

The Official Minutes of the Undergraduate Student Government General
Assembly

On This Day, September 19, 2016
Room 308 Bowen-Thompson Student Union at 7:30 pm

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Swearing in of New Officers
 - Senator Abas – Harshman
 - Senator Smith – Offenhauer
 - Senator Schieberl – McDonald
 - Proxy Bratton – McDonald Proxy
 - Evan Zumbro – Procedures and Appeals
- IV. Open Forum
 - a. Faith DeNardo, Director of Wellness Connection, Title IX Deputy Coordinator
 - *Refer to PowerPoint

We do a lot with our Peer Education Program and it is a nationally ranked program. Stall Talk is a publication run through our office and is placed in bathroom stalls all across campus. Health and Wellness programs throughout the semester. Sexual Assault Awareness week is in November.

HIV Testing is done the first and third Wednesday of the month up in the Rec Center and is run through an outside program with a grant. There is no cost to you. Getting tested is really important. HIV/AIDs is still very important, there is medication provided now so if you do have AIDs it is important to get tested to identify whether or not you have the disease.

Every two years we do the National College Health Assessment. This semester we will be doing it to look at the health trends of our current students. Safe Communities is a program devoted to distracted driving, buckling up when driving and drinking and driving.

We hold an Employee Wellness program, Suicide Prevention program and do a lot of community collaborations. Examples of collaborations are the walk and awareness day we had against opiate abuse.

It's On Us. National campaign started in 2014 by the Federal Government and we jumped on the train to join the campaign. The focus of this campaign is to prevent sexual violence. We started the campaign with raising awareness of sexual violence then moved into an education portion to teach about all of the aspects of sexual violence. We partnered with Athletics and The Cocoon to help spread our message. We partnered with NIOT for a One Team Initiative.

The student committee meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays. National Weeks of Action are held next month with a BGSU Athletics presentation of Sex Signals.

How can you get involved? Take the pledge! Attend any of our events, be upstanding in upholding our values, education your peers and start the conversation! We need to start the conversation to begin to change the culture. If you have not yet, join us on social media. Facebook: Its-On-Us Twitter: ItsOnUs

Self-care is extremely important. A giant example is just going outside. Put away the electronics, even for just an hour. Sleep like you mean it. Singing and drinking water are very important. Drinking water can go a long way! Taking a shower helps keep you refreshed. Do something creative, like crafts.

Lack of sleep can contribute to skin conditions, weight gain, increased stressed levels and contributes to depression. If you drink a lot of alcohol, you will not sustain a good sleep cycle. Try limit the amount of alcohol you drink before you sleep.

Time Management is also very important. Structure out your class time and make use of what free time you have. Remember to write things down! You are more likely to stay on task and get all that you need done in one sessions if you know what you are supposed to be working on.

Senator Tansey: Do we have anything for smoking cessation?

Dr. DeNardo: Yes, we have counseling and events you can attend.

Chair Renou: Do you when the National Week of action is?

Dr. DeNardo: The National Week of Action is this November. We are looking to do a reaffirmation of It's On Us during this time.

Senator Shakespeare: You have representation from Athletics, what about the Greek community?

Dr. DeNardo: Yes, if they are willing to join our movement, please, feel free to attend out meetings and find out more how they can get involved.

Senator McMillen: Do you like coming to organizations to do individual programs?

Dr. DeNardo: If you have a presentation request you can email the Peer Educators.

V. Lobby Time

a. Wellness Connection Peer Educators

You can become a Peer Ed by attending the Spring sessions. They are cram sessions so if you want a full class you can attend the Fall sessions that have full length classes. If becoming a Peer Ed is interesting to you, keep an eye out in the CampusUpdate and attend our meetings. We have presentations on alcohol abuse and substance abuse, especially marijuana abuse. We do bystander presentations in sexual violence prevention. You can go online on the Rec Center website and look for Peer Ed under the Wellness Connection section.

VI. Old Business

Chair Renou – The National Conference chair wanted me to let you know about CAACURH, the conference is coming up and RSA is now accepting applications. It will be held at Temple University in Pennsylvania and anyone who lives on campus is eligible to apply. To apply, go to the RSA website. The deadline to apply is September 25th, which is this Sunday. The person to reach out to is Joseph Cunningham at jacunni@bgsu.edu.

Shakespeare: How do you become eligible for this conference?

Chair Renou: You just have to be an on-campus student.

Director Cubberly: Is there a cost associated with this conference?

Chair Renou: No there is not.

VII. New Business

VIII. Executive Branch Reports

a. President – Amanda Dortch

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Self-care is extremely important, we are in week five and we aren't even half way done. We have a lot of bugs going around and the last thing I'd like you to do is get sick.

Standing Committees are extremely important. You are all required to participate in a committee. The form can be found online on OrgSync.

Who has heard of the Hunter Hayes event? Who knows who planned it? A point of clarification, the Stroh Center will now be doing events on their own. UAO will no longer be doing country concerts in an effort to become more inclusive in music. They did a country concert last year and are steering away from country this year. They wanted you let you know.

General Studies Writing Course will fall under the English department. This is in effort to broaden the amount of courses they can cover such as poetry and creative writing. Students can still test out of GSW.

Homecoming is October 1st, we are very excited to see Speaker Oehler and Senator Snyder participate in Homecoming Court.

The student advisory committee are looking for representatives.

Finally, it is our wonderful advisor's birthday today!

Senator Tansey: Can we be on multiple standing committees?

President Dortch: Speaker Oehler can elaborate on that.

Speaker Oehler: We only have a limited number of seats. We want to provide everyone the opportunity to serve on the committees. We are going for a balance, so typically a student will only have one.

b. Vice President – Richie Racette

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We finally have everything set for our retreat. October 16th from 1pm to 4pm right here in this room. We will have SLA presentations. Be excited.

Faculty Senate is focusing on this year is retention plans. We are always looking to get new students but we really need to focus on keeping retention. Faculty Senate needs to be aware that we are still talking about keeping retention. We need to think of ways for students to feel more at home here at BGSU.

Keep doing what you all do.

c. Cabinet Reports

IX. Procedures and Appeals Report- Chief Administrator Khory Katz kkatz@bgsu.edu

I am still looking for Parking and Appeals members. We have two vacancies, so if you know anyone who wants to be involved in USG but doesn't want to participate in the typical Senate, please send them my way.

X. Treasurer's Report

XI. Speaker's Report

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

Office hours will be sent out for the Speaker and the Chairs. If you have any questions for us, we will be available for you to come and see us. October 1st will be when your next senator report is due. If you come up for your office hour I might just come up and ask you about it. If you are a residence hall senator or a Greek council senator, your standing committee will be your constituency. I would like to choose by Wednesday of who is all on a standing committee.

It's On Us will need USG representation. If you are interested, please let me know!

For lobby time, I would like to start scheduling who all comes in to speak during Lobby Time. If you know someone who wants to come for Lobby Time, please come and see me and I can certainly schedule them in!

Ensure you are finding a Proxy; it is required for all of the Senators.

New Senators, please come by after this meeting for a New Senator Orientation.

Dr. Gibson, from Student Affairs, will be coming in two weeks. This meeting will be Business Professional. If you have questions, please have them in by Thursday.

XII. Committee Reports

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

Academic Advising has a lot of specific concerns so I made a meeting with Dr. Fischer. Most people have at least one concern, if you have any please send them to me as I would love to bring them up in the meeting I have with Dr. Fischer.

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

Make sure you fill out the OrgSync forms and the sign in sheet in the office when you participate in Office Hours. Apparel is being worked on and the information will be sent out shortly. The reviews for the Bylaws and Constitution will be completely shortly.

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

Committee meeting will be held here after the meeting and attendance will be taken.

XIII. Senator Reports

Senator Davis: Dr. Gibson, Vice President of Student Affairs, is talking about expanding Multicultural Spaces and will be complete with Fall '18. Follow up meeting with Capital Planning is coming up in the near future.

Jessica Huddleston and I discussed starting a dialogue with incoming students about diversity before they come to campus.

Senator Tansey: I want to start an Off Campus Commuter Assistance Program. If you are interested in helping with that please see me.

Speaker Oehlor: Since we have a lot of committees now, for all additional informal committees they will now referred to as Task Forces.

XIV. Advisor's Remarks

a. Dean Jodi Webb jwebb@bgsu.edu

*USG sang Happy Birthday to Dean Webb

I would like to clarify that you can refer to me as Dean Webb or even just Jodi. I wanted to make this heard as we have some new Senators.

XV. Closing Remarks

Chair Burkholder: There is a Meeting with the Majors of with the major's of Toledo and Dayton Wednesday, 21st September from 12-2pm

Senator Sakairoun: NAACP meeting tomorrow in BA 101 at 7:30pm to 9pm

Senator Davis: Saturday, NAACP is having a Black Pride Festival. Totally free event and please come for some free food and some presentations. Harshman Courts from 2pm-7pm.

XVI. Adjournment