

USG General Assembly Meeting

The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly

On This Day, 2/24/2014

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
 - a. Mr. Rodrigo Patterson – TOMS Campus Club
 - i. I am the President and founder of TOMS campus club. Wanted to talk about what Toms does, how you can help.
 - ii. Please see attached.
 1. The absence of a shoe started it all. There are 250 clubs total internationally.
 2. That kind of sums up what TOMS is all about. Shoes improve health, education.
 3. Sight affects work, family, school, and life. Every time you buy a pair of glasses, one person is helped. Trains local volunteers are taught to screen for eye problems.
 4. Since 2006, they have given 10 million pairs of shoes. They do give in the US, around 13 states.
 5. I'd love for your support. His first book is about starting something that matter to you. Finding your story, facing your fears. Just started a foundation, sales of the book will go to the start something that matters foundation.
 6. World Water day is March 21st. Join us. One thing we're doing at Dance Marathon is a flash mob. We meet every other meeting, our next meeting is March 4th.
 7. One day without shoes is on April 22, 2014. We want to hang out with organizations, want you guys to come out to that. You can make a difference locally. Every event we do adopts that 1:1 policy. We sold 70 shoes, gave 100 to the local shelter.
- VI. Lobby Time
 - a. Elizabeth Witter- GSS
 - i. My name is Elizabeth Witter, and I am a graduate senator at-large. We co-authored a bill that.... The goal of this bill is to promote undergraduate research.

The goal is to have undergraduate students present at the Shanklin Colloquium. We think this would be a great opportunity for undergraduate students to be in a safe, controlled environment. When it was presented in GA, it was tabled due to time.

1. Questions

- a. VP Neely- What would be the process for students to present their research?
 - i. Witter- There is a way to submit your presentations on the GSS website. Reviewed by the colloquium staff.
Deadline
- b. VP Neely-What assistance would you be looking for from our body?
 - i. Witter- We are not seeking any sort of promotion at this time. If it is passed, we would like you to pass it on to your constituents.
- c. Puffenberger-Is the research just science, or is it other disciplines?
 - i. Witter- We have them in 3 categories. Arts & humanities, Social sciences, and then STEM. I do want to mention that there are 3 different types of events. You can present research papers, poster presentation, and a creative presentation event.
- d. Juzkiw- Is there an original reason why undergraduates were discluded?
 - i. Witter-Originally started as an award. Mr. Shanklin specifically targeted graduate students. GSS decided to have the colloquium. Thought this might be a great opportunity for undergraduate students, another forum for them?
- e. Juzkiw- Would it be helpful to have an undergraduate presence there next week?
 - i. Witter- We do have Nic Puccio there, and he had some input.

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

- a. S.R. 2013/2014-05 – Nadia Oehler, Aeden Timbrook, and Ted Tzraska
 - i. Oheler- So you all should have gotten this with the agenda. I think if we just read through it, it's pretty self-explanatory.

- ii. Please see attached.
- iii. Initial Reactions
 - 1. Puccio- When I went to GSS, they already passed a resolution in support of this fee. Would be a great effort.
 - 2. Durkit- I want to congratulate you all. You present all aspects of the services.
 - 3. Juzkiw- Again, great job. Us as a senate need to educate the constituency with the “why”. Everyone should have the facts presented by Mr. Fleming. Need to work on educating all the constituencies.

IX. Executive Branch Reports

- a. President – Alex Solis asolis@bgsu.edu
 - i. Good evening everyone. I have a handful of updates. Just want to echo Chair Durkit, thank the senators who worked on the Student Legal Services bill.
 - ii. State of the State
 - 1. Day-long conference on diversity and inclusion. I’ve received 0 interest.
 - iii. Board of Trustees
 - 1. Met at the Firelands Campus. President Mazey gave some updates on the Accenture Report, approved capital projects.
 - iv. State House Visit
 - 1. April 2nd. Ethan Byrum will be coordinating that.
- b. Vice President – David Neely dneely@bgsu.edu
 - i. Please RSVP to the banquet. That is the end of the year banquet in room 308, April 14th.
 - ii. Standing Committees
 - 1. Are now full. You should be hearing from your chairs soon.
 - iii. Nominations
 - 1. Due by this Friday. We will just be focusing on the internal awards to USG. Executive Committee of the year, Cabinet member award of the year, and senator of the year awards.
 - iv. Dick Sipp
 - 1. We discussed how the Affordable Care Act will be increasing the student health insurance premium. Will scan the paperwork they gave us.
 - 2. The falcon health center is looking to open a ready-care unit for the weekend, open to the community and students.
 - v. Questions
 - 1. Webb—On the falcon Health Center, they are looking at evening hours. It was not just weekends.
 - 2. Ladden- Have those hours been set?

a. Not yet.

c. Cabinet Reports

i. Director of Strategic Planning- Nicole Neely

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1. We have 3 main points that we are focusing on.
2. Going to be going over the goals of the strategic plan. Will be asking for legislation to support this. Asking for legislation because these are the goals that the university runs on

3. Questions

a. Juzkiw- Are we looking to make those [co-ops or internships] required for all majors?

i. Neely- We're in the starting stages at the moment.

1. Juzkiw- Seems a little superfluous for some majors.

X. Procedures and Appeals Reports

a. Chief Administrator – Danielle Parker

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i. We have one more info session this Wednesday in Olscamp 106. Please let me know if you cannot make it. I would love to see all of you there.

ii. Questions

1. Huggins- I'll be there.

XI. Treasurer's Report

a. Treasurer – Ebonee Johnson

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i. Hi everybody. Very quick report today. The state house visit is awesome. Met with legislators, alumni.

ii. Annual funding is finally over, the SBC's portion. I would love everyone to give props to Alex and Greg to their contributions to SBC. Our portion of the process is over. Our recommendations have been sent to Jodi. She will review them, groups will receive their budget after Spring Break. They will see an appeal process in the info packet, if they are not happy with their budget.

iii. I have submitted my budget to Alex and David. Will submit it to Jodi by Monday.

XII. Speaker's Report

a. Speaker of the Senate – Katie Post

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i. First off, I want to echo what Chief Administrator Parker said. You have a month and a half before the election section. You can't run without this info session. I would love to see the continuity of this senate.

ii. Moonball is tonight. There are a few of us playing. If you haven't gotten a waver yet, please see me.

XIII. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs – Kasie Durkit durkitk@bgsu.edu
 - i. Film Major
 - 1. Breaking the major into film production, and film studies.
 - ii. Documentary
 - 1. New minor. If you are interested, this is the final capstone of the documentary major.
 - iii. Business Education
 - 1. Changing the name to Business and Marketing Education. In the business college, loses that business prefix. It's actually Education and Workforce Development. First time the phrase has been used on campus. "We're trying to be like the trend-setting colleges"
 - iv. Deaf/Hard-of-Hearing Education
 - 1. This major no longer exists. Having success with earpieces, such a decline in this major. Also having a hard time placing students.
 - v. Posthumous Degree Policy
 - 1. Last meeting, we went back to the drawing board. What was written was if a student was in their last year of studies, they can undergo review. went back to the drawing board. If you would like to hear the revisions, please talk to me.
 - vi. Academic Affairs
 - 1. Meeting tonight in 308.
 - vii. Questions
 - 1. Dudek- Are those changes active for Fall of 2014?
 - a. Durkit- Yes.
- b. Auxiliary Affairs – Matt Mazur mmazur@bgsu.edu
 - i. Meetings
 - 1. PCC meeting Thursday. Also have not met with Accenture group yet.
 - ii. AA's Role
 - 1. Right now, feels like an add-on. I'm really interested in [reaching out]. Auxiliary used to be interested in reaching out. That suggestion really hit me. Would be a great role for the committee. Reaching out to different organizations. Will continue to review that.
 - iii. Spirit at the University
 - 1. Timbrook made some progress with Ziggy Points and Falcon Fridays.
 - iv. Mentoring
 - 1. I would really like to see a formal mentoring program in USG. We lost a lot of senators, will continue to work on this.
 - v. Questions

1. Juzkiw-The organizational outreach committee used to serve that role.
 2. Solis- Auxiliary Affairs moved from outreach to AA my freshman year. Student Affairs takes that role of outreach. Other university operations that could be served by a committee.
 3. Solis- Has AROC met?
 - a. Yes. We've made progress on most opportunities. We haven't met a second time. Not sure where we've moved since there. Should be meeting in the last week or two.
- c. Internal Affairs – Eric Juzkiw ejuzkiw@bgsu.edu
- i. Internal Affairs Chair
 1. Let me know if you're interested.
 - ii. Green Fund Committee
 1. I will need to step down, I have a class conflict. Will be working on this.
 - iii. Harry and Charley
 1. Oheler- I'd like this to go to Nicole Neely.
 2. Janczarek - Will be going to Ebonee Johnson for working so hard.
- d. Student Affairs – Nic Puccio npuccio@bgsu.edu
- i. Colloquium
 1. When I went to GSS, I was pretty vocal about this. I think this is a great idea to move forward on. The undergrads represented would receive a certificate, 1st, 2nd, 3rd. Since we do have a large budget, I was thinking about allocating funds to the undergraduate winners.
 - a. Juzkiw- Part of the idea of this is for the professional development. I don't think it's a bad idea, but I don't think it's absolutely necessary.
 2. As undergraduates, we have our own shows and awards. There are monetary prizes as it stands. I'm comfortable enough for certificates. Already getting recognition at a higher level. I've also thrown around the idea that if they open it up to us, we can open up ours to graduate students.
 - a. Witter- The bill actually states that the participants will receive a certificate of participation. No first, second, or third at this time. Helps to improve, or promote their research.
 - ii. Standing Committees
 1. Student Affairs met last week. I have a new packet on student code of conduct. If you want to take a look at that, please send me an e-mail.
 - iii. Diversity Fest

1. We are looking at April 15th from 11AM to 3 PM. We are looking at a collaboration with the NOIT campaign.
- iv. Motion to extend time by 5 minutes
 1. So moved by Senator Dettrow
 - a. Seconded by Puffenberger
- v. Committee
 1. Meeting in 308 after GA.
- vi. Questions
 1. Huggins- Will will be discussing that packet in our meeting?
 - a. We can.

XIV. Senator Reports

- a. Timbrook- I had a meeting concerning Ziggy Points and Falcon Fridays. It's likely we'll be able to see progress before the end of the semester. Collaboration between Ziggy Points and Falcon Fridays.
- b. Dudek- Awareness day happening next Wednesday March 5th. "Spread the word to end the word". This started in 2009. Campaign that's really affected me. Hold a national awareness day. I wanted to hold an event this year. I have union tables March 5th from 11-3. This would be just awareness, will have the official banner. There's a giant space to for people to sign. Might be nice to hang in the USG office. Furthermore, I wanted to order t-shirts. They are \$15 each, portion goes to the special Olympics. I kind of made the informal agreement that if anyone wants a shirt, I will pay the other 5, if you spend 10. Wristbands are only 1 if you are interested, I will pay the other dollar.
- c. Puffenberger- I would like to do an initiative for a non-traditional student newsletter. If you are interested in that kind of project, I'd be really happy to work with someone on this initiative.

XV. Advisor's Remarks

- a. I wanted to provide a couple of updates. I want folks to keep in mind that this spring, Our May commencement is going to have a record number of students. We have some additional logistical issues. 790 students for the Friday night, 615, 742 Saturday night. For undergraduates, they will receive 6 tickets. They'll need to plan accordingly. We will have very full ceremonies.
- b. In today's campus update, there is info on being a commencement volunteer. Send well wishes, help out on campus.
- c. It's the season of nominations and applications. I guess I've seen participation is lower than usual. I would encourage you to take advantage of all the awards and opportunities that come up. Continue to promote those opportunities.

XVI. Closing Remarks

- a. Solis- Just a reminder, members involved with the AROC groups, please keep updating us. Cabinet tonight.
- b. Juzkiw- This is the most momentum I've seen in a while. Keep this momentum into next year.
- c. Durkit- A huge congrats to Speaker Post on her new position with Goodyear.
- d. Puffenburger- We have a meeting on Thursday 6:30 Olscamp 227.
- e. Dudek- The papers are over in the corner. Please look at them.

XVII. Adjournment

- a. The chair entertains a motion to adjourn.
 - i. So moved by Senator Henry
 - 1. Seconded by Senator St. Peter.