

USG General Assembly Meeting

The Official Minutes of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly

On This Day, 2/23/15

Room 308 BTSU @ 7:30pm

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Swearing in of New Officers
 - a. Luke Schmidt- College of Musical Arts
 - b. Amanda Chowel- At large
 - c. Avery Dowell- Diversity
- IV. Open Forum
 - a. TOMS Campus Club “Trivia Crack Live” presentation
 1. The event will take to real life the popular phone game “trivia crack.”
 2. The event will be held Thursday, March 5th in Olscamp 117 at 7:30
 3. \$2 dollars a person, \$8 for a team of 5. The money earned will go 100 percent to the charity or philanthropy of the winner’s choice.
 4. Sample question from game: “How many Subways are in Bowling Green”, if the person who answers attends the event and gets this question right, they will receive an extra five points towards their scores. The answer will be tweeted later tonight.
 5. One Day without shoes will be April 23rd this year, we will be coming back to talk about that at a later date.
 - b. GSS Representative
 1. Timothy Vanewhouse, it is my purpose to serve as a liaison for USG and GSS. If you need to contact me with any questions my phone number is 419-708-9356 and my email is vannet@bgsu.edu.
- V. Lobby Time
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business
 - a. SB 4 Resolution
 - i. Chair Oehler and Chair Devereaux

- ii. Senate Bill 4 requires state institutions of higher education to develop a plan to reduce in-state student cost of attendance by five percent for the 2016-2017 academic year.
- iii. A decrease in tuition would be a detriment to Bowling Green State University, by cutting academic programs and faculty. This would also lead to decreased funding for student organizations.
- iv. SB4 summary: If SB4 is passed, funding for student organizations can be cut, which could directly affect USG.
- v. Questions
 - 1. Chair Puffenberger: How does this bill affect both out of state and international students?
 - a. This could affect them.
 - 2. Senator Dowell: I would like to reconsider the proposal, I know it's set against the budget cuts. I don't think it would be taken well by the student body
 - a. That money is also earmarked for specific purposes.
Decreasing the cost of attendance, decreases services to students.
 - 3. City, State, National Liasion Ebonee Johnson: a 5 percent decrease will be about \$200 dollars a student. This bill grants no time for universities to adequately relocate those resources.
 - 4. Senator Dortch: Do you know what other universities are saying about this resolution?
 - 5. Senator Dortch: Have any other states gone through this, or is this just an Ohio thing?
 - a. Answer: Not to my knowledge
 - b. Senator Berry: This happened in Michigan, but didn't pass.
 - 6. Senator Claywell: Is there any sort of numbers to support this legislation
 - a. Not at this time.
- vi. Closing comment: There is still a lot of speculation with this legislation. So try to grab the abstract ideas of this in your committee meetings.

VIII. Executive Branch Reports

- a. President – Brian Kochheiser

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- i. Title IX: This opposes the idea that students cannot sit on meetings for diversity cases. We want to give fair representation to all members of the college campuses.
 - ii. BG insurance policy, 50 dollars will be going down on plan A and B
 - b. Vice President – Nicole Neely nneely@bgsu.edu
 - i. BOT update, we have sent finalized candidates to President Mazey.
 - ii. End of the year award nominations are due Saturday the 28th
 - c. Cabinet Reports
 - i. Chief of Staff Parker- Potential feedback on Falcon Health center open room. Options are dentistry, physical therapy etc. Let them know if you have any input. Send that via email or we can also talk after GA.
 - ii. Director of Communications Woodburn- I will be posting any events on the calendar for orgsync. If you are interested in sending me an event to put on the calendar, send me those. They must be events you've created as a member of USG. We want to make a clear line between USG events and those created outside of USG.
- IX. Procedures and Appeals Reports Bmisele@bgsu.edu
- X. Treasurer's Report - Reece Timbrook reecet@bgsu.edu
- XI. Speaker's Report
 - a. Speaker of the Senate – Kasie Durkit durkitk@bgsu.edu
 - i. Addressing an article that came out in the BG news two weeks ago that was very negative towards USG. Me presenting you this article was not meant to anger nor depress you, I read you this article to warrant a response in a number of possible ways.
 1. You could respond with zeal and anger just as this person did.
 2. Walk out of those doors.
 3. We could respond with doing just as we are: serving the greater good on campus and keeping quiet. We are doing a great number of things on this campus and we shall not let those saying negative things to hurt our intentions and impact.
 - ii. Resolution SB 4: This is very important, try and understand the abstract ideas behind it.
 - iii. We have a guest from Capital Planning next Monday, so remember to dress business formal. I also encourage questions for this speaker, as he is very important.

iv. Questions

1. Senator Baumbaugh: I view this article as a challenge to USG.

This is a call to action to inform people on this campus what we are doing.

XII. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs – Amy Puffenberger apuffen@bgsu.edu
 - i. We set some dates for Lunch with USG. First one will be Thursday the 5th of March, Wednesday the 25th of March, Thursday the 9th of April and the Wednesday the 29th of April. They are from 11 am through 1 pm.
- b. Auxiliary Affairs – Aeden Timbrook atimbro@bgsu.edu
 - i. In regards to the Health Service Advisory meeting, the price will stay the same for health services and the services will improve.
- c. Internal Affairs – Jeff Devereaux jdevere@bgsu.edu
 - i. The next round of monthly reports will be due at next weeks meeting rather than this week.
 - ii. Anyone who did not turn a report for January and also does not send one in for February will be sent to procedures and appeals.
 - iii. Committee will be taking the place of Caucus tonight.
 - iv. I want to commend those senators who give a report at GA. Thank you.
 - v. As senators of the undergraduate student body, we are able to do as much or as little as we want to represent our community. There are concerns with the lack of activity in this year’s senate.
- d. Student Affairs – Nadia Oehler noehler@bgsu.edu

XIII. Senator Reports

- a. Allie Latella - OWGL applications
 - i. We need OWGL’s for opening weekend. I will passing around an info sheet because you need to attend an info session in order to become an OWGL.
- b. Senator Baumbaugh
 - i. Phi Mu Alpha has been voted into IFC. The executive board of IFC has also been proposing ideas for an alcohol initiative.
- c. Senator Claywell
 - i. We have received 350 pledges to commit to not only be a bystander, but also a solution to the problem itself. We need to push the initiative to take a stand against sexual assault. Prizes of 100, 200 and 250 dollars will be

rewarded to those who get people the information to as many people as possible. We are award of an issue that representation is not diverse, and I extend an open hand to anyone who wants to participate in the committee. Send me an email if you are interested.

d. Senator Dortch

- i. Ray Marvin leadership scholarship for \$2,000 is due February 27th 2015
- ii. Cupcakes with the dean will be April 26th at 12-2 in the union at the union tables.

XIV. Advisor's Remarks

a. Dean Jodi Webb

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- i. It is important to pay attention in next week's meeting as this speaker is very important.
- ii. There is a lot of business to still attend to in your positions, don't let pending elections deter you from your duties.
- iii. Please make sure if you are running for a position next year, understand campaign protocol.
- iv. Candidates, if you are planning to use yard signs, please contact me.

XV. Closing Remarks

- a. Seth Baumbaugh- My fraternity will be holding a cuts for Corsi philanthropy. Jake Corsi is a fellow Greek who has recently been diagnosed with cancer. Thursday from 6-9, the admission will be 2 dollars at the door.
- b. Kasie Durkit- Fruitvale Station will be played tomorrow at 7:30 in the Gish Theatre.
- c. Senator Llotz- Honors College courses came out this week, inform your constituencies of this.

XVI. Meeting adjourned at 8:54