

The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly
On This Day, November 6th, 2017
Room 308 Bowen-Thompson Student Union at 7:30 pm

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Swearing in of New Officers
- IV. Open Forum
 - a. Marcia Salazar Valentine, Executive Director of International Programs and Partnerships
 - i. Facts and Figures about population of students served by International Programs and Partnerships
 1. Faculty and Staff
 - a. Helping international faculty and staff acquire visa to work at BGSU
 2. Domestic Students studying abroad
 - a. 505 students studying abroad in 2017-16
 - b. Choose from over 500 programs and 20 countries
 - c. Students can use financial aid and non-institutional scholarships
 - d. Internships, service learning, and research opportunities can be added to programs abroad
 3. International students
 - a. 845 International Students in 2017
 - i. Top 5 Countries
 1. Many students come from Saudi Arabia (93)
 2. Increase in graduate enrollment from China (295)
 3. India (108)
 4. Canada (29)

5. Nepal (28)

- ii. Graduate Students – 50%
- iii. Undergraduate Students – 50%

1. Top 5 Undergraduate Degrees

- a. Business Administration
- b. Aviation Studies
- c. Computer Science
- d. Engineering Technology
- e. Music Performance

b. Main Recruitment Territories

- i. China
- ii. Vietnam
- iii. Canada
- iv. Middle East
- v. Indonesia

ii. International Education Week is NEXT WEEK! (November 13 – 17)

- 1. International Dinner is Saturday, November 18 from 6-9 pm
(tickets do cost \$\$)
- 2. All events (except International Dinner) are free!

V. Lobby Time

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

a. S.R. 2017/2018 – 01 A Resolution Formally Supporting the Students for Sensible Drug Policy's Proposed Medical Amnesty Policy

- i. Senator Goolsby (Diversity Affairs) and Senator Carter (Offenhauer)
- ii. Questions

1. Vice President Bates – What are potential cons for passing this resolution?

- a. S. Goolsby – Would this somehow legitimize drug and alcohol use and reckless behavior on campus, no we do not believe it will

- b. S. Carter – regardless of the incident, it is still up to police discretion, this policy only applies to the University and how it applies to the Conduct process within the university
 - c. S. Goolsby – this resolution is more “toned down” than a previous version and policy (S. Baldwin worked on a similar policy last year). Student Conduct officers still may rule how they want, reaching out for medical attention will be taken into consideration
2. S. Thompson – Is this a one-time amnesty?
 - a. S. Goolsby – repeat offenses will be considered on a case by case basis
 3. S. Thompson – Sanctions can still happen despite this policy?
 - a. S. Carter – yes, this policy will just be taken into consideration when the Student Conduct Committee is deciding cases
 4. S. Thompson – Will this policy help or hurt students?
 - a. S. Carter – looking at other five major universities that support a similar policy, we believe this could be more proactive rather than reactive
 5. S. Gorman – Who does this policy actually apply to the person: person experiencing emergency or the bystander?
 - a. S. Carter – both.
 6. Chief Administrator Katz – Hazing
 - a. S. Goolsby – hazing would not fall under the Medical Amnesty Policy, depending on the case
 - b. S. Carter – the policy only applied to over-consumption of drugs and alcohol, no other crimes (hazing)
 7. S. Thompson – Does this pertain to on campus or off campus situations?
 - a. S. Carter – On campus. If the consumption occurs off-campus and the individual is brought back on campus then it is an on campus issue

8. Chief Administrator Katz – When a student is taken to the Wood County Hospital, Conduct is still notified
9. Vice President Bates – This policy is supposed to occur, but it is not written on paper. This policy is in practice but is not on paper.
10. Speaker Barns - The right to have the process work this way could be taken away if the policy is not solidified and written down.

b. New Election Packet

i. Chief Administrator Katz

1. Introduce date and time changes for Election Sessions
2. Paper copy of Election Packet will be moved to OrgSync
 - a. President and Vice President Candidates must still fill out forms
 - b. Digitally sign signature
 - c. Eliminate signatories for both Presidenti/Vice-President ticket and Senators (because they are not reviewed)
3. Election will be moved up 2 weeks and voting will be held March 19-March 22
 - a. Provides a longer elect period so that new senators may be transitioned by current senators
4. Announcements of Winners on Friday March 26, 2018
5. Write-in Candidates may not campaign on social media or in writing (may only campaign by word of mouth)
6. Informal vs. Formal Election Process
 - a. Write-in candidates don't go through the process and they are not under the same rules and regulations as individuals who are going through the formal process
7. Questions
 - a. S. Gorman – Question about electronic policy
 - i. Chief Administrator Katz – meant to prevent harassment
 - b. S. Goolsby – What will those two weeks look like when the new senators are not sworn?

- i. Speaker Barnes- Encourage new senators to attend meetings and start transition process.

VIII. Executive Branch Reports

- a. President – Richie Racette rracett@bgsu.edu
 - i. DM Dinner was a great event!
 - ii. Upcoming meetings with Administrators, no reports yet
 - iii. Hot topics to stay up to date on
 1. Grade Policy Changes
 2. Tobacco Policy
 3. Medical Amnesty
- b. Vice President – Jauntez Bates batesja@bgsu.edu
 - i. Met with Mecca and Greenbriar
 1. Increase in pricing because there may be a change in how houses are inspected
 2. There is an opportunity for our voices to be heard
- c. Cabinet Reports
 - i. Director Fort (on behalf of Director Foster)
 1. Come to the Town Hall with UAO this Wednesday in the Union Ballroom at 7 pm
 2. Opportunity to talk about on-going issues on campus
 3. Promote the event!

IX. Procedures and Appeals Reports

- a. Chief Administrator– Khory Katz kkatz@bgsu.edu

X. Treasurer’s Report– Brianna Willis bwillis@bgsu.edu

XI. Speaker’s Report

- a. Speaker of the Senate – Hannah Barnes hanbarn@bgsu.edu
 - i. Please come to the Town Hall on Wednesday! Even if it is just to observe and listen to what students are saying so we can hear the concerns
 - ii. Please reach out if you have questions, there will be a lot of things happening in the upcoming weeks regarding voting on policies
 1. Be ready to vote and discuss!
 - iii. Tomorrow is Election Day! VOTE! Make your voice heard!

XII. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs – Kristen Hermann keherma@bgsu.edu
 - i. Graduating in December, next week we will be nominating and electing a new Academic Affairs Chair
 - 1. Reach out to previous Chairs to answer questions if you are considering running for the position
- b. Internal Affairs – Janelle Bollheimer jbollhe@bgsu.edu
 - i. Please meet afterwards
- c. Student Affairs – Hannah Cubberley hcubber@bgsu.edu
 - i. Human Relations Meeting Updates
 - 1. There is no formal way for the city to inspect rental properties, up to the tenate to report issues to their landlord
 - 2. Tell your constituents about the resources that are available
 - a. Student Legal Services
 - b. Good Neighbor Guide

XIII. Senator Reports

- a. Updates on the Tobacco Policy and meeting with Dr. DeNardo – Senator Glenn
 - i. GSS is upset, feel like their voice is not being heard (split 50/50 with support of the Tobacco Free policy) worried that their healthcare may be taken away
 - ii. Right to smoke is being taken away which affects international students
 - iii. Concern regarding the need to leave campus in order to smoke, potential danger with crossing the street
 - iv. Vital Forming Years are 18 to 22, GSS does not think students who have already formed these habits should be required to quit smoking
 - v. USG is still not supporting the policy because it would prohibit the use of all tobacco products (chewing tobacco, vape pens)
 - vi. University Police will not enforce the policy because it is too difficult to enforce; however, Residence Life would be required to enforce the policy using the Conduct System similarly to how alcohol is enforced in residence halls
 - vii. Questions
 - 1. S. DeWalt – Did the administration offer any pros?

- a. S. Glenn – want to remove smoke from students who do not want to be around the smoke, want students to be healthy

viii. Discussion

1. S. Goolsby – Biggest concern is as a Resident Advisor because if tobacco products were seen during room/fire and safety inspections would be required to report violations to the Conduct Process
 2. S. Reese – Has state funding been brought into the conversation? No there is a large grant that will only be given to BGSU if we become a tobacco free campus
 3. S. Brown – Do not think the Conduct Process should be applied equally to tobacco and alcohol because tobacco is legal for individuals who are 18+ and alcohol is illegal for those who are under 21, maybe there should be more promotion of current smoking areas in order to limit smoke across campus
 4. Chief Administrator Katz – people who are under 17 should be sent through Conduct Process if they are in possession of tobacco, money will be wasted because signage will be put up (similarly to when Clean Air Policy was past) and then people will no longer care
- b. Polling Students about Grading Policy Changes – Senator McVicker
 - i. Should be done by tonight/tomorrow and then will be sent out to students
 - ii. Will be writing legislation to either support or oppose the Grading Policy Changes
 - c. Senator Goolsby was appointed to the President’s Advisory Council on Diversity! Reach out to him with any concerns about diversity and inclusion at the university
 - d. Senator Goolsby meeting with Tim Shall on Friday – will be putting suggestion boxes at front desks of residence halls

XIV. Advisor’s Remarks

- a. Jodi Webb

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XV. Closing Remarks

XVI. Adjournment

XVII. Internal Committees

