

USG General Assembly Meeting

The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly

On This Day, 10/6/14

Room 308 BTSU @ 7:30pm

{Business Professional Attire}

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Swearing in of New Officers
- Open Forum
 - **VP for Student Affairs Jill Carr**
 - **Thank you so much for having me and keeping our office current on what you need and want at the University. Starting with questions sent in, please feel free to ask additional questions as they arise. I will respond asap if I do not have the exact answer to something. How is student affairs different than residence life? Residence Life is a part of student affairs. If you picture Student Affairs as the umbrella, a lot falls under it. Residence life is one of those. *Please take note of the organizational chart Carr passed out during the meeting for a more comprehensive understanding of the organization of the office and what the office covers. On there, you will see Sarah Waters who is the Director of Residence Life, which falls under our office. Wood County Hospital is in charge of the Falcon Health Center, but we have a very good relationship with them and the work that they do to be more specific to what our students need. Recreation and Wellness falls under this, as well. Jodi Webb, Dean of Students, she also is in charge of Greek Life, Campus Activities, Student Conduct, Off-campus student services, etc. Student Affairs is over Parents and Alumni networks, etc. In response to Chair Puffenberger - Non-traditional, Veterans and Transfer Student services are under Academic Affairs. Would you outline the various scholarships outlined by the division? Many are coordinated through their office; ones that focus on student life outside of the classroom, two more were just endowed recently.**

***Numerous. Best way to find out information is through Office of Scholarships and Office of Financial Services. There is a booklet with requirements and deadlines that is published every year. The process of applying should start up in January. There are scholarships that go unawarded because of lack of applicants. What feedback has been given towards First-year/new Student Orientation? Feedback was positive from this past summer. Feeling more comfortable and safer on campus. Parents much more comfortable. Orientation is more than just SOAR. It starts at admittance and all of the emails that you get, SOAR, Opening Weekend, All of Fall Welcome Activities, and ending with Campus Fest. Putting Orientation as a one day program (instead of two) has made it kind of difficult, but it is spread out now. Are there any new programs, initiative, etc. in the works for first-year students to becoming more acclimated to campus? Possibly having students move in on Thursday to add an extra day of Orientation and Opening Weekend kind of things. Increasing UNIV 1910 course availability (an intro to BGSU course). Looking to increase those. Always looking to increase efforts of diversity and inclusion. Labor Day Weekend was very successful this year, but trying to improve it even more for next year, possibly without spending as much money. Mazur – Students who go home several weekends or that first weekend verses Retention Data. We don't have information on that, but we do have information on full fall involvements and those involvements lead to much better retention. Puffenberger - Are you looking for a way to include non-traditional, transfer, etc. in these orientation and opening weekend programs? We do that, it is a challenge, and we are working on improving these relations. JAROD ROSE - Labor Day Weekend Costs lots of money – RSA did a program then, would you be looking for more organizations to do programs to take cost off university? – YES. Elaborate on TRIO programs and Services. 7 programs included under TRIO, we host 4**

of them here. Talent Search in Toledo (Junior and Senior High Schools) helping them find desires in future, talking about collegiate experience, helping them with recruitment, financial aid, applications, etc. Upward Bound program, during the year, intensively takes place during year, 6th-7th grade to highschool, bring to campus for a couple weeks, take classes, team building, etc. If those students apply here, they have a good support system already established. TRIO Student Services do other services throughout, McNair scholars program for Juniors looking for graduate school/phD, to present their own personal research the summer before their senior year. All funded by Department of education. Most difficult budget cut decisions you have had to make – general fee programs were cut. Hardest thing to do is to take away positions due to lack of funding. Student Org funding was cut (dollars available) by about \$20,000. Our student orgs request about 1.5million dollars, and we don't have that much to allocate, at all. But students make those decisions through the SBC. It's incredibly challenging. Additional Fees – Student Affairs to funded in a few different ways. Recently within these additional fees, deciding whether to cut counselors, or have people pay to utilize services. Small fee was introduced university-wide to make sure we are offering those services still. Those services are crucial to our colleagues. Career Center has fees now too, as well as Grad Students having to take on hefty fees. State funding is down, and Student debt is increasing. Dortch – in terms of budget cuts, there were a lot of combining of office? Not in Student Affairs – mostly in Academic Affairs. Kocheiser 0 any idea of next fiscal year's state funding – election year, so no. Daily agenda of Jill Carr, most rewarding aspect, most challenging. No typical day. Lots of meetings, large group or one-on-one, students. The most she has moved up, the less direct contact I have with students and that is what I don't like about the position. Not having the on-going student contact that I do

now miss. Not enough hours in the day to get as much of that as I would like. Dortch – Disability services is moving? It is already out in College Park. Usage change? Usage has gone up, which was something that we were worried about it, but it is very accessible building. Senn – how does our organization reflect other Universities? Broad changes, changing based on size (OSU's chart would be like 6 times the size of this chart), philosophical pieces (economic verses student use, etc. Union example) Career Services, that is an enrollment Management operation now, which is a decision made off philosophical. Athletics used to report to us as well, different than a lot of schools, now we moved to normal university standards due to NCAA regulations. Alexa – student voice on campus, any committees or organizations that the student voice has been recently put into and been successful. I always make sure there is a student (if not as many as possible) on every committee we do. You guys ground us. You may think exact opposite of faculty, but we won't know if we don't have you there. Huggins – With past experiences as USG advisor, and now, do you have any suggestions for us on initiatives you would like to see us do, or do you have any advice for us? Advice – You are a student first, and going to class is a first priority. You should never give up class to go to a student organization thing (USG event). Talk to your constituents! There are too many complacent students on this campus. Get out there and find them. Our student body needs to know they have a voice and that they can make a change. Please try to increase USG student election polls. It is so easy now, we need to have more people voting. They need to know who is here. Durkit – a parking lot behind Rec Center. Will be for external pass holders (making money to run the rec center) and monitored by Parking Services.

- Lobby Time
- Old Business
- New Business

- Executive Branch Reports
 - President – Brian Kochheiser briantk@bgsu.edu
 - Good evening, everybody. I hope you had a great Homecoming weekend. Will, our BGNews representative, will be here occasionally this semester and all of next, he is here tonight. Congrats to Kasie on Homecoming Queen. Key Magazine wants to do a collage of student head shot photos for their next cover. Oct. 8th, 15th, 9-11am to get your photo taken. Keep up the good work and enjoy Fall Break.
 - Vice President – Nicole Neely nneely@bgsu.edu
 - Hello, Two quick items. I sat in on the Student Affairs Committee, I can give you some information on those types of things if you would like to ask. More initiatives coming to the table, please feel free to Brian, Cabinet, Chairs, Speaker, or I to get things rolling. Last Thursday, went to The Academy, met the USG President of '71, and it was cool.
 - Cabinet Reports
 - Alexa Woodburn, Director of Communications - Faces of USG – please send them in!
- Procedures and Appeals Reports
 - Meisle – Filled all positions on the Board, getting on top of Parking appeals. Looking over Election Packet and trying to get ready for this years election.
- Treasurer’s Report - Reece Timbrook reecet@bgsu.edu
- Speaker’s Report
 - Speaker of the Senate – Kasie Durkit durkitk@bgsu.edu
 - If you have any speaker suggestions, please forward them my way. I love the feedback I have already received. Great job with questions tonight; it is wonderful. Especially, the tough ones. Calling out Collin Claywell with those awesome questions tonight. External Committees, make sure that you are going to them. Please go so that you can be that student voice there. A lot of important things are discussed and passed there. Please go! No USG next week. It is written into our bylaws that we don’t have to meet every Monday so we are taking a break. Barbara Waddel may be

coming in Oct. 20th as our speaker. Monthly reports can start be coming in.

- Senn – External Standing Committee – Should we be getting an email. If no communication, we should assume have not met yet.
- Committee Reports
 - Academic Affairs – Amy Puffenberger apuffen@bgsu.edu
 - Not too much to report. Doing Research on different colleges and recognition of Dean List. Really focusing on recognition of Dean’s List students. Also, looking at working with Amanda Dortch on the Math Lab in the Learning Commons, and looking at some problems with that service. Finding a way to see how we can better make sure that tutors are assisting and not teaching the math courses that students are seeking out help for. Please consider joining our committee.
 - Auxiliary Affairs – Aeden Timbrook atimbro@bgsu.edu
 - Looking into USG’s mission statement and looking at Student Organization outreach. Quick Meeting in the back.
 - Internal Affairs – Jeff Devereaux jdevere@bgsu.edu
 - **Presentation – Good evening, every one. I really like powerpoint. Always a joy to see VP Carr. Please take any opportunity to work with her ever. She is one of the greatest things that has happened to this University. Weekly reports are due Monday at 7 (the first one was due today). Please submit asap. Each IA member has been assigned a group of senators to review those reports for. Senator Vacancies. Next week there will be interviews for individuals who have sent in recommendation forms, as well as open interviews. Tues. Thurs 5:30-6:30, Friday 2:30 – 4:00. Accountability System – IA has met and decided. A three Tier system. An initial warning (written let of notification), followed by internal affairs, review (Action Plan), and then a Disiplinary Action happens as outlined by the bylaws in Article 7. Harry and Charley – Senator Dortch, Kocheizer and Neely. IA will be meeting tonight.
 - Student Affairs – Nadia Oehler noehler@bgsu.edu

A. Join us. We are great and doing cool things.

- Senator Reports
 - Senator Vaughn – Hello! Nice to see you all. I have updates on Free Speech and Jed Smock issue. I met with diversity leaders on campus, discussed main points of free speech panel discussion. Main point – cannot be banned by free speech, focused on how to set a norm of inclusion and appreciation of diversity. Looking for ways to encourage sharing of ideas. Possibility of a Student Response Team on Campus. Would react to different people on campus. Looked at importance of making this group diverse and getting a variety of perspectives. Creating a celebratory environment of Opening Weekend. Any questions?
 - Chair Puffenberger – AROC met finally. Accenture Reporting Out Committees. Accenture is an efficiency test done on the University. There are 6 different target areas that now have committees to work on target goals. Power point update from Board of trustees meeting on summary of progress. Span of Control – a committee project, Number of reportees to supervisors and how we make this more efficient and effective. Tuition Fee Wavior, employee/employee relations can get tuition coverage. Trying to quantify amounts of money spent, etc. Non-core business practices. Not so easy to make the changes suggested by Accenture, as we are finding.
 - Senator Bumbaugh – IFC, social media efforts are in full swing, new website BGSUIFC.com VP of Recrcuitment will be holding info sessions during January to improve open recruitment efforst. VP of communications is sitting on “It’s on us” campaign, and each chapter will be taking the pledge. IFC man of the month, submissions are open.
- Advisor’s Remarks
 - Dean Jodi Webb jwebb@bgsu.edu
- Closing Remarks
 - Wood – Congratulations to Kasie on Homecoming Queen.
- Adjournment
 - Timbrook, Vandevort.

