

- I. Call to Order
  - a. 7:35 pm
- II. Roll Call
  - a. Senators Absent
    - i. Senator Burrow
    - ii. Senator Harrison
    - iii. Senator Khatz (PROXY)
    - iv. Senator Latella
    - v. Senator Meade (PROXY)
    - vi. Senator Patton (PROXY)
    - vii. Senator Peterson
    - viii. Senator Ungemach
  - b. All Other Senators were present.
- III. Swearing in of New Officers
  - a. Senators
    - i. Off-Campus Senator Mackenzie Mullins
    - ii. Off-Campus Senator Kali Irvin ( Off-Campus)
  - b. Proxies
    - i. Proxy for the College of Health and Human Services
    - ii. Proxy for At-Large Senator Meade
- IV. Open Forum
  - a. Barbara Waddell – Title IX Coordinator
    - i. I appreciate you all giving me the time to talk about Title IX. This is a little different from presentation last year. I will go through a similar presentation but there will be some differences. So what is Title IX? The first slide gives overview of what Title IX is. What does this mean? You have a right to be engaged at BGSU both inside and outside the classroom. Yes, Title IX has to do with sports, but it is so much bigger and so much broader. It is not just about women, but everyone in the room. You fill in the blank, Title IX covers you as a student. What are title IX offenses? Sexual and gender-based harassment. Disability (such as pregnancy). Recently, one of your peers who had difficulty with a faculty member during their pregnancy. Acts of sexual violence. Sexual misconduct. Sometimes it can be tough for a new student who just got here, saw all the opportunities to date, and sometimes it can lead to fighting with an intimate partners from back at home. All of these fall under Title IX. Bullying and cyberbullying. The impact it can have on us as citizens of campus community. Bullying, cyberbullying, stalking are based on sex under Title IX. Over Fall break, perhaps you participate in a sponsored activity or trip. Not in classes, but a university sponsored program. On trip, someone harassing you based on sex is as a Title IX violation. If classes are not in session, is it still under Title IX? Yes. We have to pay attention to those things. Retaliation is against the law. You have a right to complain without fear of retaliation without fear of scorn from student or staff, even if the claim does not stand. It is so serious that it will be its own offense in and of itself. What is BGSU required to do? Four things. Title IX

violations are reported. We have 60 days to adjudicate from start to finish. What is the reason it is so important to report? The 60 days begins when someone who is responsible employee receives the report of a violation. Not when it comes to upper level, simply to trained staff. We have an obligation to investigate. Law enforcement has discretion, we do not. We must act and we must adjudicate. Then we have to advocate. Reporting. We've all heard the statistic of 1 in 5. We have to find a better way to make sure students feel comfortable reporting incidents of rape to administrators. The number of reports are low. Most of you in the room know of someone who has been sexually assaulted by someone they know. We have to find ways to make sure that the blame is not with the victim. It is not okay to continue if there is not consent. We have to adjudicate. We have to act. We have to act and support. Sometimes, we have to move people, bar people from campus. It may mean counseling, it may mean other things for that person. If you have ever lost someone close to you, you know how hard it is to function as if nothing is wrong. What can you do? Keep us informed. Usually students are looking for help, so let us know. We have to help students understand that to the extent possible under the law, we keep it as low as possible. As senators, you can keep us informed, by talking to the student body, and keep us informed. Talk to your peers. Refer to students to the Dean, Office of Equity and Diversity, or the Police. If students are not ready, they can go to a counselor, priest, and not to obligated reporters. If you think they are not ready and it will do more harm than good, and those people are not obligated to report. Mary Krueger is aggregate reporter only, which she can only report if there is a detriment to that person's health. Currently, 85 colleges and universities being investigated for Title IX violations. The government does investigate for mismanagement and mishandling Title IX violations. If a university is addressing issues, then they are not investigated. The US Department Of Education is very serious about this. We must address any type of Title IX violation reported. We always respond. We respect both complainants and respondents, because both have rights. Office of Equity and Diversity is objective fact finders. I am not your advocate. I am a fact finder. I find the facts and apply it to the standard to find violation. One concern that OCR has become one-sided. Rushing into investigation can really screw it up. We need to have a policy distributed (which is the Student Code of Conduct). We aim to stop violence, prevent it from happening, and remedying the situation. Something new at BGSU is that we are pushing out to all students on-line training modules by United Educators. There will be four (4) modules before the end of the year is up. These modules are available to you. The goal was to roll it out to all students. The University Conduct Committee, Graduate Teaching Assistants, and all BGSU Campus students next. The four modules are: Campus SaVE Act. Healthy Relationship and Dating Violence. Lasting Choices: Preventing Sexual Assault. Show Some Respect! Prevent Harassment. Please encourage your peers and colleagues to participate in this. Also, there are a number of initiatives going on, such as the White House campaign. The Its on US

campaign. BGSU has signed on. Faith Yingling, a doctoral student in our office, is working on this at BGSU. We want you to figure out how you can get involved. We are trying to Video similar to the national one. (plays video). You will learn more about the pledge. We are putting on our own Its on Us video. So to review who should contact if you hear about a Title IX violation: Anyone you think has the authority to help. Contact someone who has ability to help.

ii. Questions:

1. Chief Administrator Miesle: Are there sexual orientation protections under Title IX?
  - a. Yes
2. Senator Huggins: How does your office handle student pregnancy and missing time?
  - a. We treat it on a case by case basis. BGSU has taken those sort of things into account. We will do everything in our power not to deny student benefits that impact student ability to participate in going to class. We are always open to doing what is in best interest of student. We utilize the office of the Vice President of Student Affairs and Dean of Students offices.
3. Senator Huggins follow-up: What about anonymous cyberbullying? What does Title IX say?
  - a. Some of the behavior is against the law. Some of it is handled in court. Sometimes we will partner with the Dean of Students, University Police, or the City of Bowling Green, to see if it only falls in Title IX, but also utilize a Police investigation. Recently I know person was arrested by FBI for something similar to this. Depending on what it is, other legal implications may be at play to try to stop whatever the behavior is and make sure the violation is in the realm.
4. Senator Vaughn: Who are the Obligated reporters. Is it just the Office of Dean of Students? Others?
  - a. All of faculty and staff members fall under that category. Enrolled in on-line training specifically designed training faculty. Some student supervisors are obligated and responsible employees.
5. Senator Vaughn: As part of BGSU's responsibilities, are students who experience assault directed to SAAFE Center?
  - a. Director of SAAFE works very closely with Office and coordinators. Advisory board, which has SAAFE Center director on it, make sure that students have advocate for court proceedings.
6. Director of Marketing and Communications Woodburn: Students still able to use Report It to Report Title IX?
  - a. Yes.
7. RSA President Rose: Yield.

8. Senator Watabe: Interested in allowing students to campaign services. Getting students to campaign and go out and get an audience.
  - a. Have to be careful when doing that. University very protective of 1<sup>st</sup> amendment rights and we can't block them from doing so. Under rights, we cannot trample rights under Title IX. Options available. Different as there may be situations.
9. Senator Dortch: Advisory Board undergraduate representative?
  - a. Yes, but probably need to replace that person. Working with Dean of Students Office. Advisory board has not met this year yet. Community and campus people. Know that downtown Title IX violation could happen. Openings.
10. Senator Dortch: Obligated reporter, are you obligated to tell student you are?
  - a. Not obligated, but wise practice to do so. It is wise to let student know that they tell the student how obligated to report works.
11. Speaker Durkit: Change from reporting from directly after incident to semester report?
  - a. I believe you are referring to the Cleery Act. If we feel there is a threat to BGSU community, obligated to do a crime alert. If I were sexually assaulted, crime alert not issued to greater community because community not at risk. But if there are multiple instances or random, then crime alert sent out. Good question.
12. Senator Bumbaugh: Programs for people who violated Title IX who may want to become advocates for Title IX?
  - a. Student on student in Dean of Student office. Make sure I am aware, work closely together, if student found responsible, then variety of sanctions. We still expel or suspend, but it depends. Its on Us campaign where students can get directly involved and become advocates.

V. Lobby Time

VI. Old Business

a. Resolution 2014/15 – 03 Creation of Athletic Affairs Senator Seat

i. Vote

1. Senator Huggins moves to end discussion.
2. Senator Wood Second.
3. Resolution Passes. 26-0-2.

b. Approval of the Revised Election Packet – Chief Procedure and Appeals Administrator Miesle

- i. Not a lot of major changes besides the dates. A few of the major ones talked about are endorsements rather than signatures. Will have boxes to be filled in so we can read the names. Write-in candidates who do print or social media, they will be disqualified right away, encourage use of the packet.
- ii. Questions/Discussion

1. Chair Oehler: Social media for write-in candidates?
    - a. No. Cannot post on Facebook.
  2. Chair Puffenberger: Still same number of endorsements?
    - a. Same.
  3. Senator Huggins moves to close discussion.
  4. Senator Witchey second.
- iii. Vote
1. Vote passes. 28-0-0.
- VII. New Business
- a. No new business.
- VIII. Executive Reports
- a. President Brian Koccheiser
    - i. Welcome New Senators. Need anything let us know. Update on Academic Honesty policy. New Ad Hoc committee by faculty senate to merge code of conduct and academic charter. Bring due process to students. Green fund proposal with devon and Danielle in union. Recycling. Rec center hours and petition. Sen. Huggins and I met with the individual to work on that right now.
    - ii. Questions:
      1. Patton Proxy: What do you mean by changing the REC hours?
        - a. Trying to make rec 24 hours.
  - b. Vice President Nicole Neely
    - i. Everyone on AROC committee, see Nicole about that. Vacant spots for Standing Committees at next USG GA. Initiative help, see Nicole.
    - ii. Standing Committees are the committees outside of USG. Examples, Academic Affairs, BG Perspectives, Library Advisory Committee, etc.
  - c. Cabinet Reports
    - i. Residence Life Liaison Janzcarek:
      1. Update on the Be Green Sustainability Themed Community. Committee to come together to help with proposal to help with creating the community. Interested? See me or send me an email. Remember to fill out the survey from last week via email.
    - ii. Chief of Staff Parker:
      1. 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Wifi concern. Emailed Patrick Nelson and Tony Fox to let them know of student concerns. Process of adding 3 wifi points, one on 4<sup>th</sup> floor by end of Fall semester. Ball State Conference on Saturday. Echo USG by sending participants questions. Send those to Danielle. Get out and vote tomorrow.
- IX. Procedure's & Appeals
- a. No report.
- X. Treasurer's Report
- a. No Report.
- XI. Speaker's Report
- a. Card for Kathy. Always tries to make the Office welcoming so card for appreciating her. Monthly reports were due to today. Great way for me to check on what's going on in

the Senate. Four internal committees. Student Affairs = 23, Academic Affairs = 4. Preference Sheets were sent around. As part of committees, be looking for projects in committee to bring something forward. Committees that get the work done. Please vote tomorrow as this is one of your duties as an American citizen.

- XII. Committee Chair Reports
  - a. Academic Affairs
    - i. No report. No committee meeting tonight.
  - b. Auxiliary Affairs
    - i. Falcon Health Center concerns to Aeden. Committee meeting in back.
  - c. Internal Affairs
    - i. Just a reminder that Bi-Weekly Reports were due to this week. Internal Affairs will be reviewing those this week. Moving forward, IA will be updating the USG Office to make it more professional and welcoming. We will have a Committee meeting tonight up in the USG Office. Charlie goes to Residence Hall Senator Meade. Harry goes to Director of Strategic Plan Wrice .
  - d. Student Affairs
    - i. Student Affairs Advisory and talked about what the Committee did last year and what was talked about this year. Committee should expect emails. No meeting tonight. If you are doing any Green project, meeting next week, USG proposals by next week. Student Recruitment Team, there was huge amount of people to help with that, will be reducing that.
- XIII. Senator Reports
  - a. Senator Vaughn:
    - i. Was not here last week. At North east Ohio Silence Unveiling Project to honor women and children who died due to violence. New figures which are displayed for ten years. Really amazing experience. Shocking differences and similarities who passed away. Especially in light of its on us campaign. Student response team, good things are happening. Met with Arianna Darris about it.
  - b. Senator Bumbaugh
    - i. VP judicial affairs drafting social event policy and talks of risk management chair. VP of recruitment. One day event in spring for each chapter to formally meet. VP Public relations, writing letters and wounded warrior PROJECT. IFC Man of the Month submissions. Phi Mu Alpha presented to join IFC to exec and then tomorrow at Council. Greek weekend planning starting. IFC 10 people away from being largest in ten years.
- XIV. Advisor's Remark
  - a. Important discussions of Title IX with Barbara Waddell tonight. Exciting to see Its on Us Campaign. Level of engagement saw that many people understand what happens and issues of sexual misconduct. Think about ways to better engage. Appreciate to attention to that. No USG next week. Question: Where are Harry and Charlie?
- XV. Closing Remarks
  - a. Brand new Senators see Kasie right afterward.
- XVI. Adjournment
  - a. Chair Oehler Motion to Adjourn.

- b. Second by Senator Racette.
- c. Meeting Adjourned at 8:54 pm