

USG General Assembly Meeting

The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly
On This Day, 3/17/2014
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
 - a. Dakota Elfers- Offenhauer Senator
 - i. I am a AYA major. Phi Kappa Psi member.
 - ii. Questions
 1. Durkit- Why did you want to join USG?
 - a. Want to make a difference, be heard?
 2. Juzkiw- Are you planning on continuing in USG next semester?
 - a. I'm looking into it.
 - b. All officers were sworn in.
- V. Open Forum
 - a. Ms. Erin Baker – Graduate Student Senate (GSS)
 - i. Hi everyone, thank you for letting us join you tonight.
 - ii. Ritter- Tonight, we would like to talk to you about the Bring your Own Laptop Initiative.
 - iii. Please see attached.
 1. Ritter- He had some data that students have up to 4 internet capable-devices. How many of you use use a tablet or phone exclusively? [No hands raised]
 2. Baker- How many of you are familiar with Pell Grants. They are a funding source for low-income students. Provides a lot of opportunities. 70 computers reserved. Claimed that 7 were used.
 3. Ritter- There were claims in his proposal that USG and GSS supported this initiative already.
 4. If the computer lab is not used for instructional purposes, they would be cut. All students must bring an internet-capable device
 5. Baker- He plans to cut down on them [PELL Grant programs] significantly.

6. Ritter- We have several concerns about how this initiative will affect students, and the education at BGSU.
7. Baker- How many of you are applying for grad school? In a regular week, I use 5 different packages. Each package would cost about 1,000. About 8,000, I don't have that kind of money. In this initiative, students can use their tablets as their laptops. How many of you do this? [No hands raised].
8. Baker- Considering these [PELL Grant students] are already coming in under-serviced, huge problem. Asked how many PELL Grant students were turned down. Most students did not know it was an option.
9. Ritter- We have some concerns with the data that is currently accessible. Sometimes you might have difficulty connecting to the internet. The university uses Qizbox, many students have issues.
10. Ritter- We have a screenshot of the survey that we sent out to all BGSU students.
11. Baker- This survey was sent out in response to the letter we sent to John, in regards to the initiative. The questions are written in a way that can be used to support this initiative. The questions aren't written in a way that will allow them to use that data. The questions are not aimed at understanding the BGSU network usage, but general usage.
12. Ritter- The SEC of GSS made a letter in response to meeting with John Ellinger, and his initial proposal. When we brought this letter to him, it was ignored. We have not received a response. We are trying to get another meeting with him, discuss the survey design, talk about the future plans of the Bring Your Own Laptop initiative. Both of us are instructors, we care about our students. We ask that you come with us, to discuss this issue.
13. Baker- We're here to ask and answer questions, address some concerns.

iv. Questions

1. Neely- Where did you get your information from? How did you compile your counter-argument?

- a. Baker- I teach statistics to undergraduates. We asked how he came up with his data, asked specifics. Asked how the numbers were produced.
 - b. Ritter- I took graduate level courses in survey design. I see many design flaws.
 - 2. Neely- It's not so much the data that you disagree with, it is how he got it/where he got it.
 - a. Baker- Yes.
- v. Motion to extend time by 10 minutes
 - 1. So moved by Chair Juzkiw
 - a. Seconded by Senator Billings
- vi. Questions
 - 1. Billings- I am an MIS student, I've seen multiple labs full before.
 - a. Baker- Grad students use this software all the time. The Grad lab in the psychology building, there's at least 2 people in there at all times. I'm not saying all labs are that way. Also, I would like to bring up that this [reduction of labs] has started already.
 - 2. Billings- I'm curious what they are going to do with the new computers. Labs just got new computers.
 - a. Baker- I don't know. Don't know if that was addressed.
 - 3. Juzkiw- If we are opposed to this, we should get some case study examples. Any time they would have needed a specific computer.
 - a. Ritter- Many of you have written papers in this lab. Just think, some of these labs may be taken away. That's something to think about. If you use these labs to complete homework, think about this.
 - 4. Mazur- You said they were trying to get rid of non-academic labs. I believe he said that key labs will be preserved. Big ones will be saved, those with specialized technology.
 - a. Baker- I don't have it specifically in writing. This was a direct quote.
 - 5. Mazur- I'm unclear as to how this plays out. Before I give an opinion, I want to know what I'm saying. I think he plans to liquidate the assets.

- a. Baker- We asked if with these sales, they could help students out [financially]. He said no.

VI. Lobby Time

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

- a. S.R. 2013/2014-07 – Amir Huggins, Eric Juzkiw, Lucis Ladden
 - i. Juzkiw- Hi gang. This is a senate resolution in response to Director Neely's presentation on the Strategic Plan. There are methods we can use to support this.
 - ii. Please see attached.
 - iii. Initial Reactions
 1. Juzkiw- Friendly amendment. Line 19. Strike the word "using"
 2. Director Neely- I thank you all for writing this. I think this is super important that this passes. Pretty crucial to what we do here.

IX. Executive Branch Reports

- a. President – Alex Solis asolis@bgsu.edu
 - i. No report.
- b. Vice President – David Neely dneely@bgsu.edu
 - i. Good evening everyone. President Solis got stuck at home.
 - ii. I hope everyone's spring break went well.
 - iii. Banquet
 1. Sent out an RSVP sheet. Let me know if you want to go, and your name is not on there.
 - iv. Standing Committees
 1. Please send me an e-mail on your standing committee; whether it has met, what is discusses.
 - v. Presentation
 1. If what they said doesn't sit well with you, please reach out to them, meet with the CIO. Really crucial to have USG involvement. I don't want to say they are completely accurate, but the huge time gap there.
- c. Cabinet Reports
 - i. Chief of Staff- Brian Kochheiser briantk@bgsu.edu
 1. Jeff Bowman is coming in. Collaboration with USG. Wednesday 7PM, olscamp 101. They're looking for volunteers, sign-up sheet going around. people there at 6.
 2. Question
 - a. Huggins- Is it possible to get double ziggy points for volunteering and attending?
 - i. No. You will get an external office hour.

b. Timbrook- It's only a single event, can only get one set of points.

X. Procedures and Appeals Reports

- a. Chief Administrator – Danielle Parker dnparker@bgsu.edu
i. No report.

XI. Treasurer's Report

- a. Treasurer – Ebonee Johnson eboneej@bgsu.edu
i. Student organizations have been notified of their allocated funds. Appeals must be in to Dean Webb by March 25th at 5PM. Myself and the Graduate co-chair have gotten e-mails about discussion. We're happy to explain why decisions were made.

XII. Speaker's Report

- a. Speaker of the Senate – Katie Post kpost@bgsu.edu
i. Next week, Chair Bryan of the Board of Trustees is coming in next week. E-mail questions to me by Wednesday.
ii. Next week's meeting will be Business Formal.
iii. Senator reports will be due on Saturday at 5PM. I will send you my senator report tonight. This will be the last senator report of the semester. Will list accomplishments for the month and year, and goals for next month, and next year. Give the new speaker perspective, where we've been, where we're going.
iv. In committees, I want you to talk about what you liked about this year, what you didn't like. This will help us going forward, having feedback. You make a huge impact here.

XIII. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs – Kasie Durkit durkitk@bgsu.edu
i. No report. No committee meeting.
b. Auxiliary Affairs – Matt Mazur mmazur@bgsu.edu
i. No report. Meeting for a few minutes.
c. Internal Affairs – Eric Juzkiw ejuzkiw@bgsu.edu
i. No report.
ii. Kochheiser- Harry will be going to Director Wysocki.
iii. Janzarek- I would like to give it [Charley] to Vice President Neely.
d. Student Affairs – Nic Puccio npuccio@bgsu.edu
i. No report.

XIV. Senator Reports

- a. Ladden- Just in case you're in the dark about the homecoming themes, they are "Just cant' hide the pride", "BGSU: Where your story began, orange you're glad you're a falcon, Once a Falcon, Always a Falcon. If you want to do a get together for Homecoming, please talk to Chris.

- b. Durkit- I am thinking about organizing a philanthropy. Doing it closer to memorial day. 1 hour workout session. If you're interested, would love to get your feedback.

XV. Advisor's Remarks

- a. I know that I'm preaching to the choir here, but we have a small group here. Some of you will be transitioning out of the role you're in, some are coming back. I think it's important to stay focused on your USG work. There's a lot of big issues pending on campus. A lot happening in regards to positive changes. I don't want us as an organization to lose steam in the next few weeks. We have a trustee coming to this meeting, does not happen often. She really reached out, hear from all of you. We have speakers coming with important initiatives. There are key issues we need to move on with. Your voice is really important.

XVI. Closing Remarks

- a. Johnson- One thing I forgot to mention was that we meet with administrators regarding SBC policies, allocations. If you hate annual funding, or spot funding, this is the time for us to gather that information. Talks to discuss how to change the process, if we need to change the process. Will be sending out e-mails. There's only so much outreach a person could do. Let us know what they're expecting.
- b. Juzkiw- I've been working for the Vocal Director for a musical "All Shook Up". Great recruitment opportunity. Would be great to have some USG presence there.
- c. Durkit- If you know any veterans that would be interested in helping out, please let me know. There's some really great boot camp workouts out there. Proceeds would go to the Wounded Warrior project.
- d. [Dudek]- Thank you to everyone who participated in Spread the Word to End the Word. It was a huge success.

XVII. Adjournment

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