

The Official Minutes of the Undergraduate Student Government General  
Assembly

On This Day, August 28, 2016

Room 308 Bowen-Thompson Student Union at 7:30 pm

- I. Call to Order (7:34pm)
- II. Roll Call
- III. Swearing in of New Officers
- IV. Open Forum
- V. Lobby Time

Meredith, Patrick and Liam; Campus Organizers from Ohio Branch for Hillary for America:

We would like to first ask if everyone is registered to vote in Bowling Green. We would like to focus on campus registration so you don't have to absentee vote. Not many of you are not registered in Bowling Green so we would like to tell you about our fellowships. We have digital marketing, campaigning and public affairs. We have two months left so we need all the help we can get. If you are looking for a fast pace, ten hours of commitment time. If you have any questions you can refer to any of us as we are getting ready to implement our fellowship. Please share with your constituents. We would like experts so we encourage you all to join the fellowship. It is casual, but we would like some experts.

VI. Old Business

- a. S.R. 2016/2017 – 01

Internal Affairs Chair Burkholder:

Can I get a motion for a second reading of this resolution?

(Motion Granted)

\*Refer to SR 2016/2017 – 01

I will now open the floor for five minutes of questions.

Seeing none we will move onto voting for the SR.

With a vote of 17 Yay's and 2 Abstains, the resolution passes.

## VII. New Business

### a. Proposed Constitution and Bylaw Changes

Internal Affairs Chair Burkholder:

I will flip through the slides and anything in orange is an updated change to the Bylaws.

\*Refer to Bylaws Power Point

Burkholder: Are there any questions regarding the changes of excused absences?

Senator Hasenfratz: I am just wondering why the change in the excused absences?

Burkholder: I am issuing this change to two absences to promote a full senate while understanding things come up.

Are there any questions regarding the changes to office hours?

Senator Tansey: I feel like a lot of students don't come to office hours. Though, I feel if we are to hold union tables we can fulfill our office requirements to increase the validity in their campus presence.

Speaker Oehler: Are there any questions? Seeing none we will go ahead and table this for next week's General Assembly.

## VIII. Executive Branch Reports

### a. President – Amanda Dortch                      [adortch@bgsu.edu](mailto:adortch@bgsu.edu)

Three quick things we will touch on. First this is the voting and review of resolutions. This is very important for our senate and the advancement of this student government. We also need to talk about the importance of your standing committees. You all will be assign to standing committees and will need you all to participate in all of the meetings so we can know what's all going on in the different committees around campus. Lastly, we have created a student advisory committee to accommodate all of the new spaces here on campus. This upcoming class is the largest incoming class in BGSU history and we need the space to accommodate everyone. If this is something you are interested in, please feel free to sit on this committee.

Senator Kobbs: Do you have to be in USG to sit on the committee.

President Dortch: No you do not need to be a member of USG.

- b. Vice President – Richie Racette                      rracett@bgsu.edu

I have one thing today and it is fun and exciting. I have the invitations to President Mazey's house. It is September 11<sup>th</sup> and in business casual attire. You will need to RSVP to this even so we can accommodate all of the people attending the event. It will not be the best time to talk about pressing issue. It is supposed to be fun and supposed to be casual. This will be a nice time for USG to gain some time to get to know President Mazey.

- c. Cabinet Reports

IX. Procedures and Appeals Reports

X. Treasurer's Report

The first SBC meeting will be September 6<sup>th</sup> so the forms will be due this Friday.

XI. Speaker's Report

- a. Speaker of the Senate – Nadia Oehler                      noehler@bgsu.edu

The first thing we will talk about is etiquette during the meeting. Casual and light snacks are okay but please do not bring a full dinner to eat during the meeting. Please dress to the proper attire. Next, there will be no phones allowed during the meeting. Especially when we have a speaker, please be respectful. Computers are okay as long as the screen shows meeting related materials. Please check your face. Don't give someone shade when they say something you don't agree with. Next we will pass around a form for a sign up for CampusFest. Now we will cover reverse tabling. Instead of other organizations coming to us we will go to them and sit in for any issues they may have. Next we have openings in upcoming committees. Definitely sign up for these committees and they can fulfill you time with a standing committee. Senator reports will be done though Orgsync, they will be due September 19<sup>th</sup>. This is so we can gauge how much you have been doing and if we can connect you to collaborate with anyone working on something similar. Along with us going to President Mazey's house, she will be coming to us on the 12<sup>th</sup>. Please be respectful and engaged for all of that she says. That being said please send me any questions by this Wednesday. This allows us to see any pressing questions and ensure that we can get them to the right person if President Mazey is not the one who is supposed to answer that. The attire will be Business Professional, which is the step up for what you are wearing now.

Now, proxies. By the fifth meeting, September 26<sup>th</sup> you will need to have a proxy sworn in. The proxy will fill in for you during a meeting you cannot attend so you do not have to waste an unexcused absence.

i. Initiative Brainstorming Session

XII. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs – Hannah Barnes                      hanbarn@bgsu.edu

This semester we would like to continue the initiatives from last year. We would like to promote a competition among the colleges, survey to determine academic needs of off campus/commuter students, start Honors/regular advising and promote weekend and night classes. We need to encourage collaboration on the committee for new initiatives such as study abroad options and increasing outreach.

- b. Internal Affairs – Nathan Burkholder                      nburkho@bgsu.edu

Thank you for your patience and engagement during the resolution session. This week we will start implementing office hours so please do your office hours. If you are not signed up for an office hour, please see me so we can get you on the roster for office hours. Please fill out this sheet

Senator Leonhardt: I went to my office hours on Wednesday and did not have access to the office.

Dean Webb: This is an issue with Kathy not being in the office on Wednesday but we will have to work it out with the Union so you all can have access to the office.

- c. Student Affairs – Rachel Renou                      rrenou@bgsu.edu

I would like to mention Campus Life. Campus Life worked on Wifi and making the squawk boxes more visible. Next thing we would like to work on is having an electronic bulletin board. I don't know if you've seen the ones around campus but they are pretty dingy and out of date so we would like to update them into something better.

XIII. Senator Reports

Speaker Oehler: Seeing that we have not officially set up committees yet, we will move onto something different. We will have a brainstorming session. There are pieces of paper going around and I would like you to write down five ideas you can reasonably do and are passionate about doing.

Speaker Oehler: Okay, now so it sounds like the discussion is going very well. Please look at the bottom of the form to find some steps to move your idea further. The first step is to think about what you can do in the next 24/48 hours to initiate how you will approach accomplishing your ideas.

Speaker Oehler: Everyone, we will wrap it up in two minutes. When this two minutes is up we will implement it all into Senator Reports where you can share what you have been talking about.

Speaker Oehler: We will now move into sharing your ideas with the rest of the senate.

Senator Gillilan: I'm on the Academic Honesty committee. We have already had a case, don't cheat or we will get you!

Senator Merer: One of them I was thinking about was parking passes for overnight desk clerks. Also getting a parking spot for SDM.

Senator Davis: I would like to initiate diversity training to discuss the pros and cons of discussing workshop styles.

Senator Tansey: I would like to start an off campus peer driven mentorship program for off campus students who don't have a connection and need extra help in transitioning on campus. Also, the remote printing needs to have a seminar to train everyone how to use it. Not a lot of people like to use it and it would be helpful if we can make videos or present a process in how to instruct students how to use remote print. Additionally, I would like to do the same thing with how to use Orgsync. As not a lot of people know how to use that as well.

Senator Pamer: One thing I was thinking about was blue light accessibility. Other campuses have an easier accessibility to the lights. I would like to implement more blue light stops around the new Greek houses as they are not as present in that new community.

#### XIV. Advisor's Remarks

a. Dean Jodi Webb

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I would like to mention that today with lobby time. Please keep in mind that lobby time is open to everyone. But USG will not be open to any candidate to promote their platform. We had the democratic group in here earlier, but that was because they were presenting to increase student voters here in Bowling Green. Not promoting their organization.

With us going to President Mazey's house, please send in your RSVP. It helps us get name tags together so all of us can easily see everyone's name.

With academic honesty, it is an important committee who make decisions on academic appeals reports. Please, if you're interested, sign up for this important committee.

XV. Closing Remarks

Speaker Oehler: We do not have a meeting next week as it is Labor Day. Please, look over the Bylaws and all of the changes. We would like to implement a mentorship aspect as we have people leaving positions and have no way of implementing smooth transitions between positions.

XVI. Adjournment