

USG General Assembly Meeting

The Official Minutes of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly

On This Day, 3/23/15

Room 308 BTSU @ 7:30pm

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Meeting called to order at 7:30
- III. Swearing in of New Officers
- IV. Open Forum
 - a. Summer Construction Update, Barb Shergalis and Brian Swope
 - i. Barb Shergalis and Brian Swope are from the Office of Design and Construction. They say it is a wonderful time to be at BG because there is a lot of construction projects going on right now.
 - ii. When you come back from summer break, you will see a different campus. First, we are going to upgrade our classrooms. In Olscamp, we will be integrating the active learning classrooms throughout the whole building. We will also be adding these classrooms to the education building. We are going to update 41 classrooms scattered throughout Business administration building, Eppler complex and the math/science building. This work is going to come with a bit of inconvenience this summer.
 - iii. Starting the first of April we are converting lot G to be our parking lot this summer, access will come from the Kohl hall area. It will be a two way road that allows access to lot G. We are going to be shutting down lot A in the meantime, and will be used as a staging area. We have to run chilled water piping through this area so there will be a lot of construction in this area. We will also be shutting down the Union lot, as there will have to be pipes laid down in that area as well. It will be loud as the ground will have to be torn up, so those of you who are taking summer classes, will hear the construction. It will be completed for Fall semester.

- iv. South Hall will look drastically different when you come back for Fall semester. The Greek village will start going up as well during the summer, with the work starting next month.
- v. There is a lot of money being spent by BGSU for campus renovations. Some of these include: 37 million dollars is going into the Greek housing, 15 million for infrastructure improvements such as the chiller plant which will provide air conditioning. 4 million in classroom upgrades, Park Avenue Workhouse will be the new architecture building, 13 million dollars to the health center, 5 million for the first step to improve the stadium and ball fields, Huntington Building will have a lot of movement with the university financial and accounting functions going to that building, 23 million to Mosely, 25 million to university, 14 million to Hannah, and there are also a large amount of roofs that need to be replaced, such as the library. A new chiller will go over by the BA building. 6 or 8 million dollars will go to the underground tunnels that house the pipes for water, air conditioning and gas.
- vi. We hope you bring this news back to everyone on campus, and let them know the good news. There will be lots of signs this summer for those that live here to avoid confusion.
- vii. Questions:
 - 1. Chair Puffenberger: I haven't heard anything happening in the life science building is there anything going on?
 - a. Not anything yet, there will be some technology changes to a classroom in the building. Some sciences will move to Mosely, which is yet to be determined but it will free a lot of space in the science building in the future.
 - 2. Senator Wasserman: The chiller building you talked about, will that affect summer graduation on the University lawn
 - a. University lawn will not have summer graduation this year, it will happen in a different location. Most likely this will occur in the Stroh.
 - 3. RSA President Rose: When will the renovations on the roof of the library be finished?

- a. That depends on what the decision to do with it is. It is not known if it will be a patio or not.
4. Chair Oehler: How will these changes affect class schedules, will they be affected?
 - a. We have been working with the registrar to make sure these changes don't affect scheduling. You will see a lot more evening classes going on during this time. There will be a higher utilization on all of the higher technology classrooms as well. There are a lot of classrooms "off the grid" on campus, classrooms that aren't being used for classes. These will be utilized now by the Bursar in order to compensate for the changes.
5. Senator Katz: Will the number of classrooms go down because of the 41 classrooms being redone?
 - a. These are just refresh projects, they won't eliminate any class space.
6. Chair Timbrook: Do you know how construction will effect soar?
 - a. We've worked with SOAR to make sure that they can have their functions. They actually like to show off construction to the potential students
7. Senator Wasserman: What is the plan for the offices that vacate the Administration building space
 - a. The student functions are planned to be moved over to the student union and all financial functions are being planned to move over to the Huntington center.
8. Senator Wasserman: Is the Greek village on schedule?
 - a. Yes, the Greek village is very much so on schedule. You will be in there in the fall of 2016
9. Senator Mullins: Will there be any traffic disruptions around the BG area?
 - a. There will be some disruptions on Wooster briefly taking one lane out of traffic in order to put in the piping. Bowling

Green as a city is very strict about allowing us to disrupt traffic so that will be held to a minimum.

viii. We also have openings for interns for next fall.

V. Lobby Time

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

a. Resolution 07-07 Reading- Senate Reconstruction

i. Questions:

1. Chair Puffenberger: Did you say sub-committees would stand for one semester or one year?

Answer: One semester.

2. Senator Mullins: The committee chair would be in charge of subcommittees. Do you think that would ever be too much to handle?

Answer: We left this open to give discretion to the speaker of the senate.

3. Liasion Johnson: Will there be a minimum size of the subcommittees?

Answer: We left this part open in the language of the resolution in order to give discretion to the speaker.

VIII. Executive Branch Reports

a. President – Brian Kochheiser

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i. This Sunday, mini marathon for dance marathon from 11am to 6pm in the union ballroom.

ii. Sexual assault awareness month is in April. On April 11th a 5k and dogwalk will be happening, an email with more information will be coming out later about that.

iii. President Mazey has been trying to push her Twitter account and other social media in an effort to interact with students more. Please follow that and try to get other people to follow as well.

b. Vice President – Nicole Neely

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i. No report

- c. Cabinet Reports
 - i. Director Woodburn- Next week is student appreciation week. We have bought 250, \$5 gift cards to different places around campus. All they have to do is show you that they follow social media for USG at union tables, and we will give them a gift card of their choice. It will be first come first serve. Be on the lookout for that email coming up soon.
- IX. Procedures and Appeals Report- Bryant Miesle bmiesle@bgsu.edu
 - a. Reminder that the presidential debate will be Tuesday, March 31st at 6 pm in the Union Ballroom. Promotions for the debate will begin this week.
- 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. Good job on the questions tonight
 - ii. I asked for your questions for provost Rogers, please submit those as he is a very important speaker. Deadline for the questions will be tomorrow by 5 pm.
 - iii. We only have two meetings left under this administration. April 6th will be our last meeting and we will be meeting with Sherrie Strohl.
 - iv. Thank you everyone for bringing proxies, and thank you to the proxies for being here as well.
 - v. I will not be here this coming Monday on March 30th
- XII. Committee Reports
 - a. Academic Affairs – Amy Puffenberger apuffen@bgsu.edu
 - i. Lunch with USG will be on Wednesday from 11-1 in the Falcons Nest. This will count as a collaborative event just in case you need an event for your report.
 - b. Auxiliary Affairs – Aeden Timbrook atimbro@bgsu.edu
 - i. Just to reiterate what Chair Puffenberger
 - c. Internal Affairs – Jeff Devereaux jdevere@bgsu.edu
 - i. I want to apologize for not being here last week.
 - ii. Next Monday, your last monthly report is due for assembly.

iii. Make sure you attend the rest of the meetings for this semester, it is important to take advantage of the speakers coming in. Be here, be on time, submit questions, and be involved in question and answers after they talk in order to get the most out of our speakers.

d. Student Affairs – Nadia Oehler noehler@bgsu.edu

i. I need people for Green Fund next year as I will not be here.

ii. In order to go to the pizza party we will be having, you need to bring two additional people to the debate on Tuesday.

XIII. Senator Reports

a. Senator Devereux

i. I have talked to Krakoff in order to get gender neutral bathrooms in the new buildings going up on campus.

b. Senator Murray

i. I have received a tentative schedule for earth week, Tuesday April 21st if USG would like to contribute our own event. I wanted to get your feedback if that is something you guys would like to do or attend.

c. Senator Baumbaugh

i. There was no IFC last week, but next week we will be holding nominations for the various IFC positions.

XIV. Advisor's Remarks

a. Dean Jodi Webb jwebb@bgsu.edu

i. No remarks.

XV. Closing Remarks

a. Senator Lotz- Hatch promotions are going on, I highly recommend that you talk to your constituents and get them to go to the hatch. Our goal is to get 2,000 students at the event.

b. Liaison Johnson- The applications for the student funding committee are out. I encourage all of you to apply for the position. They are due soon, either by the end of this month or the end of this month.

c. Chair Devereux- Regarding elections for the new administration, I noticed that there are a lot of open positions without candidates.

d. Misele- As far as campaigning goes, any sort of written digital campaigning is not allowed.

e. Meeting Ajourned- 8:47