

USG General Assembly Meeting

The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly

On This Day, 9/22/14

Room 308 BTSU @ 7:30pm

{Business Casual Attire}

- Call to Order
- Roll Call
- Approval of Minutes
 - Minutes stand approved.
- Swearing in of New Officers
 - Kaitlyn Yanda - Falcon Heights
 - Seth Bunbaugh - IFC
 - Khorey Katz - Founders Hall
 - Josh Watabe - Kohl Hall
- Open Forum
 - Associate Dean of Students and Director of Office of Campus Activities Chris Bullins
 - Thank you all for the opportunity to be here this evening and welcome back to all of you. I know the fall is underway and all of you are very busy, but I certainly appreciate the time that you take to represent your constituency and to do the good work of student government, so thank you all so much. My name is Chris Bullins and I serve as the associate Dean of Students at BG, I have been in this position, it will be 4 years actually next week, which does not seem possible. But I was asked to come and speak with you all just a little bit about some things and more specifically give you an update on Greek Housing Project and where we are, which I can assure you that many of the folks in this room are very engaged in that project and I appreciate all that they have done, and then I will take some questions. So, maybe on a personal note, I can start with, I am from Kentucky, I haven't lived there for 14 years, but the twang for some reason is still prevalent I think. I did my undergrad there, I did my Master's degree at BG, and then went to work at the University of Arizona

and the University of Florida and am now back and working on my PhD. Alright, so, a couple things, my position as Associate Dean of Students really involves the oversight of the Office of Campus Activities, which is a neighbor for many of you up on the fourth floor in room 401. I'm not going to read off the slides for you, I just want to pull some things together so that you can start to have an understanding of what Campus Activities is, what our mission statement is and some hallmarks of what it is we do. What most people remember are the 5 functional areas, so Student Organizations, and Major Events, Fraternity and Sorority Life, Parent and Family Programs, and Spirit Programs. And then also our campaign is the UBelong Initiative that you have seen the University marketing Ulearn Ugrow, Usucceed. Campus Activities really tries to hitch our mission statement and what we try to do around the idea of making students feel like they belong here. This org chart is way too small to see in the back, there are 22 of us in the office, a good number of grad students and a number of professional staff, all of us here to help all of you in any way that we can. But what are some of these areas that we talked about. Parent and family programs. Why is that Campus Activities and what do we do. We really think, and you probably know that the relationships between family and parents is key to the success of a student in college. We want a parent to know that sending their child to BG is the right choice. We want families to have the resources to support their student while they are here. And we want the family to be excited that BG is a choice that they made. we want them to bleed orange and brown just like we do. And we do a lot to try to help that, so everything from interactions at SOAR to move-in weekend, to our website and newsletters to what we just came off of which we think was a pretty successful family weekend, we had almost 3500 family members that were supposed to be here for the weekend, we recognized our family of the year and recognized some of our events that will be happening in the spring semester with sibs and kids weekend. On the student orgs and major events front, probably an area that you are a

little more aware of. We have the 285+ student organizations on campus from registering them to helping support them through the student org suite, the budget process through the student budget committee, their travel, etc. And then the major events that you are probably familiar with, some our office puts on, like the Applauding Excellence Award Ceremony, to some that are really our major campus organizations, so UAO's LOL Event or their concert event, or Dance Marathon's Ziggthon, and then the Homecoming Student Steering Committee's work, as it relates to homecoming. Spirit Programs is a new addition to Campus Activities this year and we are really excited to have them in the office. I think it is a good mix and blend with what we do. But we are talking about our co-ed and all girl cheer squads, our dance team, and of course Freddie and Frieda Falcon. Fraternity and Sorority Life, 39 Chapters as of this Semester, if you have not seen Sigma Chi around Campus doing their recolonization efforts, they are here. Made up of 4 governing councils which many of you are aware of, and of course the break down there. One of the many things that I am proud of in the Fraternity and Sorority Community is that we have surpassed 1600 members, which it's been a while since we have seen that number in the Greek Population. That makes up 12% of the undergraduate Student Body. And so we are very very happy with some of those numbers and statistics, So on the Greek Front. What is happening with the Housing Project. On October 1, 2010 when I started this job, the first meeting I went, everyone said, I think we should build new Greek Housing, and 4 years later, here we are. And while that may seem like, wow that took forever, and it did. This project has taken a lot of consensus building by a lot of people on campus, and I think you all can probably appreciate that, but demo is underway. The site of the new Greek Housing is completely cleared, and demolition on Sorority row was supposed to start today, there is some work on gas lines back there. But we have been told, given the current schedule, that those should all be down by the Friday of Homecoming Weekend, so moving

into homecoming weekend, both sites will be demolished. So what will the new site plan look like? We have been working with an architect on this, but as for today, this is what you get, for those of you, and I think my voice carries enough well enough that you can hear me [if I move away from the mic], this would have been, the site where Conklin east and west were, and this was where the Horseshoe was, so a lot of work to preserve the footprint of where it was, to save some of those very big trees that are over there, etc. and of course this plan shows you which of the units would be four, twelve, eighteen – bed units as they are laid out on the property. So let's go inside for a minute, what are they going to look like? For the eighteen bed unit, the floor plan that we've got here shows a single and a double bed on the first floor, it also includes a residential kitchen, it includes a living room, and finally a chapter room where upwards of 80 to 100 individuals could meet to hold meetings and different events for their chapter. The second floor is probably, well actually, all residential space, there is no living or communal space. All bedrooms with an assortment of restrooms up there. The twelve beds are going to look pretty familiar to the eighteen, again a single a double, a living room and a chapter room, and a residential kitchen. Both the twelve and the eighteen bed houses will have an elevator in them; limited access elevators, but they will be there in case we have someone with a mobility impairment that needs to use them. And then finally the four bed unit. The four bed unit is now a one floor, floor plan, which we think makes a lot of sense. 4 single bed-bed rooms with a living room and a kitchen. No dedicated chapter space because, again, a lot of the organizations that will be using this unit are somewhere in the range of 10 – 20 members and that living room space is really going to be ideal. What might they look like on the inside? This is the eighteen bed unit when you walk into the foyer, you're looking at the steps that would lead up, the living room to the right, the chapter room in front of you. And we have talked to the chapters a little bit about how they could customize, so beginning to see what some accent paint could do, what

some stair rail, what some crown molding, and other things could do in those areas. Again, as you look at the chapter room, a place for different folks to meet, a patio door out to the left that will lead out to the back. And again, you can see some of those customization of color and molding and how those would affect the room. Leaving the Greek front sort of for a minute, does anyone know what happen today? They announced the game time, I have been a very nervous soul going on about that. I now know the game time. So if you have not checked out the Homecoming website, I would urge you to do so. A lot of things going on. A couple notable things that I wanted to get out to you. If you have not heard, the parade is changing. It will stay on Friday, instead of starting at 5, we will start at 4:30, and instead of starting at the Stroh, we are sort of going to end up there. Now we will start downtown, sort of toward the Police Station and head east on Wooster, so we are adding a downtown leg. If any of you want to know, one of the questions was, what's your average day like? Um, I don't know. Last week it was how do I get a train to not come across the railroad tracks when the parade is happening, and before that I was picking out carpet samples, so, you know, my day is always changing, which is one of the things I appreciate. So, game time, Saturday, 3:30. Falcon Tailgate Park will open at 12:30 and there is going to be a lot going on. We have some academic colleges, we have student orgs, a lot of Greek participation in that Falcon Tailgating area, and if you have not heard, we are asking everyone to help us out in our #BGFalconPride take a selfie, a video, a decoration of your office, your home, your apartment, put it up there, and the most spirited will be picked out and shown on the Jumbotron during the game on Saturday. How can we work together? I think what we do overlaps a lot, and I know part of your job is this representing your constituents, but the more that you can do to engage them, to educate them and to listen to them is critical. And more importantly, what I would invite, since we are right next door in 401, we want to hear from you. If there is a concern, an issue, a question, please

come into 401, sit down with a staff member and let's talk about it. We want to make the BG experience the best that it can be. For students, for families, for faculty, staff, administrators, etc. The other thing is this idea of being role models. I think that is so important about how you engage in what is meant for you [go to events you are promoting] and how you lead on campus. And with that, I believe there is a few minutes for questions. What would anyone like to know about?

- City, State, and National Liaison Juzkiw – I remember last year we had started a program of low-key food donations being allowed to be brought in for events in the union. I was just wondering if that had been going well or if you have heard about the results of that
 - Bullins – You know, I have not heard any formal feedback. I have heard that many student organizations appreciate the it's called the Donated Food Policy within the union. A number of people worked with Patrick Nelson, as the Union administrator on that. I would love to hear all of your thoughts. The idea is that donated food can be brought into the University events, so not catered events, but pizza and cookies, and those can be brought in and help our costs. What I have heard, people are excited and I would love more feedback.
- Senator Wood – How are we determining which Sorority or Fraternity goes where with the twelve eighteen four bedroom houses or complexes? How are we deciding who goes where?
 - Bullins – contrary to popular belief, I am not just going to wake up some morning and randomly assign houses, and I've heard a lot of feedback about what everybody else thinks should happen: it should be size, grades, how much money is raised for charity! That is the most difficult decision we have to make now, and do you know what I think we should do, and I have pretty much agreement from

my colleagues on this. We are going to leave it to chance. We are going to put everyone in some sort of hat or bucket and we are going to let someone randomly draw out. We can think of no fairer way than randomness to decide that. If you all have any other thoughts, I would love to hear it, but that is what we are thinking.

- Marketing Coordinator Woodburn – So I have heard that there will not be a homecoming concert this year, and that UAO may be switching those? Switching the comedy show and concert, is that a thing, when will we know about it?
 - Bullins – That is a great question. You know, UAO always does two signature events that I am aware of. One of them is their concert series, and the other being their comedy show, LOL. And traditionally their concert has been in the Fall. Since I have been here we tried to do it one year with homecoming, then we didn't one year, but then again the following year. This year, because of the LaborPlay concert we didn't want to do two concerts in one semester and therefore we are switching them. LOL is, UAO is very focused on a comedian for LOL this fall, and a concert in the spring.
- Senator Senn –The UBelong Campaign, I think is a great thing that you guys are doing. How are you measuring the success of that and what have those successes looked like over the past couple semesters?
 - Another great question that many ask, but we often struggle with. How do we know that what we are doing matters? How do we measure the success of a program? One of the things we try to do is track retention rates, you know, the campaign itself probably doesn't have direct measures, but it's the indirect measures, like if people feel like they

matter. So we look at retention rates to see how many students go Greek, to see how many students are involved in student orgs, of course that is problematic because it's only the registered data. Student orgs don't give me their roster, so we try to get people to put their members in orgsync. But we do that. We spend time asking folks, we do some surveys, and for the most part, it's not a thing we at OCA take credit for but we find that a lot of people find BG to be a phenomenally welcoming campus and I think that speaks of not only the work we do but the work that all of you in this room do, and that all of BG does to make this place really a home away from home.

- City, State, and National Liaison Juzkiw – If a student organization misses the summer deadline to reregister their constitution and their membership, what processes need to be taken to reregister the organization?
 - Bullins - We open organization reregistration in March or April, so that groups can get it done seamlessly, we turn organizations off, or we turn orgs off as of July 1st if they did not reregister. But it is all the same process whether you do it in May or in January of the next year, we just need your constitution, and your officers. We review it and we turn it right back on.
 - Juzkiw – So a group can do it anytime
 - Bullins – Absolutely
- Bullins - I really appreciate your time. Again, thank you for all that you do, and best wishes this Fall.
- Lobby Time
- Old Business
- New Business
 - Initial Presentation of Bylaw Revisions

- Chair Devereaux – So as you can see, as we go down, I obviously changed it from 2013 to 2014. I'm not going to be that tedious, that was kind of a joke, I thought that was funny. Alright, these first couple are just grammatical changes. This is the first changes that we should probably all be aware of, this is regarding the approval of the Chief Administrator in the Procedures and Appeals branch. Basically, doing a 2/3rds vote seems inefficient for meetings, so we decided to leave it up to the senate to decide how they would approve of the Chief Administrator for the Procedures and Appeals branch. But not restricting them to strictly a 2/3s vote. By the way, if you have questions at any time, raise your hand out and we can, you can make a comment. So, this is where we are going to get into a lot of discussion, hopefully. So this is under Article 3, Section A, Legislative members regarding senators. Under Section A we went ahead and switched on campus to residence hall. On campus does entail Greek Housing, but since each of the Greek Councils now have senators, we thought that it better reflected that on-campus should be residence halls since Greek issues are represented hopefully through their councils. We also changed 6 to 7 in academic colleges because the Honors College is now in existence and therefore they also have a right to a Senator according to our constitution. Moving along, we just wanted to clarify any ambiguity under subsection F in saying that proxies also must be a member of constituents. It wasn't outlined specifically in the bylaws so we just wanted to clear up any ambiguity about that. And then we added subsection 8, which says, Senator's shall submit a weekly report of activities related to the Undergraduate Student Government, including, but not limited to, activities within the USG office, and in the greater Bowling Green State University population. This is meant to be the way which we will basically eliminate the internal and external office hour, but still track to make sure that senators are engaging constituencies. This weekly report will be determined by the Senate Leadership and the IA committee based on those survey responses that we got last week. And so they will be set

up specifically for each senate seat by the internal affairs committee and then we will put those on orgsync and those will have to be filled out every single week. So, are there any questions regarding that. Okay, moving along, we deleted all of the portions regarding internal/external office hour so that those will no longer be required under these revisions, and we will really be emphasizing that we report the things that should and are being done internally and externally in USG. Moving on, we added some language to the collaborative event, saying that we should be doing no less than one collaborative event per month as senators. However, we wanted to leave it so we emphasized that we need to be trying to go to as many as possible. In the next session, we changed missions to objectives, missions refers to a more guiding principle, sort of idea, and we thought that was too subjective and up in the air, so we felt that the term objective was much more concrete and measurable, and so we felt that was just better language. And then we took out the language regarding the failure to do so will result in additional office hours since office hours no longer exist. Then, we moved down into the basic nomination of senators after elections and how that will work. We changed some language saying that instead of saying that these nominations will be sent to Internal Affairs committee for review, we said will be presented to the Internal Affairs committee for review. We just felt that that language reflected more accurately how the process currently works. And then we also added in language or by due process, basically just adding in language that stated that Internal Affairs can't just receive a recommendation and then just go "oh, they're going to be senators". There needs to be sort of due process that goes into selecting these senators, so that we can make sure that they are the best fit for USG. Then we just cleaned up a lot of language down here in regards to that due process section, so in this first section here, in this area right here that is actually repeated word for word from above, we went ahead and scratched it, because of redundancy. The first section still applies. Each nomination

shall be presented, which just matches the languages, and we made it to the Internal Affairs committee as a whole and not just the chair because if myself or the Speaker of the Senate are too busy to review that, we leave them the opportunity to take that on. So we just want to allow space in the by-laws to allow for that. Moving along, this is just a grammatical error, changing a lower case A to an upper case A. Right here just further outlining seats. Continue moving on, we just added in some language down here under legislation, so by saying 'the legislation is in session' means that once the legislation goes to the floor it can still be amended formally. So, we just want to say that all legislation and amendments are included in that final vote. Again, instead of 'brought' back', we thought that 'brought back' right here, wasn't very professional terminology, so we decided that presented was better. And here we added terminology so that legislation would be kept on a more strict timeline and won't be drawn out. Then right here we changed the wording so that it doesn't say may request designation, but to be designated, again, just better wording. Basically. And then right here in this section, it was just clearing up some awkward wording so we moved formal letterhead for the legislation, just cleaning it up so it wasn't so messy. And then right here instead of saying allowed to, just saying can be extended. We added Committee, because all of the other committees had committee afterward and we thought that they should all follow suit. Under Internal Affairs, it says they shall track the weekly office hours. Since we don't have weekly office hours anymore, so it's much more vague language. Making sure that all senators are keeping up with their requirements in accordance to the Undergraduate Student Government Constitution/Bylaws. So basically just saying that Internal Affairs is just supposed to be making sure that everyone is following the requirements of Article 3 Subsection A Section 1 for Senators.

- Senator Mazur – I just have a quick suggestion. Just combing through the bylaws I found that Article 3 Subsection A section 1 letter P (as in princess) it says chairmen, and I think it should say

chairperson to be more inclusive. Ultimately, you could just search for chairmen and replace it anywhere it stands.

Yes, I will do that. I appreciate the inclusive language. Any further comments before I keep going?

- City, State & National Liaison, Juzkiw – I have one thing. You had mentioned that for the interview process, it would allow members of IA to sit in as needed. I didn't see that there was a change, because originally there was a process that said other chairs could step up, so you may want to make sure that is says both other chairs and IA committee members may step up if necessary.

It still says that nominees will be presented to members of the legislative board, it just now includes members of IA. And the nomination itself can be submitted to the IA committee as a whole. Other comments? Okay, to keep going, at the budget, there was just an incorrect use of the word then, so we put than. Just correcting and clearing up some of the language. And then down here, this is the procedures and appeals branch updates, just for clarification of where this falls under, the procedures and appeals branch shall do these things. Just clarifying again what the "letters of " refer to. And just clarifying that, since letters of reprimand are meant to take a senator out of any leadership position they may hold but not taking them out of the senate completely, we just wanted to further articulate that in the bylaws. Then letter of intent, being the letter that would inform a senator, which we didn't make any changes to because the letter of intent, is meant to outline expulsion from the Senate. Under this section, Subsection E, Section 1, instead of saying "his" we said "the" because it is more gender inclusive. Changing signatures to endorsements, just because that is what they are supposed to do. They are meant to show endorsement during the campaigning process. The campaign, more inclusive and clarification there. Any campaign item is now worded because of our technological society not being reflected in what we could use as campaigning material. There is more grammatical changes there. Here instead of just written, it

says typed for our technological society - being more inclusive. Instead of saying setting up, we say administering. Last section we say the vice president of Student Affairs must give approval to minutes with the current advisors, which is easy since we have the Dean of Students as our advisor. Any questions right now?

3. City, State, & National Liaison, Juzkiw - What has become of the Athletic Senate seat?

Moving along with that, this is the discussion that I have had with various Cabinet members and Senators. There is still a lot of ambiguity on how that is going to be filled and elected, who will serve in those seats. So, I have used discretion in including them in these bylaw revisions because I would like to sit down with other Cabinet members and SAC to discuss what that is going to look like before we put it into the bylaws.

4. Senator Huggins - So, now that we are not required to do office hours, whereas before when you would accumulate hours for not doing what was required, now, with these reports, what happens?

Under the bylaws it says the Internal Affairs will be in charge of making sure that requirements are met, We are going to meet and discuss creating an accountability program to present to the senate to show what our expectations will be in regards to what is outlined in the bylaws, and how we will keep track of that. That clause would give us the freedom to build that accountability system however we see fit. We aren't just going to throw something together. We are going to create a system of due process.

5. Senator Huggins - So you said that would come from Senators or the different Senators in Internal Affairs to understand what that would look like?

Yes, I am going to get Senate feedback on what we would like to see in that accountability system before we create it. We aren't just going to create some sort of system and say that you have to adhere to it. We are going to get back on it and throw around some ideas next week. It will be very similar to the surveys we administered last week and you can report

on accountability systems you have used or seen in the past and give some feedback on what you would like to see in that system. My email is also on the agenda so shoot me an email if you would like to get together and go over these more slowly and with more details. There are a lot of changes in here and I just went through them very quickly. So take some time this week at some point and think about how this would effect you as a senator and that's really important because we want to make sure that the revisions were made are made in the best way to serve the senate.

- Executive Branch Reports

- President – Brian Kochheiser briantk@bgsu.edu

1. Good evening. I would like to first thank Jeff and everyone who took part in the bylaws. That is a big task, especially with just coming in a week or two ago. Nice work on those. We have a voter registration event that we aren't really putting on but that we have been helping the Black Student Union, the Office of Service Learning, UAO, BG News, and David Westmeyer, the student on the Board of Trustees, with. And we have been working on a voter registration event. and followed by another event in October. But the kick off event is this Thursday, and if you register to vote or say that you have voted, you get to pie someone in the face. So that will be really cool. 11-1 in the Falcon's Nest. We would love to see you guys stop by, and register to vote if you have not done so. Also, last Friday the White House just launched the It's On Us Campaign which has to do with Sexual Assault. This is educational prevention. I was one of 200ish student body presidents to sign the commitment to that. So we will continue to work with Student Affairs and Office of Equity and Diversity kind of going forward with that. So more updates to come as we work into that. Questions?

- Vice President – Nicole Neely nneely@bgsu.edu

Good Evening, everyone. I just have three quick items. One, just to touch on committees again, you will be getting emails from me about getting into contact with chairs of committee and getting all of that sorted out. Secondly, for vacancies, we do have a lot of empty seats in the senate right now, so please

be recruiting and filling out those senator recommendation forms. Third, I want to talk about, if you have initiatives or goals for this year, that you want to talk about, please come and talk to someone about them if you don't know where to start or need some direction on where to go. We are more than happy to help with that. Questions?

1. Senator Wood - Recommendation Forms, are those on OrgSync?

Currently, they are in the office right next to the computer with the overhead cabinet. I think we will be switching over to Orgsync soon but for now utilize the paper ones.

2. Senator Huggins - Also, what are the open positions for Senator spots?

We can send it out over the list proc, there are a lot and we don't really have the updated list on hand.

- Cabinet Reports

Director of Communications Woodburn - Hi, everybody! So this year for Marketing, we are going to be starting off a little differently with something that we haven't done in the past, which is what I have kindly taken to calling it, our "Faces of USG" Marketing Campaign. Which is basically, we want people to know that you are involved in USG, and we want to put that out there through the social media channels that we have available to us right now. So, part of that goal is to make us more relatable to the student body, so that they know people that they know, people that they see all the time, in their residence halls or however else they know you are people that are involved in USG, and that, if you can do it, so can they. It is also that we want you to be proud to be involved with USG, and so it is kind of pushing you into that direction here by putting you on our Facebook page. So, you don't really get a choice anymore, so get excited! So, basically all this really looks like is, be looking for an email from me, what I will be looking for is a picture that you wouldn't mind being posted on a social media channel, think professional, but BG spirit, your name, your major, and your year. How you have been involved with USG and why you chose to get

involved with USG. So you can start rolling over those things in your mind right now, and what you can be saying in those. Basically, then, we will be posting these on our Facebook page either once a day or once every other day until we get them all out there. So be looking for your face, because that's awesome, who doesn't want their face out in the BGSU world. As a side note on this, one of the things that I am going to ask of you now is that if you have a Twitter or a Facebook, you need to be following USG and retweeting, sharing, liking, and promoting the things that we put out there. It is one thing for the USG Twitter to pop up on someone's page, but for them to see who it's from, know you, and be able to come ask you about it, is what really is going to bring more people to us. It's those one-on-one connections, those personal interactions that helps with marketing, remaining professional, but becoming more relatable to our student body. So, be looking for that email. Send out those Twitter-blasts for USG. Questions?

- Procedures and Appeals Reports
- Treasurer's Report - Reece Timbrook reecet@bgsu.edu
- Budget Update:

1. Okay! So real quick I want to go through and talk about our budget for this year, looking at what we have. So first off we have the operations and travel section, just gotta throw some numbers at you for that portion. Pretty Basic stuff we do every year, have done, or plan on doing. Under operations our yearly total budget was approved for \$14, 092. That will be spent over office supplies, and general use type things, office things, and then to stipends and wages sections, which is all worked out in the bylaws, you know, things we just went through, and that is the majority of operation spending. Travel, that pretty much just looks like conferences, things we are going to do. Ball State, you have all received information on that. Professional Development and things like that.

Regular stuff, so we have \$400 for that. Programming is basically the biggest area for interpretation from us, as far as what we get to do with those

funds. We have \$800 set there for the banquet, but the meat of it gets into the promotions: \$2,300. One of USG's primary missions is to help out other student organizations, and not so much programming in the ways that Student Budget Committee or UAO gives funds out, things like that. But there are things that we want to be able to help other student organizations out with, we can help them, they can help us, especially with bigger organizations, we help them with advertising, they put our name out there, as well. I want to talk about the process for that. So up on Orgsync right now (I love Orgsync) is a USG Collaborative Initiative Form, so organizations can go on there and fill out a form to request for USG to collaborate with them on something. Usually what that means is we give them some sort of advertising or some specific item, usually to help them market, or help them with their event without directly funding their programming. If your constituents come to you and ask what are some ways that USG can help us financially, that is one of the ways you can do it, direct them to orgsync, have them fill out that form. What the money will be used for, how much money, simple things like that. Keep in mind that any request over \$500 will have to come before the Senate for approval, anything less than that will be able to be approved by the Treasurer and the President signature. Are there questions?

1. Director of Communications Woodburn - Could you give us some examples of what some of the organizations are that we have worked with in the past and what we have collaborated with them on?

Absolutely! One that I can report on because I had direct relation with on the opposite side of it was Dance Marathon last year. And there event Ziggython at the end of the year, very big event, obviously reaches out to hundreds of students, lot of promotion and marketing, lots of people there, lots of people see it throughout the year. Earlier events throughout the year as well, mini-marathons that reach out to high school kids. So what we did with the marathon was pretty much, if we could get more likes

to USG, so every like on our Facebook page we donated so much money. and later on with Ziggython, Dance Marathon's massive event, which you all know lots of people see that, we helped by providing water bottles and dancer bags that all the dancers get, so everyone then had something with USG written on it. So it helps us kinda promote them. We need their help, they need our help. We have these big organizations that just have such easy excellent access to all these students. It's very easy for us to do a little thing like that and reach hundreds of students.

- Speaker's Report

- Speaker of the Senate – Kasie Durkit durkitk@bgsu.edu

- Committee Reports

- Academic Affairs – Amy Puffenberger apuffen@bgsu.edu

- Auxiliary Affairs – Aeden Timbrook atimbro@bgsu.edu

1. Meeting afterwards

- Internal Affairs – Jeff Devereaux jdevere@bgsu.edu

2. For Internal Affairs, I have identified a few areas of mentorship that I

would like to for those returning Senators with experience to select an area where they may be very beneficial as a resource to new senators searching for guidance and help related to USG. These three areas are, Resolution Writing Process, Time Management Skills, and USG: how to engage your constituencies. If you think you may be a good fit to mentor in one of these areas, please feel free to contact me so that I can create a word/excel spreadsheet, so that we can give that to new senators at new senator orientation so that in the mean time, until we get a solid mentorship program up and running, they know where they can go if

they need help. Outside of that, Bylaw revisions are still happening, if you have any questions regarding the bylaws after you evaluate them further, please feel free to contact me. I will try my best to sit down with you and go over those with you some time this week, before the next meeting. Harry to Chair Devereaux and Charley to Chief of Staff Parker.

- Student Affairs – Nadia Oehler noehler@bgsu.edu

3. Okay, just a quick update. Some of you have brought Green initiatives to me for the Green Fund, and they are sounding super great, so if you have any of those that you would like to talk to, bring those to me, because the Green Fund has lots of money and not enough ideas being submitted. So, we are totally looking for a lot of initiatives. And we are looking for big initiatives now, so no matter how expensive it is run it by me. I may miraculously say yes to some project worth hundreds or thousands of dollars. So bring it, no matter what it is.

- Senator Reports

1. Senator Vaughn - Announcing a pretty big project. A lot of people are aware of Jed Smock on Campus. He is a part of the "Bible Bob" group of people. We have seen an increase of people surrounding him on campus lately. Many students are upset by his actions and words. BGSU needs to be a place to express and explore different ideas but it has come to my attention that many of the members of his mission have made comments that are unsafe towards our students. Vaughn will be meeting with different organizations on campus to hear out the concerns they have towards this issue on campus. There is no specific plan or goal from these meetings, but Vaughn thinks it is important that the student concern and student voice is heard in this emotional situation.

a. City, State & National Liaison Juzkiw - Have you talked to the leadership of the Not In Our Town Movement? Vaughn has not but would like to follow up on this question to get contact information.

b. Director of Communications Woodburn - This is something you are tackling on your own or will you be looking for other organization and USG to take some kind of stance or have some sort of collaboration?

Would be willing to have collaborations, but with no goal for his inquiring, he is just looking for information now.

c. Senator Lutella - Have you thought about getting major churches on campus (Cru, Brookside, H2O) involved to make that fire more

substantial, to help
say?

lessen the effect of what the others are trying to

That is absolutely a possibility that he will look into. He is also looking at local
equality- driven groups as a resource.

d. Senator Yanda - The Falcon Love organization has started on campus to
counteract this movement

e. Senator Huggins - What is Falcon Love>

Has been in contact with Falcon Love. It is a small grass roots movement. They
are most well known for combating hate (like the current group on campus,
and the Wooster Street Signs on opening weekend) through promotion of
encouraging signs.

2. Senator Bunbaugh - Proud to announce that about 150 men have officially
joined fraternities during this Fall's recruitment. They plan to reach out to those
who did not complete the process to see if they would be interested in
furthering their journey, but also figuring out why they did not, to help with
recruitment next time. IFC is starting a new "man of the month" scholarship
program. IFC will be voting on Bylaws and working to promote themselves
better through social media over the next couple weeks. New member informative
meetings for 16 chapters starting now.

- Advisor's Remarks

- Dean Jodi Webb

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a. Good evening. Just a couple of things. In regards to the Free Speech
Area of the Union, there is a program scheduled for Friday at 3:30 in the
theater that will be based around this topic. University officials will have a
panel to help explain the situation further. She will send out an email
when she gets more details on this. Thank you to Internal Affairs
and Chair Devereaux for the Bylaw work. Please review those for next
week so we can finalize the process with a vote next week. David
Westmeyer will be here next week as a guest and Jill Carr will follow
that. Have talked with Speaker Durkit about additional speakers for

the last half of the Fall Semester. If you have suggestions please submit those to her for scheduling. We do want to bring in people who are of interest to us and who our constituents may be interested in hearing from.

- Closing Remarks

a. City, State & National Liaison Juzkiw - City has a couple of public forum events going on October 10. He will be there. It will focus on the comprehensive plan of the city of Bowling Green in one of the forums. Then forums on three different zoning issues, of which Ridge Park is one, Circle K areas is second, and the Market Street area is the third.

- Adjournment