

# USG General Assembly Meeting

The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly

On This Day, 9/21/2015

Room 308 BTSU @ 7:30pm

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
  - a. Absent- Foust, Katz, Wester...
- III. Swearing in of New Officers
  - a. Colin Chambers, senator at large- I just wanted to get more involved on campus and thought this would be a good way to do so.
  - b. ...- I'm getting a poly-sci degree and felt that this would be a good way to get my feet wet to build my future.
  - c. Rob Everard- I am a senior now and have always been interested but never had time due to other roles. I'd like to look into making the "Not in Our Town" my main initiative.
  - d. Anna, senator at large- I want to get more involved and I plan to go into politics later in life. Diversity committee

I, (state your name), do solemnly swear to support and uphold the constitution of the USG and will faithfully perform the duties of the office.
- IV. Open Forum
  - a. Aaron Kane- Manager for Parking and Shuttle Services [akane@bgsu.edu](mailto:akane@bgsu.edu)
    - i. I'm the director of parking and transport services here at BG and I wanted to share about some upcoming projects. Lot 7 expansion- it is right outside the union and is currently 80 spaces. We are expanding it to 250 to ease the burden on this north side of campus. We are also re-paving Ridge Street, it's full of potholes if you've ever driven or walked across it. Lot L around stadium need a repair and will be larger for game days and fan parking. We are making a Twitter account! Just what people want- to tell us how they really feel about parking services. We will work hard to respond to everyone. Lot 34 (small metered lot by Kriesher) will change to commuter lot. I was a commuter student here and I know the feeling of having to drive to campus and look for parking, so I wanted to work on making that process easier for those students while also helping the staff and on-campus students. Shuttle route- last year 700,000+ people used the

shuttle services, which is a 40% increase from the year before. I want to re-route main route to go around onto Wooster and have pull-offs on Wooster for stops. I want to stay away from Conklin Rd. because it's too narrow and congested all along there. It should improve safety and efficiency. We will be ordering a new shuttle, available for next year- 36 seats, and the outside wrap design will be done by a student. There will be opportunities for students. Their pay will be \$11.50/hr. It's a good opportunity for students. They will pay for their pretest and the CDL test, we pay for training, and by then end the students will have their CDL license.

1. Ebberhart- Will the students have to renew that liscence every year? No.
2. Johnson- Will the new shuttle be one of those new efficient buses? Not currently, we are looking at hybrid buses for our next purchase.

Why are there more staff lots while there are empty spots, why not make more spaces for students? I have a high demand from the staff. Student spots on campus 2500, for faculty and staff, we have around 1000. Looking to give student access to some of the

Why did the students' cost go up? We make a 10-year plan to look at price freeze. For student- increase this year and again in 5 years. For staff- increase next year and the next 2 years. They wanted to have a gradual price increase rather that a big chunk all at once.

3. Berry- Is there a new stop for the shuttle? We have an admissions stop behind union
4. Puffenberger- Do you do crosswalks? Would it be safer to have one on Merry across from the cemetery? No we don't do crosswalks, it depends on the street. That one is a city street.
5. Hendricks- You said the next shuttle will be hybrid, when will you purchase that? We will purchase one 12 months from now. Every year we try to purchase a new bus, although the hybrid may be more expensive and therefore take a few more months to get funding.

6. Fransisco- When do you add new stops? We re-evaluate each year to see what stops are used the most.
7. Dortch- Do you have students help reroute? Yes.
8. Johnson- I though you just added the Sebo stop, but what is union stop? The bus stops there on the admissions route (part of the orange route) when we have enough drivers.
9. Gilliland- We raised money to maintain several roads, are those funds being sufficient? This summer and we redid Alumni Drive, Kreisher Drive and west of Kreisher which was almost down to gravel, Park Street. The expansion of Union lot and Ridge Street are also part of this budget push.
10. Jaiteh- Do you have any consideration to improve the stop at the aviation area? We are working with the city to get a crosswalk closer to aviation building. We have a temporary stop for now.
11. Berry- Will you be adding bike lanes? We will look into that. Definitely interested in doing so due to so many bikers around campus, but it depends on the road width in certain places because there are regulations on that kind of thing.
12. Johnson- Lot 7, is that's where the Greek units were? Yes, that will be where the expansion will be.
13. Oehler- How does the Lot 7 expansion impact the Union possibly expanding? Lot was designed to allow for expansion, so we are all set for that.

#### V. Lobby Time

- a. Heather Golden- I am the Assistant Director for the Career Center. We have a big event next week- BGSU Expo. We are welcoming 220 employers who want to come to campus to give you internships and jobs! It is **next Tuesday, 10am-3pm in the Perry field house**. We want to see people there so they can get jobs after campus. It's a good event for networking
  - i. Puffenberger- There's usually not many employers for science field; Why? We have noticed that trend too, so on October 1<sup>st</sup> we are having STEM career day for engineering, math, science, etc. majors.

- ii. Sheridan- Are there any options for students who have classes?  
Companies have posted jobs on our work-net site so you can still apply. You can also ask employers if you can have a phone call or meeting with them another time to
- iii. Fransisco- I am an out-of-state student and I have noticed there are not many out of state employers, why? We attract people from around here because we are a big campus. Some folks from come from Michigan, Las Vegas, and Texas. Students who are looking at out of state should meet one-on-one with a career councilor.
- iv. Moore- You mentioned a STEM career day, can you give more details? It's a more intimate event and will be held in Union room 220. There will be opportunities to bring a resume ad speak with employers.
- v. Johnson- Can people come as volunteers? Possibly. We can talk after meeting.  
Are you still doing Chicago trip? Yes- tickets on sale in the union. We only have 10 more seats, so sign up ASAP.
- vi. Dortch- Can we hear about the etiquette dinner? Modern interviews are taking place over meals. The career center is now offering etiquette dinners to teach you how to show you how to show yourself off and eat properly. Someone from dining services will be there teaching about the utensils and different courses. Next dinner- Tuesday October 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-8:30pm, \$10 fee. Alumni and recruiters will come to network and give future opportunities for internships etc.

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

VIII. Executive Branch Reports

a. President – Victor Senn

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- i. Happy to see you all. We have 4 things to discuss tonight. BG votes, BG News, and USG join together to put on a debate for 3 candidates. Some questions will be submitted by campus student orgs, and we want more students to show up and be involved. They can submit questions via Twitter right up until the debate starts to try and keep it spontaneous. It will be happening October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8pm in Math/Sci 216. We should be

working to be the student voice and be interested in local government because we are part of government here at BG. Board of trustees approved budget update for University Hall, \$30million. The creed card was read by at the board of trustees meeting and it was cool to see that moving forward here at the university. I found out at the meeting last wee about the current crosswalks situation- We cannot proceed with crosswalks right now, but we can help with a traffic study that will be done to see where crosswalks are needed. John Fisher, provost of academic affairs, emailed a memo this week about common first year experience- there is a film available on MyBGSU called “Ida”, theatrical experience “A Perfect Wedding”, research symposium to talk about identify, “Behind the Beautiful Forevers” will be the common read in the spring. I have copies of the book in the office if you want one. There are several things you can do to look at identity and how that adds to the first year experience.

b. Vice President – Danielle Parker

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i. Hello. Thank you for attending reception at Mazey’s house, the administrators were thankful we did it and want to continue this tradition. Reach out to these people in the future- send them an email or contact Victor or I for their info. The standing committee email sent out last Friday, see me with any questions. I met with Dr. Balzer on President Mazaey’s cabinet and got some updates on some faculty into. Victor and I have our monthly meeting with President Mazey this Wednesday. ON Friday we are meeting with Rodney Rogers who is the provost for academic. Steve Krakoff who is in charge of street lights around campus. This weekend we are taking a trip to Firelands to tour, mostly to bridge the gap that can form between our 2 campuses. Lastly, a follow-up with Aaron Kane about purchasing a new bus- We want to work with the green fund to get more funding for those buses. We will be working on that with some various students.

1. Berry- Is there a schedule for subcommittee meetings? Not through me. The chair of your committee will send you an email to get your availability and plan from there.

c. Cabinet Reports

i. Director Dortch- Director of Student Safety

We have been very working hard and I want to give you some updates. Not In Our Town campaign- It was brought to us in 2013 to talk about diversity and including everyone on campus. We want to make people feel accepted on our campus and USG should have a very direct roll in this because that is our role here on campus. I am the chair of that organization, and the **NIOT week October 15<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> this year**. Different organizations are coming together to make this happen and it's really neat because we don't see that every day. Anyone interested in helping is welcome; just let me know. Anyone is also welcome to attend meetings with me. Come see me if something isn't happening that should be happening. Lastly- student voting registration day is tomorrow!

ii. Oehler- Director of Residence Life on campus as well as city gov't. Two things I am working on- Desk clerks who work 24/7 working during the middle of the night need to park in various places and we want them to park close to buildings so they are safer. We are working on getting them parking passes in commuter lots during/after hours. We are also looking to clean up the messes in some neighborhoods post Friday/Saturday nights to give back to community what we are taking. National Residence Halls (RSA)- hall council representatives from around the country who collaborate on events. It is for students who value service. Leadership conference "Concur" just had their deadline for applications and will announce the chosen students next week. Some of our members submitted applications so I'm anxious to see if they get to be a part of that. NRHH's event St. Baldrick's fundraiser event will be held in January- we need help with the planning committee that meets **above Starbucks at 7pm on Thursdays**.

1. Senn- "Adopt a Block" is a program we will partner with the city, not an event. This is an event that will help university/city relations.
2. Renue- Where should people sign up for St. Baldricks? Contact me at [noehler@bgsu.edu](mailto:noehler@bgsu.edu), BGSU's event is currently live on St. Baldrick's website under BGSU search.

3. Barker- USG now has an Instagram page @bgsu\_usg so go follow that, also like our Facebook page.

IX. Procedures and Appeals Reports

X. Treasurer's Report - Quentin McKinnon

- a. I am excited to be here talking about the budget. This year's budget- (see presentation)

XI. Speaker's Report

a. Speaker of the Senate – Ebonee Johnson

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- i. Senator reports are due Monday at midnight- the last Monday of the month. The form is available on the Orgsync page, so join our page. Thank you for all the questions today. That was very informative for us and I know he enjoyed doing that. We will have Jeff Jackson come speak in November so you can ask more questions regarding the career center. The last senator orientation is TONIGHT. Send 2 questions via email for President Mazey's talk next week by tonight so she can get an idea of what to speak about. The senate retreat this Sunday 12-6pm, casual dress, there will be a lot of fun & food is included. Thank you for your attendance. It's very important to show up- not only is it required, but also necessary to the success of our GA's. Let me know if you need to miss or need a proxy. You can have 2 unexcused absences (when you just don't show up) but beyond that we will have a conversation. You can only have a proxy at 2 consecutive meeting times. You also need to come to all committee meetings- if you hate yours come talk to me, but attendance is important. Speakers are taking time to come speak with us and they are excited to come speak, so let's respect them as adults and act like adults ourselves when addressing them and asking questions.

XII. Committee Reports

a. Academic Affairs – Austin Hall

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- i. Committee meeting today after GA.

b. Internal Affairs – Alexa Woodburn

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- i. We are still looking to fill off-campus seat and music college seat. Ask the people you know and refer them to me. Facebook page- this is a place to post events for your other organizations so people can come and support

you, and it is also where internal affairs can post about social events. Next meeting we will discuss having USG apparel. A Google form will be coming out soon to see what kind of clothing items you would want and the logos are currently being designed. Lastly, the sign-up for the “Giving Spree” event is coming around.

1. When are sign ups for your office hours? Sign up soon. You should have the link, so please fill out your availability. If my times don't work for you let me know. 1 hour requirement- you can sit there and do homework, etc. but you just have to be present and able to answer questions.

c. Student Affairs – Keith Johnson

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- i. Thank you to those who attended our committee meeting. Tonight we will have another meeting. Agenda for tonight- new business and our current initiatives. I sit on the Multicultural Planning Committee through the Office of Multicultural Affairs and I will be having meetings this week as well as lunch with Barbara Wydell. The Ethnic Department is having a multicultural conference soon and I feel like I am getting pulled into many different committees myself. Tonight we will also discuss perimeter guidelines- how far you can go outside your subcommittee.

XIII. Senator Reports

- a. Berry- Diversity Affairs Committee. I am in charge of volunteers for Latino and black issues. I am meeting with Faith Yingling next week to discuss nutrition for dining halls to try to improve that.
- b. Hendricks- October is National Sustainability Month- encouraging organizations to have their own events to support. Email [greenbg@bgsu.edu](mailto:greenbg@bgsu.edu) become more environmentally conscious in daily life. We are leaders on campus, so let's be more green leaders on campus.

XIV. Advisor's Remarks

a. Dean Jodi Webb

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- i. Let us know how we can help with initiatives this year. I am interested in working with off-campus senators. President Senn talked about student event application, and that form will be sent out this week. There will be a lot of questions and concerns addressed. Also, it came up about the

crosswalks- we have students in contact with the city council board to talk about putting in some crosswalks in different dangerous areas around campus. I have a correction to the treasurer's report- \$1500 from parking, that amount will cover the stipend for the chief administrator. When we look at the budget to vote next week keep that in mind.

b. Michael Zangl

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XV. Closing Remarks

- a. Johnson- Don't forget to come to subcommittee meetings, same locations as last week. They are required.
- b. Berry- Saudi national day- I will be attending, feel free to join me.
- c. Dortch- The senator retreat will be a lot of fun, I can't wait to see you all there.

XVI. Adjournment