

The Official Minutes of the Undergraduate Student Government General  
Assembly

On This Day, September 26, 2016  
Room 308 Bowen-Thompson Student Union at 7:30 pm

- I. Call to Order (7:32pm)
- II. Roll Call
- III. Swearing in of New Officers
  - Young – Proxy
  - Dilley – Proxy
  - Senator Hunter – Kohl Hall Senator
  - Aspinwall – Proxy
  - Cappasello – Proxy
  - Knight – Proxy
  - Senator Davis, R. – Inter-Fraternal Council
- IV. Open Forum
- V. Lobby Time
- VI. Old Business
  - a. Undergraduate Student Government Budget 2016 – 2017
    - Treasurer McKinnon
    - \*Refer to PowerPoint
    - Budget Passes with Yay: 29 to Nay: 0
- VII. New Business
  - Senator Davis, B: There has been some racist graffiti done to Eastern Michigan’s campus over the past weekend. As they are coming to our school this weekend for the upcoming football game. We would like to welcome them to our campus with open arms and in full support. As we are a campus in support of full inclusion and diversity, we would like to make a statement to EMU.
  - Speaker Oehler: As this is USG making a statement toward this issue, we would like to make a motion to vote on whether or not to send this statement to the public.

Senator Davis, B: We wanted to gain your feedback on what we put together and are welcome to all comments and concerns.

Chair Burkholder: Is this something to be announced at the game as well?

Senator Davis, B: This could be in fact be something we announce at the game.

Senator Smith: Are there any revisions to be made or is this finalized?

Senator Davis, B: As of right now this is what we have come up with but we are open to adjustments.

Chair Burkholder: Does this have to be directed specifically for EMU or can we make it our own?

Senator Davis, B: We certainly can make this our statement. We can either move toward that after the EMU game or however we deem fit.

Chair Burkholder: Do we have to go through marketing?

Dean Webb: As this is going through USG and not BGSU, you do not necessarily need to go through marketing. It does not have to be approved, this is your organization taking a stand. Though, I would like a copy of it to put it on record.

Senator Snyder: If we could put a statement with this to clarify where all of this is coming from to eliminate questions.

Senator Tansey: If we vote on this language... nevermind.

Speaker Oehler: If this is a specific statement just for this game, we can certainly move to make this a resolution in the upcoming weeks.

Senator Resolution 2016/2017 – 02

Passes – Yay: 28 Nay: 0

## VIII. Executive Branch Reports

### a. President – Amanda Dortch

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First, happy first day of homecoming week. Homecoming is a traditional time to show your school spirit! Thank you to Senator Davis for the resolution to help welcome visitors with open arms. Last week BGSU and other universities held an event to talk about issues across campus in regards to equality and diversity here and around the United States.

We had a conversation with Parking Services about on-campus students utilizing commuter parking passes. There will be a warning, \$250 fine and finally you will receive a boot on your car and lose all parking privileges at the universities. This

goes for all passes used incorrectly by someone who isn't supposed to have that pass.

Another conversation I have had was to facilitate a shuttle from the Centrix building to Walmart. They would like to gain interest on who all would support this shuttle. The times would be from 7am to midnight.

Next, toward the middle of October we would like to have a town hall meeting. We will work in gaining support for this idea and we hope it all works out.

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

So they are making a new App to wrap all of the services BGSU provides all into one resource. The schedule planner will have a college career outline added to the system. If you plan this all out they will grant priority to those students who put these classes on the outline. We are also having issues with spamming emails, to help negate this problem they are going to have a verification for your account to ensure your safety.

With Rodney Rodgers, we are working on the retention plan. We have done a great job in bringing in students to BGSU and need to work on maintaining keeping those students at the university.

He is working on a new timeline program which is a service based upon setting up a career timeline for after your time here at BGSU. It is a great resource for one to access to see everything they will need to be successful here at BGSU to prepare for their future.

Senator Davis, B: Will the timeline program be in connection with the Career Center.

Vice President Racette: It certainly will!

Senator Hemmelgarn: How will the priority be granted if students all sign up for classes on different days?

Vice President Racette: With this it will be working with the timeline of how much of the classes you have accomplished and how important those classes are for where you stand on your academic timeline.

- c. Cabinet Reports

IX. Procedures and Appeals Reports

X. Treasurer's Report

## XI. Speaker's Report

- a. Speaker of the Senate – Nadia Oehler [noehler@bgsu.edu](mailto:noehler@bgsu.edu)

October 16<sup>th</sup> is the USG Retreat from 1pm-4pm here in 308. For new senators and proxies, please see me after the meeting. My office hours and chair office hours were set up today so please come and spend time with us if you have any questions. Next week we have Vice President of Student Affairs Tom Gibson. Please send me your questions you have by tomorrow. Especially, the Resident Hall Senators as this is a great opportunity for all of you. He is newly in this position as of this July. Dr. Gibson has a lot of insight on on-campus life and student organizations. It will be business professional. Limit the amount of food in the meeting.

The debate event is tonight and we have been explicitly asked to attend. There is free food and lots of mingling to do. You do not have to stay for the whole thing. The event is open to all students, so all are welcome to come! It is a bipartisan event as there is representation across the board, republicans and democrats alike.

## XII. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs – Hannah Barnes [hanbarn@bgsu.edu](mailto:hanbarn@bgsu.edu)

Keep updating me with all of the progress you are making! As for Chair Renou's Committee there is no meeting tonight and keep working on all of your projects.

- b. Internal Affairs – Nathan Burkholder [nburkho@bgsu.edu](mailto:nburkho@bgsu.edu)

Next week we will be introducing apparel designs. Office hours, remember to do the OrgSync form. New senators, ensure you get in touch with me to set up your office hours. Our YGL meeting is hosting a debate party tonight so please feel free to stop by!

- c. Student Affairs – Rachel Renou [rrenou@bgsu.edu](mailto:rrenou@bgsu.edu)

## XIII. Senator Reports

Senator Davis, B.: On Thursday from 1-3 and from 4-8 there will be a poster decoration event in the upstairs art room to make posters in support of EMU.

Senator Tansey: I am still working on making a group in support of Off-Campus Student Mentorship and it looks like it will be based around each individual college. If you are interested, please come see me.

XIV. Advisor's Remarks

a. Dean Jodi Webb

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I wanted to mention as you are up in the office, if you haven't met Kathy Newman, please do. She is a part-time office member. She really enjoys interacting with students here in USG and has been a long time employee of BGSU.

Dr. Gibson is Vice President of Student Affairs and is also the Vice Provost. Speaker Oehler did a great job on touching on all of the things that he covers so please utilize him as a great asset.

XV. Closing Remarks

President Dortch: There will be a voter engagement event all across campus tomorrow and I encourage you all to come by the Education Building steps to meet these students and help them in all of their hard work.

Lastly, I would also like to get a picture after the meeting!

Senator Davis, B.: Tomorrow you are able to start adding classes to your cart. It is a great time to get a head start on seeing what all will fit together for the Spring Semester and ensure it all fits together.

Lastly, the Job Expo starts tomorrow and is a great time to meet and greet with future employers!

XVI. Adjournment