

USG General Assembly Meeting

The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly

On This Day, 3/2/15

Room 308 BTSU @ 7:30pm

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting called to order at 7:30
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Senators not in attendance: Zitko, Senn, Wylie, Patton, Hauck
- III. Swearing in of New Officers
 - a. Carmen Young- Athletics
- IV. Open Forum
 - a. VP of Capital Planning –Steve Krakoff
 - i. I would like to thank all of you for inviting me to present tonight. I would like to cover the master plan, and some of the capital projects we plan on taking over the next year or two. Many of these are already approved. Some of the big ideas behind the master plan were: university strategy, academic-restructuring. Declining enrollment, building conditions, outdated residence halls and dining, budget pressures (from changes in state government).
 - ii. Deferred maintenance was also a concern, the maintenance had been pushed back for too long. Significant deferred maintenance concerns are buildings of 40 years of age or older, which is 40 percent of BGSU's buildings. The plan is being implemented through the executive team.
 - iii. Some of the major themes behind the master plan are to re-align campus for major changes facing public higher education. One of the highest concerns facing higher education is the decrease of traditional students coming to school, so less people living on campus. How we face this problem is decreasing the size of on campus housing gradually, effectively reducing our costs for empty beds.
 - iv. Some of these changes include academic projects and buildings (Olscamp), residence halls (Falcon Heights and Centennial in 2011), dining halls (Carillon and Oaks) and student life (Stroh center).
 - v. In the future, we will be building a new business building in the parking lot across from the business building. South Hall will also be renovated in

the near future. The college of Health and Sciences is also being renovated to be completed in 2016.

- vi. There will be a number of classroom upgrades including Olscamp Hall, similar to the learning space prototype. There will also be changes in math science, business administration and Eppler complex. There will be additions of 41 classrooms in those three buildings.
- vii. The Human Development programs are planned to be all centrally located in the Eppler Complex during this calendar year.
- viii. Mosely Hall will be gutted completely and reconfigured for undergraduate science majors. There will be put in: lab layouts, instructor touchdown areas and collaboration spaces.
- ix. University Hall will be having high impact programs along with admissions.
- x. College of Business will be completely rebuilt, the spaces will be large, creative spaces. Almost look like design studios. We want to be innovative and different.
- xi. Greek housing project will be done Fall of 2016.
- xii. There a few projects to be done to alumni drive, Kreisher drive and access drive will be taken care of this summer. Park Avenue, there will be a large parking lot by Johnston hall for the union that will hold 200 cars.
- xiii. There will be a new career center where the bookstore and multicultural lounge are in the union. This will be a full service entity for student employees and those that prepare for their careers.
- xiv. There will be a system to “build the brand” on campus and improve on campus signs. This includes new signage for parking lots and buildings and will also include a feature to view them on cellphones in 3-D.
- xv. Questions:
 - 1. Chair Oehler: Thank you for coming, How do you go about starting a renovation, what are the minimum standards for sustainability in those buildings?
Krakoff: We follow the presidents sustainability standards, all buildings will be of silver rating”
Chair Oehler: What is the process for student input on renovations?

Krakoff: There is no formal process. You will see students involved with certain projects but not overall.

President Rose: What will you be doing to preserve the history of these buildings?

Krakoff: We will be preserving the exterior walls on these buildings. We may re-do the entrances on the west side how they were 100 years ago. The staircase in university hall will be saved, the columns will be saved on the west side of that building will also be saved.

President Rose: Will you be removing the theatre?

Krakoff: Yes, that was added on. There is some debate on whether or not to keep that, but it doesn't have any of the historical significance that the rest of the building has.

Senator Vaughn: Is there any plan to give multi-cultural students their own building or a common meeting place

Krakoff: There are plans to make a common space and not a building as that is not affordable

Chair Devereux: What is the plan regarding gender neutral spaces into these new buildings?

Krakoff: You will see some of those things in the buildings.

Chair Devereux: Would you be interested in legislation to require gender neutral places in buildings?

Krakoff: Times are changing, I can't give an answer to

Senator Ilotz: What is going to happen to the old business building after the new business building is built?

Krakoff: That will likely be used for another academic unit, or several academic units.

Berry: With the demolition of Harshman, where are those students going to be held?

Krakoff: Harshman isn't being used as it is. Occupancy will go up in our other residence halls.

Senator Dowell: Where does money come from to finance these buildings?

Krakoff: Debt Financing and through state funding.

Senator Wauserman: What are you going to do with Mcfall center with the move into University Hall?

Krakoff: That isn't known yet.

- V. Lobby Time
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business
 - a. VOTE --SB 4 Resolution-06
 - i. Resolution passes by a margin of 29-5 with two abstains.
- VIII. Executive Branch Reports
 - a. President – Brian Kochheiser briantk@bgsu.edu
 - i. Enrollment is anticipated to be above the fall 2013 number
 - ii. I will be discussing alternate routes to make college more affordable at ICC next month
 - iii. We are down 244 computers on campus, they are looking to add new and nicer computers to academic buildings on campus.
 - b. Vice President – Nicole Neely nneely@bgsu.edu
 - i. No report
 - c. Cabinet Reports
 - i. Chief of Staff-Parker:
 - 1. Reducing waste in the union via the Green fund and USG. Falcons Nest will be getting larger receptacles with combinations of recycling and trash. Recycling will come with Union events as we now get recycling with all events instead of having to request them.
- IX. Procedures and Appeals Reports
 - a. Bryant Miesle bmiesle@bgsu.edu
 - i. Tentative budget proposal for upcoming election: incentive process to increase voter turn-out. Randomly select two winners from each class that will be awarded a gift card of \$50 to local Bowling Green restaurants. Koozies will say “Vote” with the falcon logo (pending). We want to get word out about USG elections, not support certain candidates.
- 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
 - i. Great questions with Krakoff this evening. Thanks for those who sent me questions ahead of time as well.
 - ii. Tonight you learned a lot, but it's so important to bring that back to your constituents with this information.
 - iii. Have a happy and safe spring break

XII. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs – Amy Puffenberger apuffen@bgsu.edu
 - i. Squawk boxes are out, there is one at the circulation desk in the library, one in the USG office and one in the Union that will be hung up near the front desk facing the union tables.
 - ii. Lunch with USG this Thursday from 11-1 in the Falcons Nest.
- b. Auxiliary Affairs – Aeden Timbrook atimbro@bgsu.edu
- c. Internal Affairs – Jeff Devereaux jdevere@bgsu.edu
 - i. Thank you for all of your questions and thank you for your discussion on the resolution. It shows how active the senate can be on these issues
 - ii. Monthly reports were due today, I will extend it to midnight tonight.
 - iii. If you are having an issue sending in a report, approach me after GA.
 - iv. In committee tonight, you will be discussing committee construction for the next general assembly.
 - v. If you have any legislation you are interested in bringing to the floor, April 6th will be the last meeting you can present legislation.
- d. Student Affairs – Nadia Oehler noehler@bgsu.edu
 - i. Thank you for robust discussion
 - ii. At the next meeting I'll be doing a presentation on the falcon care initiative.

XIII. Senator Reports

- a. Senator Mathis:
 - i. Remind you of vision collaboration for Rainbow days, they have expressed disappointment with USG involvement.
 - ii. Earth week USG: information will be in the email.
 - iii. If someone would be willing to sit in on those earth meetings for me, I'd appreciate it.

- b. Senator Baumbaugh:
 - i. Everyone selected their houses for the Greek housing projects this week.
- c. Senator Vaughn:
 - i. I had a chance to meet with a few members of call to action and had a chance to see their improvements.
 - ii. Call to action is looking for people to be in their core team as a lot of their members are graduating this Spring.

XIV. Advisor's Remarks

- a. Dean Jodi Webb jwebb@bgsu.edu
 - i. Bryant hit on a number of key election items and USG website will be updated probably tomorrow with current election information. All of you should be a part of encouraging people to vote as well as voting yourselves. I encourage most of you to use your outside voices as lot of us are missing information. Have a fun spring break, but more than having fun, be safe.

XV. Closing Remarks

XVI. Meeting Ajournd at 9:10