

# USG General Assembly Meeting

The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly

On This Day, 9/8/14

Room 202B BTSU @ 7:30pm  
(Business Casual Attire Meeting)

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Approved
- IV. Swearing in of New Officers
  - a. Kyle Vandevort- Senator At-Large
  - b. Jeff Devereaux- MGC Senator
  - c. Abby Wasseman- Panhellenic Senator
  - d. Kailee McAfee- Centennial Senator
  - e. Michele Tanke-Juska- Senator At-Large
  - f. Richard Racette- Senator At-Large
  - g. Danielle Parker- Chief of Staff
  - h. Chief Administrator- Bryant Miesle
- V. Open Forum
  - a. Councilman Daniel Gordon:
    - i. His Responsibilities:
      1. Represent all citizens in 1<sup>st</sup> Ward.
      2. Propose and pass laws to serve the public interest.
      3. Constituent services.
      4. Presides over meetings if the Council President is absent.
      5. Community outreach.
      6. Chairs the Community Improvement Committee and serves on Transportation and Safety & Parks and Recreation Committees.
    - ii. Ridge Park:
      1. First new public park in the history of the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward
    - iii. City-University Relations Commission:
      1. Goal is to improve student/resident relations and to provide students with leadership opportunities.
    - iv. Neighborhood Revitalization meetings:
      1. Held to improve quality of life in Wards 1 & 2.
    - v. Students currently serve on four public bodies in the city:
      1. City-University Relations Commission

2. Bicycle Safety Commission
  3. Transportation Advisory Committee
  4. Human Relations Commission
- vi. Neighborhood Association:
1. Would like to see students more involved in this association to help build a better relationship with the community.
- vii. Current Initiatives:
1. Ridge Park Community Fundraising:
    - a. Fundyourpark.org live this week! This park will need funding from the community. Spread the word via: Twitter, Facebook, and other media outlets.
    - b. Service Day—Friday, Sept 12, 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; contact Kristie [Kristie.peek@unitedwaywoodcounty.org](mailto:Kristie.peek@unitedwaywoodcounty.org)
  2. Master Plan Update:
    - a. Final public hearing likely on 9/15. Important because it will determine what Bowling Green will look like in 5-10 years' time. Meeting will begin at 6 p.m. in public library atrium. [See PowerPoint for the draft plan]
  3. Bike lanes, neighborhood clean-up:
    - a. Looking for students interested in working on these!
  4. East Wooster Street Signs:
    - a. City letter has been sent out to residents asking to not put up signs that are damaging and hurtful. There has been a student protest against these sign. City felt like it would draw more attention to these signs if they participated. This is important for the commission to look at. Will be looking at USG and GSS to help work on these issues. Keep in mind that some signs DO violate city ordinances.
- viii. Contact Information:
1. Cell: (419)-450-2164
  2. E-mail: [gordonforcitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:gordonforcitycouncil@gmail.com)
- ix. Questions:
1. Senator Wood: When will the Ridgewood fundraiser end?
    - a. Goal is \$80k, and is hoping this will not take longer than six months. About half way there to reaching goal. City is

hoping to add more parks, but will need public funding.

City wants to make the city welcoming to all residents and students.

2. Chair Puffenberger: How is the city informing non-traditional students about sidewalk changes?
  - a. City passed a revision. Technically speaking, sidewalk repairs are the burden of property owners. There is a program that if the city deems a sidewalk is in bad condition they (the city) can cover portion of the cost to get it repaired.
3. Senator Ungemach: Any resources to make BG students aware of?
  - a. Cheap taxi and public transportation through BG Transit, encourages students to explore downtown Bowling Green, attend council meetings and town events.
4. Senator Senn: Is there a plan to boost aide for small business or create a small business shop center?
  - a. Yes! Many suggestions to boost local business. As more “big buck” stores come to Bowling Green, small local business will lose money. Please shop at local businesses to help the community and boost local economy.

VI. Lobby Time

- a. None

VII. Old Business

- a. None

VIII. New Business

- a. Nominations and Elections for Internal Affairs Chair
  - i. Senator Ungemach and Senator Devereaux accept their nominations.
    1. Please welcome our new chair, Jeff Devereaux!

IX. Executive Branch Reports

- a. President – Brian Kochheiser [briantk@bgsu.edu](mailto:briantk@bgsu.edu)
  - i. Nike:
    1. Now a Nike, not Adidas School.
      - a. Why a Nike school?
        - i. More popular brand and has boosted our sales.
  - ii. Provost:

1. Retention is up to 79% which is up. Great job encouraging students to get involved!
  - iii. USG Conference:
    1. Held at Ball State. USG Budget will pay for it. This will be collaboration with other Student Governments to see how they work and what issues they are working on. Will take place Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Vice President – Nicole Neely [nneely@bgsu.edu](mailto:nneely@bgsu.edu)
    - i. Retreat:
      1. No more retreat this semester!
    - ii. Green Initiative:
      1. End of October; looking for rep to go to meeting September 11<sup>th</sup> at 2p.m.
    - iii. Standing Committees:
      1. Sent out the link with committees. Please sign up for a committee or two. EVERYONE must sign up for at least, but not limited to, one committee.
  - c. Cabinet Reports
    - i. City State Liaison Juzkiw:
      1. NIOT:
        - a. Wants to work with Not In Our Town. Meetings held once a month on Tuesdays 2-4p.m. There is a lot of potential for USG to get involved with campus climate.
      2. City University Commission:
        - a. Will be sitting on this Commission with Councilman Gordon. Give him ideas to bring to the meetings.
- X. Procedures and Appeals Reports
- a. None
- XI. Treasurer's Report [reecet@bgsu.edu](mailto:reecet@bgsu.edu)
- a. Budget:
    - i. Presenting budget on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. See Reece with questions you may have.
- XII. Speaker's Report
- a. Speaker of the Senate – Kasie Durkit [durkitk@bgsu.edu](mailto:durkitk@bgsu.edu)
    - i. New Senators:
      1. Orientation will take place after this meeting to get you acquainted with USG.
    - ii. Office Hours:
      1. May have a change with how we do office hours and senator reports. Please discuss these in your committees. Should be discussing potential

changes and how we can revamp/modernize the way we function in USG. We want to be the organization students know about.

iii. Vacancies:

1. 2 off-campus, 1 technology, 1 Health and Human Services, and 1 Diversity Affairs; Pending 1 IFC representative.

iv. President Mazey:

1. Will be here next Monday. Dress is BUSINESS FORMAL. Send Speaker Durkit with questions you may have for President Mazey.

XIII. Committee Reports

a. Academic Affairs – Amy Puffenberger

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- i. Meeting in BTSU 202B after General Assembly.

b. Auxiliary Affairs – Aeden Timbrook

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- i. Meeting after GA outside.

c. Internal Affairs – TBD

i. New Chair Devereaux:

1. Office hours start next week. May switch to OrgSynch to keep track of hours.
2. By law revisions are in progress.
3. Meeting in USG office after the meeting.
4. Harry and Charlie
  - a. Senator Mazur gets Harry.
  - b. Residence Life Liaison Janczarek gets Charlie.

d. Student Affairs – Nadia Oehler

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i. Green Fund:

1. Serving on that committee. Bring her any ideas you may have, such as: solar panels, educational 5k, etc.

ii. Dining Services:

1. Falcon Care Initiative where students can donate 1 meal plan swipe a per week to students in financial need. Students in need can get a 5 swipe card.
  - a. Meeting with departments to see which off-campus students will need this new service.

iii. Meeting in GSS office after General Assembly.

XIV. Senator Reports

a. Senator Senn:

- i. IFC:

1. Is offering a scholarship. Needs 2-3 Non-Greek members to review submissions as a non bias party to pick scholarship recipient.

XV. Advisor's Remarks

- a. Dean Jodi Webb

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- i. New Senators:

1. Let Dean Webb if you have any questions and how she can be of any assistance in helping you advance your initiatives.

XVI. Closing Remarks

- a. Speaker Durkit:

- i. Please have new senators wait after meeting for USG orientation.

XVII. Adjournment