

USG General Assembly Meeting

The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly

On This Day, 10/19/2015

Room 308 BTSU @ 7:30pm

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Swearing in of New Officers
 - a. Ryan Cannenbeck – Proxy, IFC
 - b. Mathew Cunningham – Off-campus senator. “I’m very active in the student body and thought I should come here to help advocate for the student body.”
- IV. Open Forum
 - a. Chris Bullins, Associate Dean of Students in the Office of Campus Activities
 - i. Let’s start with topics you wanted to know about. Policies- Campus policies change and require us to change as well. If any of those policies change, the Cabinet (president and her direct reporting ties). Event management- all policies are on the website. As a recap, relates to event management. UPD or Risk Management caused some events to be canceled because they did not feel comfortable with the risk involved for students. 14 categories of students organizations- philanthropic, social sororities and such. All groups must have 10 group members to be an official campus group. When I took over this job, the Greek life was in a 10-year decrease, but we have now increased by about 25%. We have about 22% of the student body involved and much more diversity than we have ever had. Under \$5,000 to give out- 1 out of every 4 dollars is taken back at the end of the semester because it’s not used, which is money that could go to other organizations that didn’t get their budgets accepted. Minors on campus- initiative by the whole institution to have education for groups and required background checks. This is mainly due to the incident at Penn State with Jerry Sandusky. OCA subset. When the policy on student travel changed, we had to change as well. The only person authorized to sign a contracts is the VP of students- we are working on giving me that authority as well to take some of the work off of Dr. Childs. We talk to student leaders and organize committees when needed.

What they didn't like about the SBC models. Greek standards of excellence.

1. Johnson- How will the costs of background checks be managed? Whether the org chooses to have members pay or they build it into their budget, the policy does not require us to pay that.
2. Johnson- Why does the fund pot size not increase as the number of organizations increases? We don't want to make it too hard to make a new org but we don't want to make it too easy, either. That number was here before I was and I would assume they studied other campuses around the country to see how they did it.
3. Reinhart-Anez- How do the alumni support this area of the university? Greek life has some different privileges than other orgs- have their own staff and village of housing. The alumni are interested in how many are in Greek life this year and what's the average GPAs, etc.
4. Johnson- How do you start the process for a large event? Campus activities website, Orgsync form, sent to UPD and reviewed by us to see how it would work and what we would need for the event.
 - a. Is that for all events? Larger events. Covers Perry field house, Stroh, Univeristy Hall, Union ballroom, etc.
5. 45 days to pull everything together considering the event is legit, not something silly.

V. Lobby Time

- a. Michael Caniglia- Political Science major. I want to talk about how BG can make a difference on the global scale. Average age: 9 y/o involved in global sex trafficking, especially in India where 2.8 million women and children are sold to the highest bidder as if they are cattle. Rapped 18 hours a day then sleep in the same bed. They are tricked and kidnapped by people who promised them an education in Mumbai. 100,000 women provide sex acts for 600,000 customers a day. \$4 million revenue in the underground market YEARLY. Corruption in government, so American non-profits have to come in to help make a difference. Aruna Project- helps women learn skills to find jobs. You can run, walk, or work at 5K- University lawn, \$25 per runner/walker. Money raised at 5K is arranged

so it can go straight to the women in India. BGSU Aruna 5K Twitter
@Aruna5K_BG

- i. Francisco- How can we volunteer? Send me an email.

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

VIII. Executive Branch Reports

- a. President – Victor Senn

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- i. Faculty senate is something I attend every week. Happens every month, but in the in-between weeks we have smaller meetings. Clean air committee came to FS last weeks and talked about what they wanted to see, similar presentation as they did here and we had a similar response. University council president's cabinet, university members, center for excellence Medical Mutual Ohio grant, see some more studies around non-traditional students. Admissions gave some. Up 10% more than we have ever had; students are applying here and we hope to have some great new students. Brittany Powel (VP student affairs) develops and raises money. Let me know if you want more information. We will have a discussion panel about Issue 3 marijuana issues and concerns.

- b. Vice President – Danielle Parker

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- i. Steve Krakoff told us that the South Hall is on budget and Greek housing is going to be done Fall 2016. Architecture building and Eppler will be opened in the Spring 2017. Johnson Hall will be knocked down and adding 150 new spots behind the union, discussing who will be able to park there. Gender-neutral bathrooms- initiative by some students. USG Is sponsoring union tables to ask student opinions about the new creed.

- c. Cabinet Reports

- i. Dortch- Tomorrow 6-7:30 206 Union theater- discussions on police brutality. The on-campus police will be speaking. Important- current events, student safety. Outside lighting taking golf carts around campus. Not in our town- Oct 15-21st. Everything is coming together well, flyer coming out. Heat insulators in bus stops so when it gets cold it will be

warmer in there. Relay for Life promotes the end to all cancers-
November 13th 8pm-Nov 14th 8 am.

IX. Procedures and Appeals Reports

X. Treasurer's Report

XI. Speaker's Report

a. Speaker of the Senate – Ebonee Johnson

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- i. Dr. Sidney Childs is coming next week- business formal. Senator reports are due next week, lets have 100% participation!

XII. Committee Reports

a. Academic Affairs – Austin Hall

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b. Internal Affairs – Alexa Woodburn

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- i. Campus karaoke 8-11 \$5 before, \$10 at the door. President Senn will perform around 9:15. Campus quarters. Talk to me when you need anything, I am here for you to help!

c. Student Affairs – Keith Johnson

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- i. Puffenberger- Liaison for sustainability committee. Working on green fund proposal. Supporting green team umbrella Earth day party- large concert event on Friday.
- ii. Savot- Upcoming liaison for diversity. Gender-neutral restroom interest. Diversity LGBT programs and education. Trying to push for more diverse hiring for faculty.
- iii. Reinhart-Anez- Bus stop insulation- we are weighing the costs, logistics. Pay phone on campus for international students. They are hiring a SANE nurse at the Falcon Health Center- rape kit. Currently there is no one who does that at the health center, you would have to go to the hospital- transportation is not provided so that's a pretty big hassle.
- iv. Cunningham- Talking about installing long board lockers in the union. Wifi issues being addressed. Office of the CIO- report where wifi is bad, they can come address the current box or add a new one.

XIII. Senator Reports

- a. Johnson- Send me an email if you have any questions comments about PACODI council.
- b. Puffenberger- Housing fair on Nov 18th 10-2pm in the ballroom. Volunteers for before and after, set-up and clean-up, registration. Put on by the office of off-campus services.
- c. Francisco- We are talking about having an express shuttle line, come talk to me if you want to be involved.
- d. Hendricks- Talked about sustainability with Dr. Henesey, USG has their own initiative. UT has a policy so we need to get the ball rolling.

XIV. Advisor's Remarks

- a. Dean Jodi Webb jwebb@bgsu.edu
 - i. Absent
- b. Michael Zangl mzangl@bgsu.edu
 - i. Leadership academy- Free lunch, talking about what it means to be a leader. For first and second year students who are emerging leaders. It's getting to be mid-term season and we are getting into winter- refer people to counseling center if they want to talk.

XV. Closing Remarks

- a. Senn- Mayoral debate coming up- this Thursday 8pm in Math/Sci. Promote students voting, 8pm, tweet @BG News questions to be asked at the debate.
 - i. Cunningham- How can orgs submit questions? Email to me ASAP!
- b. Dilley- Join the democratic party at BG, Wednesday Eppler 302 7:30 meeting

XVI. Adjournment