

USG General Assembly Meeting

The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly

On This Day, 8/24/2015

Room 308 BTSU @ 7:30pm

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Absent - Hinkle, Moore
- III. Swearing in of New Officers
 - a. Zach Hendricks, At-Large Senator
 - b. Khory Katz, At-Large Senator
 - c. Issac Drees, Off-Campus Senator
 - d. Abdoulie Jaiteh, Off-Campus Senator
 - e. Grant Gucker- At-Large Senator
 - f. Abby Wasserman, Panhellenic Senator
- IV. Open Forum
 - a. Van Wright- Assistant to the Vice Provost for Strategic Enrollment Planning
 - b. “Let’s get a picture, this is a great group. Appreciate the invitation, absolute honor to be here. Main job is connecting with those who choose the university and I do that every day. I connect with them as they go through the process and see them. Saw the 1st basketball game in Anderson Arena in 1960s with my dad. Went here, met my wife, went to Wapakoneta after a brief time in Chicago where I ran an oil company for 27 years. Several titles, but no on-campus office in 10 years. Important to me to thank you for your service to BG and town. 2009- my son was president, he snuck in somehow. Been around here for a long time. 38 years married (a tough job for her). Speaker Johnson told me to come here and speak about certain things and answer questions. I’m going to take these question in order, then take some at the end, then get out of here so I don’t talk too long.
 - c. **Where do transfers come from?** We are recruiting at campuses physically inviting people at community colleges, some state schools, satellite campuses. Lima, OSU, BG Firelands.
 - d. **Do you actively recruit?** Yes, we have staff who are assigned to physically be there on campuses.

- e. **Of students admitted, how many enroll?** Yield- 34% which is a very good number. Very pleased with that number, I have more data if you are interested.
- f. **Most successful methods in getting students here?** My Nike shoes! What is the best indicator that a 17 year old student will decide to come here- physically visiting the campus. We have a huge percentage of people who visit come here because it's a great campus and all the wonderful things about BGSU shine through. Face to face with students in HS and guidance councilors, directing them to connections on campus. I'm on social media- 16 year olds are on there so I need to keep up at 69 years old.
- g. **How many from out of state/How?** We go there. Go to Chicago. Go to HS and talk to students. Texas, Florida, NY, Chicago, California, all over in Ohio, we have alumni in those places help us- not as effective as one of you students but still good. 260 Chicagoan students this year because word spreads. Top out of state places- Michigan, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Florida, Texas, NY, California.
- h. **How do we use current students to help?** Students sitting down and having lunch with visitors, showing around campus and dorms. Students welcoming people as they tour around campus. Don't have to be a tour guide to make an impact. I was a tour guide back in '64. How we can get better- best way to get results is to be hard working. I had more training. We're using college councilors in HS more- they are part of the process and a big impact on students. They help especially if they have connections to BG.
- i. **How can USG members help recruit, retain, and connect with students?**
Concrete ideas- Recruiting day October 31st and December 5th. Thousands will arrive on campus while most of our students are still asleep. Fresh smiling faces here to see BG!! Don't have to have a formal role, just show up, man. Power of you being at preview day. Showing people around, welcoming, anything you do can change a kid's life! I always say here's my card, let me know if I can help you. Come those mornings, don't matter where you stand, welcome and show people around, share your major and hometown. I don't like to force anyone toward BG, I let him or her pick. But so many want to be here because we are good- not perfect, we still can do things to get better, but pretty great. I go to every graduation. Not most- ALL. You can tell who is new around here. This is BG, we gotta welcome them all. That's how we are. Come out and be a part of

those recruiting days. Help us out, here is my email vwright@bgsu.edu I will help you 24/7.

- i. Berry- **Are athletes included in out of state students?** Yes, we sign football and gymnastics people especially from all over.
- ii. Largest BG send-off this year in Lima, Ohio. 200 people. Excellent send-offs in Chicago, Columbus, and Cleveland. Recruiting everyone's 12 y/o sister.
- iii. Johnson- **How many freshman/transfer students this year?** 3,405 freshmen this year. Big number! Outstanding class- median HS GPA highest of any class in history of BG, also had high ACT scores.
Transfers- 651

Email me any time!! Thank you for what you're doing and what you will do. Remember- a man named Wolfe sat on this board once... now we have the Wolfe Center. Where's the next one of those people? In this room. Thank you and go falcons.

V. Lobby Time

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

a. Academic Affairs Chair Elections

i. Nominee- Austin Hull

1. Junior, intervention specialist. Academics are important to me, college of business member, dropped to a 2.4, but working to turn that around at 2.9, didn't like business so change to spec ed. I'm passionate about it and it's important to everyone. I want to help people here and incoming students to achieve higher grades. Dean's list recognition posted somewhere so people can see. Getting dean's name out so students can be aware (like they do in residence halls with hall directors). Thank you.

ii. New academics chair- Sen. Hall

b. Bylaw Revision 2015-2016

- i. Updates- grammar, things we do that weren't listed. 2 changes to constitution. Labor day- will discuss these points, no opinions today. Questions are to be clarifying only. Let me know if you want to help making grammar work, not my strong suit.

- ii. Within the bylaws, we are making grammatical changes, adding office hours, and rearranging officer duties. (Please refer to bylaw revisions for more details)
- iii. Are there any clarifying questions? (none). Voting next meeting after Labor Day, review the changes and ask Chair Woodburn.

VIII. Executive Branch Reports

- a. President – Victor Senn vsenn@bgsu.edu
 - i. Thank you for being here and everyone who worked on bylaw reviews. Undergraduate trustee Meg Burell, thank you for being here. Meeting with Aaron Kane with parking services- small group to discuss issues such as special passes for students working late. If you're interested in being in that should let us know. Conversation with President Mazey about student safety- students who work late shifts who walk across campus late at night. Possible parking passes, but working on more lighting around campus. New lights around, solar powered, motion sensing to save energy. We will work with campus operations. Another conversation with Mazey about university values- new creed. Make values more prevalent on campus. A few admins ago the values were seen around campus in banners and signs everywhere, creed cards put around in RA halls. Video series not recorded this week, video production needed. Weekly video will be released so students can see their president is actually doing things, will highlight senators, cabinet, exec members, etc. Will be in BGSU Key mag blog. VP's birthday today.
- b. Vice President – Danielle Parker dnparke@bgsu.edu
 - i. Local elections. Students can get better involved. RSVP Mazey's even Sunday Sep 20th event at Presidents House, contact Jan Snyder jansnyd@bgsu.edu 419-372-3321. Standing committees, getting organized and finding more members, draft of senators. Meetings might seem boring, but you are the student voice and very important. Might be only undergrad in a faculty meeting, need that voice and help. Crosswalks added- behind union, unsafe for cars and people, also one near new Greek village (students will use this area). Take a creed card and lapel pin. Take

several creed cards, when students ask about it you should be able to pull it out and explain.

c. Cabinet Reports

IX. Procedures and Appeals Reports

X. Treasurer's Report

- a. Next Tuesday is first student budget meeting, deadline is Friday.

XI. Speaker's Report

a. Speaker of the Senate – Ebonee Johnson

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- i. Welcome new senators. No meeting next Monday. Senator retreat Sept 27th 12-6pm, come whole time, food games training. Cordially required. Senator reports due today, 7 turned in so far, deadline extended Tuesday midnight. Let me know if you have trouble with the link. General assembly committees will be next meeting. Campus fest- 2 people at each shift, good way to meet fellow members, let me know if you cannot make your shift. Faith Yingling, the director of wellness will speak next meeting. Have questions prepared. VP Parker tobacco free campus-research this initiative prior to Sept 14th meeting. OSU tobacco- cig, e-cigs, cigar, pipe hookah chewing, any that mimic or tobacco flavored, anything with nicotine. Research this topic at other universities. I will send a reminder. Monthly reports will be due last Monday of the month by midnight, I will remind you the Monday before its due.

XII. Committee Reports

a. Academic Affairs –

Hall

- i. Thank you for election. Anything academic on campus in colleges, classes, deans list, etc. Biggest change- filled with college senators, you will be on academic affairs committee.

b. Internal Affairs – Alexa Woodburn

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- i. Constitution edits
ii. Committee- in charge of making sure USF functioning well. Bonding, senators upholding positions.

c. Student Affairs – Keith Johnson

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- i. 4 subcommittees- diversity affairs, campus safety and wellness, sustainability, and campus life. Subcommittees have their own meetings,

come together once a month to gather ideas. Subcommittees started by meeting after labor day.

XIII. Senator Reports

- a. Johnson- Will be having meetings with Dr. Sidney Childs, interim VP student affairs and Vicki Kalicki
- b. Molyet- off-campus senator, BG dining halls need healthier foods. 3 cases of food poisoning in frater brothers this past week- possibly expired or re-used food. Need healthy options for people who want to eat healthy, students who go to rec center. How to go about this?? Contact someone in charge of food services? Dining advisor report, USG has a seat there.
- c. Queen- OCA new policy for event registration, need to register 45 days in advance. Not realistic, things come up.
 - i. Senn- a lot of events end up falling through, events planned further out more likely to succeed. Will reach out to Mike from OCA to discuss that. Be understanding about faculty and admin; see from their point of view.
 - ii. Racette- Pres. & treasure training, policy was implemented which means they went over everyone's heads- concerning.

XIV. Advisor's Remarks

- a. Dean Jodi Webb jwebb@bgsu.edu
 - i. Applications for Collegiate Leadership Summit due September 15- opened to any BG students. Interact with students around the state and Sen. Brown. Important to take 2 weeks to go through bylaws, time for discussion next week. Opportunity to attend reception at Mazey's house, interact with deans and cabinet members, adhere to RSVP date, do not show up without RSVP-ing. There is protocol to attending event; she is very welcoming, contact and RSVP now!

XV. Closing Remarks

- a. Senn- BG news rep Alyssa, will be at all meetings.
- b. Johnson- Kings and Queens ice cream social, tomorrow 7pm in ballroom.

XVI. Adjournment