

USG General Assembly Meeting

The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly

On This Day, 9/28/14

Room 308 BTSU @ 7:30pm

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Approved
- IV. Swearing in of New Officers
 - a. Thomas Worshan: Proxy for Founders Senator Katz
- V. Open Forum
 - a. **Student Trustee David Westmeyer**
 - i. **What does the board do?**
 1. **Employ a president (President Mazey). Make sure all decisions the President makes align with the University's strategic plan.**
 - ii. **What his role is:**
 1. **To voice student concern on certain issues. Not just one group of students, but all groups of students so that all perspectives are heard.**
 2. **Only represents how the student body feels towards the board and not vice versa.**
 - iii. **How does he stay connected?**
 1. **Summer retreat (SOR). Brings student leaders together to collaborate on issues and things they would like to accomplish throughout the year.**
 - iv. **Compared to other trustees:**
 1. **Beau was a great predecessor because of all the Greek housing decisions being made.**
 2. **Really aspires to be like another former member, Skylar.**
 - v. **Term:**
 1. **Ending this May. Please reach out to him for more info. It is a 2 year term. Do not need USG experience. You can have any background as long as you can portray what they students want and voice all opinions.**

vi. Questions?

- 1. Senator Harrison: What is the app process like?**
 - a. Varies based on when the application comes out. May be out this January. After application, you have your resume and respond to certain questions and how you relate. After, if selected, there is a USG interview and other BGSU faculty.**
- 2. Janczarek: Do you have to live on campus?**
 - a. Nope! Just have to be a student. Must be an undergraduate student to be considered for your 2 year term.**
 - i. Janczarek: Can you be a Resident Advisor?**
 - 1. Yes. However, this is a huge time commitment and it is sporadic.**
- 3. Senator Huggins: What are events you get to participate in?**
 - a. Academy of Distinguished Alumni where distinguished alumni come in and students get to relate to the alumni.**
- 4. Senator Dortch: What is your greatest hope?**
 - a. That the university doesn't waver from its traditions.**
- 5. Senator Wood: What have you done in your 2 years?**
 - a. Staying connected to the university and represent the feelings of the students.**
 - b. Working currently on a voter registration project so that this election year and future election years are important and to help students become aware of the issues at hand.**
- 6. Chair Devereaux: Greatest challenge for replacement going into transition?**
 - a. An incredibly large learning curve. It takes a long time to learn all the aspects and roles of this position. It seems like you won't fully understand the role for 6 months.**
- 7. City/State Juzkiw: Are there community voices on the board?**

- a. **No. It's not written in the bylaws, but they try to keep someone local on the board. Currently Attorney Megan Newlove is on the board to help get a feel of community.**

8. President Kochheiser: Advice for replacement?

- a. **See him and seek out advice and help. Ask others on the board and other past Trustees.**

9. Treasurer Timbrook: Compare your experiences with other organizations you are a part of and what other students have.

- a. **It can't compare because the experiences are completely different. You get thrown into a lot of positions you're not at first prepared for.**

VI. Lobby Time

- a. None.

VII. Old Business

- a. Bylaw Discussion and voting (Chair Devereaux):

- i. **See Attached PowerPoint** for how these changes and bylaw revisions affect you.
- ii. Will have a weekly report to gauge how senators are doing their office hours and what they are doing to fulfill those requirements.
 - 1. Each senator will send a weekly report.
 - 2. IA will use this report to keep senators informed about what is happening in the senate.
 - 3. This is a way that Senators can reflect on their past months and see their strengths and areas of improvement.
 - 4. Encourages a collaborative environment in USG.
 - 5. Questions?
 - a. Chair Puffenberger: We don't have official office hours that we have to report, just this monthly and weekly report?
 - i. Correct.
 - b. Senator Wood: Are we doing a separate form for internal and external forms?
 - i. Nope. They are now one document.
 - c. Senator Muir: What day and time are these weekly reports due?

- i. Prior to Monday's GA meeting so that IA can review. By 7p.m.
 - d. Senator Huggins: Will IA be required to do Senator Reports?
 - i. Yes, he has structured this to happen. All senate leadership will be required to do one, including Chairs that will still be reviewed by IA.
 - e. Senator Wood: Do we lose vote if we don't do our office hours?
 - i. **YES!** Over time. We will have accountability surveys going out soon on how we can hold senators accountable to do their hours.
- iii. Discussion/Debate:
 - 1. None.
 - 2. Motion to close debate and go into roll call vote:
 - a. Motion Passes
 - b. Bylaws Pass and are effective **TONIGHT**.

VIII. New Business

- a. None

IX. Executive Branch Reports

- a. President – Brian Kochheiser briantk@bgsu.edu
 - i. Homecoming:
 - 1. Is this weekend.
 - ii. Inclusive Leadership Certificate:
 - 1. Through center for leadership. Encourages you to see what this center offers.
 - iii. Questions?
 - 1. None.
- b. Vice President – Nicole Neely nneely@bgsu.edu
 - i. It's on Us campaign:
 - 1. Getting a group together to combat sexual assault.
- c. Cabinet Reports
 - i. Marketing/Comm. Woodburn:
 - 1. Send her information for Faces of USG ASAP!

X. Procedures and Appeals Reports

- a. None

XI. Treasurer's Report - Reece Timbrook

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a. Questions:

- i. Senator Huggins: How will we go about wanting to see money moved around?

- 1. As far as this year, Reece is uncertain. However, for the future he is getting input from all senators to see where we would like to see money reallocated. Will report back next week on how we can do that this year.

- ii. Roll Call vote on budget:

- 1. Budget passes; unanimous vote.

- iii. Collaborative Initiative Form:

- 1. We can be financially involved with other organizations on campus.
- 2. This form is on Ogsynch; Organizations can request funds and do a collaboration with USG.

- iv. Questions:

- 1. Chair Puffenberger: Can you send an email to everyone going to the Ball State convention?
 - a. Yes
- 2. Chair Timbrook: Can you get more information on Ball States Geothermal program?
 - a. Yes

XII. Speaker's Report

a. Speaker of the Senate – Kasie Durkit

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- i. Guests:

- 1. Encourage people to visit the senate. Friends or anyone interested in USG can come listen.

- ii. Senator Reports:

- 1. Use these at the end of the agenda.

- iii. Office Space:

- 1. Use the office. Don't be afraid to come say hi and use general supplies.
- 2. DON'T NAP!

- iv. Questions for Jill Carr:
 - 1. Questions due tomorrow night! Will be talking about student affairs.
- v. New Senators:
 - 1. See Speaker Durkit after meeting.
- vi. Questions:
 - 1. Marketing Woodburn: Can you ask what Student Affairs encompasses?
 - a. It is a broad area. Residence life, health center, Rec and wellness, budget.
 - i. Advisor Webb: Think of hot button topics and any concerns, especially concerning sexual assault and how we can combat that.

XIII. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs – Amy Puffenberger apuffen@bgsu.edu
 - i. Meeting after GA in BTSU 308. Will be talking about Deans List recognition.
- b. Auxiliary Affairs – Aeden Timbrook atimbro@bgsu.edu
 - i. What his committee is doing:
 - 1. Compiled a list of organizations we would like to work with and sending out campus update letting students know who will be in GA to speak.
 - ii. Meeting in USG office after GA.
- c. Internal Affairs – Jeff Devereaux jdevere@bgsu.edu
 - i. Senator Recommendations:
 - 1. Encourages the senate to fill them out. We still have open spots!
 - ii. Mentor Program:
 - 1. Looking for senators willing to mentor other senators.
 - iii. Harry/Charley:
 - 1. Harry: Senator Claywell
 - 2. Charley: Strategic Planning Wrice
- d. Student Affairs – Nadia Oehler noehler@bgsu.edu
 - i. Falcon Food Program:
 - 1. Released sometime this week. Will unveil the process next week.
 - ii. Meeting in BTSU 308 after GA!

XIV. Senator Reports

a. Senator Vaughn:

i. Free Speech Panel:

1. A common theme he recognized: We cannot find any way to keep the preachers off of campus.
2. E-mailed various groups on and off campus about these concerns.
3. We are working with NIOT on getting rid of the hate speech that takes place on and off campus.

b. Senator Dortch:

i. College of Arts and Sciences:

1. Goes to meetings with the college Dean to voice student concerns.

ii. Reaching out to students:

1. Came up with an idea to do “Lunch with USG”! It will be an informal lunch where USG can eat lunch in the union and other constituencies can come sit and eat with us.

iii. Relay for Life:

1. November 15th: 6 a.m.-6p.m.

c. Senator Bumbaugh:

i. IFC:

1. Approved budget and answered formal and open recruitment questions about rules.
2. Working on new member orientation.
3. Breast Cancer Week:
 - a. October 13th-18th
4. Collected donations for Ridge Fund Campaign.
5. Reviewing Risk Management Policy to keep men accountable, which ties into a sexual assault education program.

XV. Advisor’s Remarks

a. Dean Jodi Webb

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i. Trustee Process:

1. Does start within USG. VP Neely will manage this process.
2. Limited to Residents of the State of Ohio.

ii. Homecoming:

1. Take advantage of the activities. Hoping for no rain.

XVI. Closing Remarks

a. Vote Kasie 2014 and for Homecoming Queen!

XVII. Adjournment