the student body.

iv. Development Days

1. We will not be doing a retreat this year. We'll be incorporating retreat aspects into these days.

v. Standing Committees

1. Feel free to sign the sheet upstairs. Bookstore Advisory, Broadcasting Advisory, Committee on Committees, Fiscal Affairs, Student Legal Services Advisory, Public Safety Advisory.

vi. Questions

1. Senator Puffenberger

- a. How do we find out when Standing Committee meetings are?
  - i. VP Neely- The Chair is appointed through Faculty Senate. They will reach out to the individuals I submit. They usually contact the committee and figure out the timing.

2. Treasurer Johnson

- a. Has Dining mentioned extending their hours in the Library Outtakes?
  - i. VP Neely- No. We've talked just to Dean Bushong, Dean of Libraries. She's very open to making the library more accessible to students for academic purposes. There has been discussion, but no contact has been made directly.

3. Senator St. Peter

- a. Date of Senior Reception
  - i. September 19<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-6:30 PM in Room 308

c. Cabinet Reports

- i. Director of Marketing & Communication Michelle Wysocki [mwysoc@bgsu.edu](mailto:mwysock@bgsu.edu)
  1. Thursday is Campus Fest. We will be having a table. We will be passing out USG sunglasses, and attached is an Instagram Photo Contest. If you take a picture on campus with your sunglasses, and tag BG\_USG with the hashtag #BGSUHomecoming, you'll be entered to win Homecoming apparel. I'm passing out a sign up sheet, you can sign up for ½ hour slots. Also, if someone can help with stapling the sheets, Wednesday night.
  2. Questions

- a. Director of Strategic Planning Neely
      - i. Do any of these count as office hours?
        - 1. DM&C Wysocki-Table hours count as external, stapling count as internal.
    - b. Senator Puffenberger
      - i. When will the sunglasses be available Wednesday?
        - 1. DM&C Wysocki- Whenever you like.
- 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. No report.
- XII. Speaker’s Report
  - a. Speaker of the Senate – Katie Post [kpost@bgsu.edu](mailto:kpost@bgsu.edu)
    - i. Senator Reports
      - 1. They are back! They are a list of what you’ve done so far, and what you plan to do in the planning weeks or months. Just a check in. Take some time to put some thought into them. They will be due next Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 PM. I’ll send you a template tonight.
    - ii. Proxies
      - 1. Please get your proxy sworn in soon! It’s good to have a proxy. Thanks to Senator Mazur for setting that example.
    - iii. Green Fund
      - 1. We’re focusing on Green initiatives. If there’s anything you are thinking of that could involved the green fund, please bring them to the attention of your peers.
    - iv. Initiatives
      - 1. If you have any ideas, but don’t know how to start them, please come talk to me, or your committee chair, or anyone you feel comfortable talking with. We really want everyone to be involved. The best way to find your place in USG is to have something to work on.
- XIII. Committee Reports
  - a. Academic Affairs – Jeff Devereaux [jdevere@bgsu.edu](mailto:jdevere@bgsu.edu)
    - i. Minors
      - 1. This last week was the first meeting of the Undergraduate Council. There are two minors on the table. The first minor is a Coaching Minor, through the College of Education. The second minor is a Management

Minor through the College of Business. Both are open to all majors. If you are interested in these majors, or have any questions, talk to me, Director Neely, or Treasurer Johnson.

ii. BG Perspectives

1. They also met. The committee is preparing for the new application process. All current courses must reapply to have their courses evaluated by the committee. The application process will happen through an online process. New courses have to submit themselves through the “blue slip” process.

iii. AA Meeting

1. Meeting in the conference room after GA

iv. Questions?

1. Chair Puccio

a. Credit Hours for Coaching Minor?

- i. Chair Devereaux- 19 credit hours, does not include prerequisites.

b. Would they be specializing in one sport, or all sports?

- i. Chair Devereaux- A set of credit hours is universal. The second portion specializes in certain sports.

2. Treasurer Johnson

- a. Also talked about the Posthumous Degree policy. Currently drafting some language. The Coaching minor focuses on behavior, and conflicts. Knowing how to engage and interact with athletes.

3. Chair Juzkiw

a. Is it going to be classwork based, or hands-on?

- i. Chair Devereaux- Does not currently state in the minor.

b. Can that be a question raised?

- i. Chair Devereaux- Sure. Will bring it up in the next meeting.

4. Senator St. Peter

- a. Has there been any discussion as to when they would go to effect?

- i. Chair Devereaux- I don't know, I can get that answer for you.

b. Auxiliary Affairs – John Clevenger

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i. Meeting

1. Committee meeting outside following GA

c. Internal Affairs – Eric Juzkiw

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i. Office Hours

1. Do them. The BG News got on our case last year for having senators in office hour deficiencies. Don't be that guy/girl. Signup sheet will be up until I leave tonight, if you haven't logged them yet.

ii. Caucus Chairs

1. Still need to meet with Senator Dettrow and Senator St. Peter. Please get in touch with me.

iii. Office Locked

1. If you ever are locked out, go down to the information desk. They have a key, just return it before the desk closes for the day.

iv. Senator Report

1. There will be a little portion with the Senator report about the collaborative event, so we can ensure they are productive. If you do your even early, you can send in a little for.

v. Senator Info Sheets

1. Get a sheet. Fill it out; get it back to Senator Frailly. She is putting together the Faces of USG binders.

vi. Abstentions

1. Abstentions are not used for undecided votes. Abstentions are used for conflicts of interest. If you are unsure, get it figured out, abstentions are not used for that.

vii. Harry & Charley

1. Senator Mazur- Harry goes to Speaker Post, been really helpful. Provided a lot of resources to me.
2. Dean of Students Jodi Webb- Charley goes to Chief of Staff Brian Kochheiser. He's been doing a lot of work behind the scenes over the summer.

viii. IA Meeting

1. Meeting following GA.

d. Student Affairs – Nic Puccio

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i. Committee Meeting

1. In 308 after GA.

XIV. Senator Reports

a. Senator Durkit

- i. Senator Robison and I have been collecting data concerning student evaluations. They are filled out at the end of the 16 week semester term. I talked to professors in the Political Science and Women Studies departments. They told me about the

tenure track. The tenure track is a three step process. The bottom tier is research professors, adjunct professors, instructors, and graduate students. If they want to move towards tenure, they can either publish research, receive grant funding, do service in the teaching/administrative field, and evaluations. One professor said almost 60% of his move from the bottom tier to the middle tier was due to evaluations. It's how they move from instructor/lecturer status to Assistant Professor, then finally to Associate/Full Professor.

- ii. Upon talking to several professors who moved to paperless evaluations, the number of surveys were very low.
- iii. Senator Robison
  1. One of my professors teaches Sociology 1010, with 250-300 students. She received around 75-80% with paper surveys, down to 25-30% with paperless. The majority of these surveys are from the outliers.
- iv. As Senator Robison said, we often get the outliers, not getting the median or mean of the people. Also, if a professor offers bonus points, it is unethical. It is a duty you have as a student to fill out surveys.
- v. Questions
  1. Senator Puffenberger
    - a. What is the motivation to go paperless?
      - i. Senator Durkit -Huge initiative to BGreen. Provost Rogers had thought of going paperless as well. Just doing data collection at this point.
  2. Vice President Neely
    - a. How many professors have you spoken to? Are you going to attempt to diversify your findings?
      - i. Senator Durkit- Five professors. Absolutely, we only hit 3 majors at this point. I chose Women Studies because the entire major has gone paperless. I'd be happy to go to other professors.
  3. Chair Juzkiw
    - a. Sounds like this is a perfect way to test out the caucus system. Caucus Chair Shearer, if you could take note of this.
  4. Treasurer Johnson
    - a. I would also ask professors about the language they are using. Only one of my professors actually told me what it was for.
      - i. Senator Durkit- It's precarious,. Professors don't want to sway opinions. But I will bring it up.

b. Chair Juzkiw

i. Just want to let you all know, next Tuesday at 7PM in the ballroom, there is a new program called the Leadership Safari. Not really familiar with it, but it sounds like a good opportunity for a collaborative event, and you get Ziggy Points.

c. Senator Frailly

i. For those of you who were going to take pictures today for the Faces of USG, we're going to do them next week.

XV. Advisor's Remarks

a. Dean of Students Advisor Webb

i. Absence

1. I'm sorry I missed the start of the meeting. I had to make an appearance at the UAO meeting.

ii. Resolutions

1. Congratulations to Chair Juzkiw and Senator Mazur. The fact that we passed two resolutions and bylaws at our second meeting speaks to not only the work of these two, but many of you behind the scenes. I hope you reviewed the documents sent out, because it makes for an efficient meeting.

iii. Advisor Role

1. Please know that when I get information, I pass it along. I don't endorse the message, nor am I saying this is something you have to do. I didn't mean to throw anyone off. If I think you're heading down a road that you may regret, or may need to be prepared of the outcome, I'll let you know that. When I'm passing things along, I want to make sure you have all information, and sometimes I become that conduit.

XVI. Closing Remarks

a. President Solis

i. We have campus fest this Thursday. The Campus Fest sheet was passed around, and it's bare commitment. We struggled last year with commitment to Campus Fest. We cannot fill the table with just 2 people, I don't know how we're simply gonna make Campus Fest work this year. Please revisit the times, let me know. We don't have much time.

b. Chair Devereaux

i. I have another meeting at 9:15, so let's meet in here [308] for just a few minutes.

c. President Solis

i. COSGA representation, please met David and I in the corner after the meeting.

d. Treasurer Johnson

i. First SBC meeting is next money. If your organization needs money, sign up!

XVII. Adjournment

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