

# USG General Assembly Meeting

The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly

On This Day, 2/3/2014

Room 308 BTSU

(Business Casual Attire Meeting)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Swearing in of New Officers
  - a. Greg Harrison- Diversity Affairs Senator
    - i. Questions
      1. Puccio- What are some projects that you would like to get done in USG?
        - a. Harris- I'm really passionate about civic engagement. Getting students involved in the voting process.
    - b. All officers were sworn in.
- V. Open Forum
  - a. Ms. Meagan Jones, Ms Carrie DiVicenzo & Ms. Nicole Birt – Dance Marathon
    - i. Birt- Has anyone heard of dance marathon? We fundraise for Mercy Children's Hospital, and the Miracle Network
    - ii. Jones- This is the first year Dance Marathon will be called Ziggython. It's a great opportunity to stand for 32 hours, for those that can't. We want to raise 500,000 dollars this year, with 500 dancers.
    - iii. DiVicenzo- We need tons of people. One of the roles is a dancer. Dancers need to raise \$100. If you're not ready to make the commitment, you can be a moraler. You work two 8-hour shifts, help support the dancers. We also need security, and other different things. Just check out our page. Also, if you're a dancer, the more money you get, you have more incentives.
    - iv. Birt- The event will be in the Field House this year. We have papers up here for you. On the back, we have info on how to sign up. We have our information on the top, if you want us to do it for you. April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. There is a \$25 dollar fee, use promo code BGDM to waive the fee. Make sure you sign up under USG, on the Yellow Team
    - v. Jones- BGDM 19 on twitter, BGDM\_YellowTeam. Instagram: BGSUDanceMarathon. Trying to get Ellen Degeneres to come out.
      1. #BGDMNeedsEllen
    - vi. Questions

1. Billings- Why did you choose Ellen as the celebrity?
  - a. Birt- She provides miracles for so many different causes, she loves kids, and she loves to dance.
2. Harris- On average, how many student dancers do you get to participate?
  - a. DiVincenzo-200-300. We already have 200 signed up.
- vii. Birt- DM is not just a Greek thing. We would love if all of BG were there. “This is the New Year”.

VI. Lobby Time

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

IX. Executive Branch Reports

a. President – Alex Solis

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i. Good evening everyone.

ii. A&S

1. I want to thank the representatives that gave feedback. The feedback was well received. Is on its way to SEC.

iii. Accenture

1. Want to take a minute to familiarize yourself with our undergraduate involvement. This week is pretty crucial. The president is hosting an open forum for each working group. These are opportunities for the community to track their progress. They listed the times and locations in the Campus Update. Open Forums will happen periodically over the next year and a half.

- a. Amir Huggins, Education Platform
- b. Amanda Dortch- Research & Advancement
- c. Nicole Neely- Student Services
- d. Amy Puffenburger- Employee & Benefits
- e. Matt Mazur- Facility & Auxiliary affairs
- f. Brian Kochheiser- Core Administration

iv. Padfolios

1. I want to thank Matt Mazur for organizing that.

v. State of the State

1. Diversity conference happening March 20<sup>th</sup>. 3 USG members offered to volunteered. If you are interested in that, please contact me.
2. If you want to attend the conference, the cost is \$30 dollars, we can work with you on getting that covered.

3. If you do have the time available, it's a great opportunity, looking to sponsor you.
- vi. Virginia Tech
    1. We have a past Senator who is the Student Government Advisor down at Virginia Tech. Want to do a visit, do some idea sharing. We are getting into initial talks. I'll be happy to keep you updated. Once we have details, if you want to be involved, feel free to contact Brian [Kochheiser].
  - b. Vice President – David Neely [dneely@bgsu.edu](mailto:dneely@bgsu.edu)
    - i. Standing Committees
      1. They are committees that meet year-round, chaired by a member of Faculty Senate. Every facet is covered. If you see a blank, please sign up. Each senator is required to have one. 12 openings.
    - ii. Nominations
      1. Templates sent out last week. If you could return those to me by the end of the month. By next meeting, I should have a date.
    - iii. Career Fair
      1. February 11<sup>th</sup>. Great opportunity.
  - c. Cabinet Reports
    - i. Director of Marketing & Communication- Michelle Wysocki [mwysock@bgsu.edu](mailto:mwysock@bgsu.edu)
      1. I've created a flyer to market USG. Will be printed in the next week. Please distribute these throughout the campus. [Candidates] must attend an info session. Will send this out as a PDF after the meeting.
- X. Procedures and Appeals Reports
- a. Chief Administrator – Danielle Parker [dnparker@bgsu.edu](mailto:dnparker@bgsu.edu)
    - i. Solis- Are parking appeals up to date?
      1. Parker-Yes. Have done about 800 of them. Now the batches are down to 20.
- XI. Treasurer's Report
- a. Treasurer – Ebonee Johnson [eboneej@bgsu.edu](mailto:eboneej@bgsu.edu)
    - i. As of today, Orgs are able to sign up for annual funding times. Please be patient.
    - ii. Budget
      1. Currently working on this. Submitting a draft proposal by February 17<sup>th</sup>. Would like a focus group. There are some things that should be talked about. There are legitimate concerns, open throughout this process.
- XII. Speaker's Report
- a. Speaker of the Senate – Katie Post [kpost@bgsu.edu](mailto:kpost@bgsu.edu)

- i. Standing Committees
  - 1. These are really important. They're pretty fun. You get all kinds of goodies.
- ii. Senator Reports
  - 1. Due Friday, the 7<sup>th</sup>. Sent one out today. If you don't send it in this month, you will have an extra office hour to complete.
- iii. Dinner
  - 1. It was ~~a raving good time~~. It was just fun.
- iv. Dance Marathon
  - 1. It's my goal to join this semester. Please get involved if you can.
- v. ~~Chi Omega Moonball~~
  - 1. ~~"Don't have to have a shrink ray to get the moon here".~~
  - 2. ~~\_\_\_\_\_ Ohio Chapter of the Make A Wish foundation.~~
  - 3. ~~6 on 6 team, \$25 dollars. Please let me know if you're interested in that.~~
- vi. Questions
  - 1. St. Peter- When is this?
    - a. February 24<sup>th</sup> 8:30-11:30, in the Stroh.

### XIII. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs – Kasie Durkit [durkitk@bgsu.edu](mailto:durkitk@bgsu.edu)
  - i. Last Lecture
    - 1. Last year, Dr. Danziger gave "the Last Lecture", based on Randy Posh's book. Based on the premise of "what would you say, if this was the last lecture you'd ever give." Danziger had been here for 40+ years. Dr. Heath Diehl is giving a last lecture, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 7PM in the theater. Hope to see you there.
  - ii. AA
    - 1. No meeting tonight. I have a pretty good fever tonight.
  - iii. Questions
    - 1. Harris- Is this free to the public?
      - a. Yes.
- b. Auxiliary Affairs – Matt Mazur [mmazur@bgsu.edu](mailto:mmazur@bgsu.edu)
  - i. PCC
    - 1. Just to clarify, the first step of the PCC was to complete the survey. Worked with Sightlined. Moving on to the next step, Climate Action Plan. That's something that we just started. Everyone on the PCC has split into subgroups.
      - a. Climate Action Plan reevaluated every 2-3 years.

2. I am currently trying to work on composting. 21% of our emissions come from solid waste, a large portion of that is food. I think we can do this, do really well.
- ii. Geothermal
    1. Currently looking into using Geothermal energy. Hired a company to do an evaluation. When it comes to the electricity, we're locked into a contract with the city, comprises 50% of our emissions. It's a really solid green energy source, can use it 100%.
  - iii. Auxiliary Affairs
    1. Meeting tonight.
  - iv. Questions
    1. Solis- When it comes to PCC, are they accounting for Capital Projects?
      - a. Mazur- Yes. We have to account for renovations that will increase our footprint. What we're trying to look at is to look at better regulations for temperatures. There are a lot of policies being considered.
    2. Durkit- What is the current life expectancy of the buildings?
      - a. Mazur- I don't really have a clear-cut answer. Varies on the building. That's something that I can ask.
- c. Internal Affairs – Eric Juzkiw [ejuzkiw@bgsu.edu](mailto:ejuzkiw@bgsu.edu)
- i. Office Hours
    1. Much better. Keep up the good work. Check the list, if you have a deficit, please try to knock it out.
  - ii. IA
    1. Will be meeting. Working on archiving all the things in the filing cabinets. You're more than welcome to come.
  - iii. Harry & Charley
    1. Durkit- This week, Charley goes to Speaker Post.
    2. Huggins- Harry goes to Chief of Staff Kochhieser.
- d. Student Affairs – Nic Puccio [npuccio@bgsu.edu](mailto:npuccio@bgsu.edu)
- i. Student Affairs Standing Committee
    1. First meeting of the semester will be Wednesday, will have an update.
  - ii. Diversity Fest
    1. My counterpart, Erin Baker, and I are planning a Diversity Fest. We envision renting out a large space, sort of like Campus Fest, but focusing on Diversity. Purpose is to promote diversity, educate those in the different cultural backgrounds, differences in our culture. Currently forming a committee to plan this. Purpose of the committee is to bounce

ideas off of. Every member will have a responsibility. Shooting for the end of April.

iii. Rec Center Survey

1. Senator Huggins is running a survey for Rec Center hours.

iv. BGDM

1. This will be my first year with Dance Marathon.

v. Student Affairs

1. Keep up the good work. Having a great semester, and a great year.
2. No committee meeting.

XIV. Senator Reports

- a. Myers- Tall Cuts, The Johnny Lewis Foundation. Johnny Lewis was once the USG president. Thursday at 8:30PM, Multipurpose room. You can pay to cut or dye my hair. You have the chance to win an iPad mini.

i. Questions

1. Huggins- Would USG like to support this?

b. Harris

- i. I want to let everyone know that Broadway Cares is this weekend, Saturday and Sunday. There is a silent auction. You can see me and Chair Juzkiw perform.

- ii. Juzkiw- It is free admission, but we do accept donations.

c. Post- Might not be able to do Chi Omega moonball

d. Johnson- Dining Advisory Board was last Friday. Senator Oehler covered for me.

i. Dining's Website

1. You can add events straight to your calendar.

ii. Vegan Station Concept

1. Hopes to open by next fall

iii. Valentine's Day Fest

1. Carillon

2. Oaks.

iv. Project Clean Plate

1. 3<sup>rd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>. Will make a donation in the name of the location with the most waste reduction.

v. Pinkberry

1. Moving. By next fall, will be moving to where the Sweet Shoppe is. Sweet shoppe products will be in the Outtakes.

vi. Sundial

1. Dining's at a point when they need help. They want to know what they are looking for in the Sundial. They are hosting Focus Groups. I highly

encourage you to participate. Wednesday, Feb 5<sup>th</sup> Carrilon, Thursday Feb 5<sup>th</sup>  
10 Am, Friday 11:45 Carrilon,

vii. Questions

1. Huggins- Is Brinner set in stone to be at Carrilon?
  - a. Yes.

XV. Advisor's Remarks

- a. There is a process as you're making reservations, there is a form to fill out. Some of the hesitancy is that some items may not be donated. Must be low-risk.
- b. Michelle and Danielle have been working hard on elections. I would just say, don't lose sight of the fact that you thought it was important to open it up to the campus community. Please do your part, I hope all of you who are able to come back, remain involved in USG.
- c. Thank you to the 6 students who are a part of the Accenture groups. I hope that all of you keep us posted. Let us know what we can do to support you.
- d. I want to thank Danielle for getting caught up on appeals. I am so grateful to have Parking not calling me unhappy.
- e. As leadership opportunities come up, I will always share those with you. Please share them with your constituency.

XVI. Closing Remarks

- a. Puccio- I just want to end GA with a few short statements. Be a Leader, Be a Friend, Be of Service.
- b. Durkit- Valentine's Day is coming up. I'm going to put a valentines box in the office.
- c. Neely- Please fill out the nomination forms I e-mailed you. If I don't have a reason as to why you nominated them, it makes it difficult to vote.
  - i. Dudek- Can you nominate yourself?
    1. Yes.

XVII. Adjournment

- a. The Chair entertains a motion to adjourn.
  - i. So moved by Senator Henry
    1. Seconded by Senator Dudek