

USG General Assembly Meeting

The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly

On This Day, 10/26/2015

Room 308 BTSU @ 7:30pm

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Absent- Francisco, Mensah, Dowell
- III. Swearing in of New Officers
 - a. Brian Barron, Senator NPHC
 - b. Brady Willinger, Honors College Rep
 - c. Erica Harrison, Founders Hall
 - d. Christian Hanna, Proxy
 - e. Nick Walden, Appeals and Procedures
 - f. Adam Puchello, Appeals and Procedures.
- IV. Open Forum
 - a. Dr. Sidney Childs, Interim Vice President of Student Affairs
 - i. Thank you for the invite. This is my first official address to USG after almost 30 years. I was a senator at large during my undergraduate term. As a member of the black student union, I was the black student union rep before being an off-campus senator. I was asked to talk about myself and I'll do that a little later. The director of student affairs the mission of BGSU by promoting students' education. We want to develop intentional learners. We have the best intentions for you all as students here. Our job is to make sure out students are connected here at BG and strive to excel here. Residence life, Greek life, and the center for health are just a few resources to name a few that contribute to student success. I was asked to share our priorities for the year. Student success is defined as student retention and graduation. We define success as helping students become more involved at this institution. As the year goes on we will look closer at retention, making sure our staff is aware of strategies to increase cultural competence, marketing our programs, resource management- how to engage alumni to be more supportive of our programs. Students involved in USG or UAO are much more engaged overall here than others who aren't. How can we

partner more with academic affairs staff? How can we partner with advisors and other individuals to make sure we're impacting students? How are we using technology? Cell phones are an extra appendage for you all so how can we utilize that? If BG is going to increase online classes, how can we increase our methods for reaching and including those students? How do we relate to sexual assault programs and recommendations? Survey- how are we getting a handle on assault on our campus to help people be more aware and safer? Greek village is on schedule and everyone is very excited. I'm just watching it happen and I'm thrilled. Once a falcon, always a falcon. My background- came here as a student in 1985, was employed here in 1992 and have been employed ever since. I was the black student union president, involved with French club, business student; I spent my time being very active. I did this because I wanted to help students find meaning and know that this is the right place for them. We all have a hand in helping students make the connection. I keep the ship moving forward- I'm not here to rock the boat or add many new things. We're always moving forward. If you have further questions or ideas, call Pam anytime and get on the calendar and we will meet.

1. Dilley- What is the advantage of the Greek housing project? 12% of our students are Greek, and we've found that Greek students are more satisfied with their overall college experiences. Greek status is very valued by alumni and current students.
2. Dilley- What will the Greek village do for potential students? New and shiny things are always a big attraction; will likely encourage new students toward coming to BG and joining Greek life.

V. Lobby Time

- a. Oehler- I have a message on behalf of residence life. Apply to be an RA- great leadership and an overall good experience. If you're in this room, then you love Bowling Green AND you want to work to make it better. You can do that for up to 50 students who would be in your hall. To apply, go to the employment opportunities drop-down on the school website. Go to a mandatory information meeting, and then you'll have a group interview and an individual interview. Ask

me or any other current or former RAs in the room. Also, desk clerk jobs are available all over campus.

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

VIII. Executive Branch Reports

a. President – Victor Senn

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i. SCC- we approved 3 new degree programs. MS in crime investigation, BA of arts in biology, BA of applied health science. We also talked about university-wide class evaluation to hear about the structure and schedules students seem to like. PACOIA- athletics budget. Enrollment management council- meets 3 times per semester to see how to make enrollment more successful. We have published 4 Keymagazine.org video reports and as Danielle coined the phrase, “visibility is accountability”.

1. Berry- When will these new degree programs be available? Fall 2016.

b. Vice President – Danielle Parker

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i. Good evening. Updates- this Thursday we met about the mayoral debate. Some interesting members- Kelly Wicks, owner of Grounds for thought, and one of BG’s very own 5th year seniors are running. Victor and I met with Rodney Rodgers to continue going over the academic honesty policy. We are trying to define the BGSU experience- it’s a very welcoming and friendly campus, which I’m sure you all noticed as soon as you came here. If you have any BG experiences you think are unique, let us know and we will include them.

1. M Cunningham- Vote for Mayor campaign is starting today.

2. Dilley- Voting is important, important to make our voices heard.

It’s your civic duty.

c. Cabinet Reports

i. Dortch- On the evening of October 22nd we had our light walk. We walked through campus to identify many areas where more lighting is needed- south side of Kohl hall, old football field (between East hall and Memorial hall), north side of Conklin, Hannah hall, around all old

campus, courtyard of the ROTC building, courtyard between Kreisher and Harshman. By Fall 2016 all those areas will be taken care of with the proper lighting.

IX. Procedures and Appeals Reports

X. Treasurer's Report

a. Treasurer McKinnon

XI. Speaker's Report

a. Speaker of the Senate – Ebonee Johnson

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- i. Senator reports are due by midnight tonight. Those of you who were sworn in today, we'll have a conversation and a short orientation. The reports are looking good. Scheduling for next semester is looking really good so far; we have some big figures coming in. If you think anyone should really come speak to us, let me know and I'll work on it. People are really working here- meeting with deans, going to standing committee meetings, senator reports. Send me questions for Mike Paulus, head of dining services, for next week.

1. Johnson- What is next meeting's attire? Business casual.

XII. Committee Reports

a. Academic Affairs – Austin Hall

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- i. (presented by E Johnson) We are still having a committee meeting tonight led by me.

b. Internal Affairs – Alexa Woodburn

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- i. I'll be in touch with you about office hours. Not meant to be a huge stress- you won't be kicked out of USG over being late, etc., they're just supposed to be helpful. We still have positions opened- college of music arts, off-campus seats, 2 senator-at-large.

c. Student Affairs – Keith Johnson

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- i. We are having a committee meeting tonight. Some senator updates:

1. Savot- I'm in charge of diversity. We are in the stages of discussion about gender-neutral restrooms for campus. More updates later.
2. Reinhart-Anez- I met with Steve Krakoff in regards to bus stops and possibly addin and reshaping routes. Nurses are being hired at the health center to deal with rape kits to make them more accesable to students.
3. Puffenberger- Green fund committee- America Recycles day, November 16th. We are thinking of having people standing near trash areas to directing people to recycling.
4. Gillilan- I am working on extending library hours and installing long board storing stations inside the union.

XIII. Senator Reports

- a. Berry- BG Firelands campus is now offering college credit plus programs. Students graduate high school having many credits but aren't mature enough to be as far ahead as they are on paper. Discuss with professors here to see if that's an issue they've seen here. I'm still moving forward on my personal initiative with dining, Mike Paulus is coming in next week and will give us some more information.
- b. Puffenberger- Housing fair is coming up in the union ballroom- November 18th, 10-2pm.
- c. Queen- I am working on guest wifi issues. I've hit a roadblock- been to their office twice and submitted an email online but haven't heard back from them yet.
- d. Johnson- PACODI present to Mazey next semester. Banquet coming up.
- e. Pinkard- Looking to buy 3-D printers for the university. Not sure how they will be paid for by students, most likely through BG1 bucks. They would be good for engineering and graphic design students and their projects. Also, there is a new specialized tutor system through disability services. The student will spend an additional hour per class per week with a specialized tutor for that subject. The cost is \$2500 a semester.
- f. Gillilan- I'm on the academic honesty committee and we just voted on our first case. Just to remind you- don't plagiarize!

- g. Renou- “It’s On Us” movement is going strong. Working to publicize the movement and raise awareness for sexual assault on campus.

XIV. Advisor’s Remarks

- a. Dean Jodi Webb

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- i. There have been questions on the role of USG programming. USG is here to represent needs and interests of students. UAO is for campus programming. Some people have mentioned they are upset because “USG doesn’t do much programming”- That’s what UAO and 200+ other student organizations are for. We don’t have funding to support programming events and UAO does. Think about if there’s any programming that would tie into initiatives- discussion events possibly. We are not meeting here every week to do social programming (concerts, comedians, carnivals). Think about how you can reach out effectively. Also, I know there’s a lot of work going on here, so make sure you’re telling your story during senator reports.

1. Savot- Can senators lead some discussions on programming? I don’t see why not.
2. USG does not have programming money. If you have events or something that need some funding, we don’t have money to fund multiple things per week, look for rooms or classrooms without A/V charges.

- b. Michael Zangl

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- i. Halloween is this weekend- be smart, be safe, and be conscious of your costume as it will reflect on USG and the university. Nothing that would be offensive to others in their ethnicities or sexualities.

XV. Closing Remarks

- a. Parker- Thank you for reporting all your work tonight, you’re doing great things! Let Victor or I know if you need help or contacts around campus.
- b. Berry- The law school fair is coming up; I’ll get more information for next week.
- c. Cunningham- Spring registration began last week- 1st and 2nd year students are scheduling next week. Meet with advisors and check your account to see if there are any charges to your bill.

- d. Johnson- There's a Kings conference in two weekends from now- everyone is welcome, don't have to be an African-American male to attend.
- e. E Johnson- Chair Hall is not here today. Academic affairs committee meeting will be with President Senn, produce a max of 3 initiative you would like to work on.

XVI. Adjournment