

USG General Assembly Meeting

The Official Minutes of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly

On This Day, 2/9/15

Room 308 BTSU @ 7:30pm

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting called to order at 7:30
- II. Roll Call
- III. Swearing in of New Officers
 - a. Amarie Matthews Off-Campus
 - b. Avery Dowell Diversity Affairs
 - c. Berrion Berry Diversity Affairs
- IV. Open Forum
- V. Lobby Time
 - a. Speakers from EAG, Environmental Action Group: Matthew Cunningham and Jessica Apples.
 - b. Proposal: An expansion of the Green fund. Subset within the green fund, where we would allow community members, alumni, and anyone from the community to donate money to the cause. Overseen by the office of sustainability.
 - c. Expanding the green fund is a better option than starting a whole new fund. We aim to make Bowling Green a greener place.
 - d. Questions?
 1. Chair Puffenberger: How much money from the Green fund will go into this new fund?
Answer: There have only been two proposals for green implementations on campus, so it is still in the works. The actual amounts are still being worked out
 2. Chair Devereux: Is there initiatives for clean fund already? Do you have anything in specific in mind?
Answer: We just want to prioritize clean energy, making people able to donate from the outside will help in this idea
 3. President Kocheiser: Is this meant to fundraise, what is the purpose here?
Answer: This is just presenting the opportunity for alumni to donate money to the Gree fund

4. President Kocheiser: Where would this money go too, can you give some examples?

Answer: There are people on campus identifying how we can be more environmentally

Answer:

5. Chair Oehler: Have you reached out to the green fund itself for help on this initiative?

Answer: This is still in the planning stage, we haven't sat in on a meeting with the green fund yet.

6. Chair Oehler: How do you see the role of EAG in the green fund, since you are proposing more money?

Answer: We would like to work with USG, you guys have a large amount of influence. We have a lot of ideas we just need to actually go through with them.

7. Chair Oehler: Do you actually sit down with the office of sustainability or are you just doing this sporadically:

Answer: Yes we just started doing so last semester as we are a student run organization.

8. Alexa Woodburn: Who decides where the money is going?

Answer: We just want a portion of money to help get clean energy on campus, a member of multiple student run organizations can help

9. Senator Katz: Why do we need a separate fund on campus for clean energy?

Answer: It gives us more of an incentive to do clean energy, we need to have a fund that focus' solely on that action.

VI. Old Business

- a. None

VII. New Business

- a. None

VIII. Executive Branch Reports

- a. President – Brian Kochheiser

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1. Job fair is tomorrow from 10-3 in the Fieldhouse.

2. February 21st is the basketball game, it will be “It’s on Us” theme night
 3. April 29th is Statehouse Falcons Day
- b. Vice President – Nicole Neely nneely@bgsu.edu
1. Thank you for the great questions.
 2. Nominations forms for end of year banquet are on Orgsync
 3. We received 6 BOT applications
- c. Cabinet Reports
1. Ebonee Johnson- City, State, National Liaison
 - A. Public works department only use a couple hundred tons of salt during snow days. There are 540 tons of salt left. That was on Monday, so that number could be a bit different. They focused on plowing main roads and intersections, so some housing roads were left undone
 - B. Multiple readings of legislation in city council, strategic plan to improve the fire department. New municipal transportation is in the works. They want to build a new Rock Salt holder, the amount that they pay someone to do the work they can’t do isn’t feasible, so a new place could help with that.
 2. Director of Communications- Alexa Woodburn
 - A. Thank you for those who went and did the presentations.
 3. Chief of Staff- Parker
 - A. The apparel package is done, they are in orange and grey. T-Shirts, Crewnecks and quarter-zips are all available.
 4. Bryant Miesel Biesle@bgsu.edu
 - A. If you have any interest in running for positions next year, you need to attend the meetings. Elections will be April 6th- 9th

IX. Procedures and Appeals Reports

- a. No report

X. Treasurer’s Report - Reece Timbrook reecet@bgsu.edu

- a. No report

XI. Speaker’s Report

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

1. Thank you for asking questions tonight. It is how we do our jobs as senators.

2. No one sent questions to me via email last week when we had to cancel USG.
3. We do not have USG this coming Monday because of Presidents day. We have doctor Espinosa from the Health center coming at the next meeting. Send me questions for Mr. Espinosa
4. Great start in visiting external organizations for USG.

XII. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs – Amy Puffenberger apuffen@bgsu.edu
 1. Squawk boxes will be up at the library, (circulation desk) student union and in the office this week for suggestions. Anybody can contribute questions or comments.
 2. Lunch with USG: People need to give some suggestions to help with lunch with USG. Potential ideas include, making the lunches bi-weekly, maybe bringing down the barriers of the word of “government”, and also
 3. Committee of Academic Affairs: Moving forward with major/minor in insurance within the finance department of the college of business.
- b. Auxiliary Affairs – Aeden Timbrook atimbro@bgsu.edu
 1. In auxiliary affairs we will be talking about Squack-Box.
- c. Internal Affairs – Jeff Devereaux jdevere@bgsu.edu
 1. Emails will be going out this week to anyone who failed to send in a monthly report or submitted a monthly report late. Bi-Weekly reports are due today, so get that done after tonight’s meeting if you haven’t already.
 2. There are two vacancies, one of those is Off-Campus senator and one is for College of Education and Human Development. If you want to send in a recommendation form for either of these two positions please do so.
- d. Student Affairs – Nadia Oehler noehler@bgsu.edu
 1. Green fund, get some proposals in.
 2. Within the next couple weeks, I’ll be doing another presentation on Falcon Care initiative. Falcon Care initiative: Students can donate swipes once a week and those off campus students who have

financial problems and do not have access to food can get food at AYCE establishments on campus.

XIII. Senator Reports

a. Senator Baumbaugh:

1. We elected a new VP of recruitment elect for IFC, Ryan Davis of Sigma Phi Epsilon.

b. Senator Claywell:

1. Its On Us campaign update: We plan to get people aware and the issue known on campus of Sexual Assault. The goals of the campaign we can accomplish through USG: We must reach differing populations on campus. This will start in Residence Halls. I hope other residence halls senators will join me on this.
2. The goal of this program is to promote the awareness and non-acceptance of sexual assault on campus. We are representatives of this initiative on campus, we need to reach as many people as possible because you never know who could be a victim of sexual assault.

c. Senator Vaughn:

1. Thank you for Senator Claywell for updating us about the Its On Us initiative. There are some concerns with the Its On Us campaign such as, there are no mentions of community organizations on there. The Wood County Safe center was not mentioned in the initiative as well.
2. Rape is not just something that happens on the college campus, it happens within the community. We need to work with community based programs and centers. We need to provide 24/7 services that are available to students that have been subjected to Sexual Assault.
3. Senator Claywell: Although the safe center was not included in the email, they have been very involved in the campaign.

XIV. Advisor's Remarks

a. Dean Jodi Webb

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1. No remarks

XV. Closing Remarks

- a. Director of Communications- Woodburn: BGSU will be holding the CACURCH conference
- b. Ebonee Johnson: BGSU will be holding a community interface breakfast for the Not in Our Town campaign.

XVI. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm