

The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly
On This Day, November 13th, 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. Dr. Christina Lunceford, Assistant to the President for Diversity and Inclusion
 - Works with president half time, professor other half
 - Background in student affairs administration
 - Worked at multiple other colleges previously
 - 9 years as a practitioner before faculty work
 - 7th year at BGSU
 - Main charge in president's office is diversity and inclusion
 - People have been assessing our environment for a long time, but not many changes have been made
 - "infiltrate the system"
 - Advisory council to the president- made of student, faculty staff, and community representative
 - Not just about advising, but implementing change
 - Sub committees- faculty retention, staff retention, student branch, college representatives
 - Setting benchmarks and priorities for each academic department for diversity and inclusion
 - Set initiatives for the spring
 - Make sure curriculum more inclusive
 - Discuss diversity in classroom
 - Implement different training strategies

- Creating better scaffolding training sessions with different levels
- Trying to have conversations on freedom of speech and freedom of expression
- BG care coalition
- S. Goolsby organizing freedom of speech panel
- Initiative around food insecurity
- Sit on university cabinet
- On sexual assault task force
- On BGSU bias response task force
- QUESTIONS-
- Betts- what is food insecurity?
 - When someone does not have enough economic resources to have meals all the time
- DeWalt- what action has been taken to address food insecurity?
 - There is a push initiative, some students have worked with me and gone to meetings. They brought a food truck here last month. There is really nothing sustainable happening. I am interested in doing an after-event program where we can provide leftover food to those in need in a discrete way. We are also looking into swipe donations. A lot of programs are being researched. I have a lot of experience with working with food insecurity.
- Willis- How is BGSU obeying freedom of speech while also creating a safe community?
 - It is very hard to restrict who gets to come to campus and what they say. We need to educate and prepare students for what to do when people say things that are hurtful or harmful. We need to provide people with different strategies. We have been putting trigger alerts out as well.
- Jumpersmith- Have you thought about developing a portal with those type of resources?
 - I have sent something out to Jodi and Chris Bollins to give to our student leaders but I don't know how much trickles down. We are

currently trying to figure out what is the best way to get information out. We are also working on redesigning our website for a one-stop-shop. We have also been posting on campus update.

- Bates- a lot of times we are given these problems and people just expect us to fix it, but we often don't get provided a helping hand. It would be helpful if there was more guidance.
 - That is very helpful to know and I would love to work together to find connections to make this happen. There needs to be a conversation to look for solutions together.

- We are doing a campus climate assessment for students in the spring followed by an assessment every 3 years.
- I am helping to host a black minds matter course—an 8 week course. We are the only host site for this in Ohio.

- Reese- At the beginning you discussed an assessment you set out. Was this negative?
 - Yes, there was negative retention for staff of color, low amount of staff of color, etc. Some of the negative aspects were consistent across time. It seems to me like people were doing assessments but no one was trying to implement change. We need to change the culture around assessment and use it to implement change.
- We are trying to fill more vacant spots in our organization and I will send you information.

V. Lobby Time

VI. Old Business

- a. S.R. 2017-18 – 01
 - Medical amnesty policy
 - Essentially would give protections to students who have had student medical services called for them/ called for someone else
 - Pass

VII. New Business

- a. Election Packet
 - Election will be moved up 2 weeks
 - Nominees for academic affairs chair—Carter, Goolsby, McVicker, R Parker, Payne
 - Speeches-
 - McVicker-
 - Thank you for nominating
 - Academics are very important
 - I have learned a lot being in Kristen's committee
 - I would like to forward my experience onto helping others achieve their goals
 - I am very passionate on gathering student opinion on grading scale
 - If I was elected it would help me further that endeavor
 - Carter-
 - I am humbled
 - Was not expecting nomination but will take with full force
 - I am working to implement a student leadership minor
 - This will be implemented next year through the college of education
 - That is just one thing I have been working on
 - I coauthored the first senate resolution of 2017-18 school year
 - Worked for senator Dale Zorn in Michigan
 - I was very involved in high school
 - I also fully support Summer
 - Payne
 - Representative for McDonald hall
 - Running for position because I am working on 3 initiatives in USG
 - One being supporting college credit plus students
 - This will give college credit plus students more opportunity to speak up through USG
 - The second initiative is creating a mentor program between college and high school students, helping them become aware of opportunities

- The third initiative is an initiative to make humane and social science majors more defined and make it more clear to show people how they could use these degrees
- I would also want to make some majors such as economics and PPL more available to students because many are not aware
- Last year I was treasurer of Kohl hall council, helped organize programs for engagement, also I had to monitor the budget to make sure we had enough money at the end of the semester for improvements
- This year I am the representative for McDonald hall so I am still working with hall council
- R Parker-
 - Thank you for nomination
 - Excuse my last minute preparations
 - If I was granted I would have initiatives
 - What Kristen is personally invested in, what can be improved, what current issues are, etc
 - I would like to secure communication between us and administration, for ex grading scale policy
 - I want to keep everyone informed
 - In the past I have had leadership experience
 - My freshman year I did a lot of work through classroom experience going on trips and taking on roles
 - In high school I was in marketing organizations and did leadership activities which made me comfortable addressing issues and speaking in front of others
 - I am a sophomore
- Goolsby-
 - Third year public relations major
 - 2nd year in academic affairs
 - Joined USG because I want to make a difference
 - Being part of this organization is helping me leave my mark on campus
 - Currently working with residence halls to create a suggestion box system to help USG realize what changes what students want

- Student input is essential
- Critical time for academic affairs with approval of J term and possible grading scale change, academic landscape is about to change majorly
- Important to keep constituents informed and keep administration informed about how students feel
- I want to bring people together to find the best ways to move forward
- Last week Faith Denardo has agreed to start offering feminine products and condoms in res halls
- This proves that I am able to follow up with initiatives that I set for myself
- Hope to set strong foundation for future committee members
- Academic affairs different than other committees because enacting change is a long topic
- Must work much harder
- It is going to be very important for us to create a strong transition plan for next committee
- Having people keep track of which programs are being created in our colleges is very important
- Finding what majors and minors people don't want that we don't have is very important
- Lead committee to tackle present day challenges and look to the future and be prepared to face future challenges
- WINNER- SENATOR GOOLSBY

VIII. Executive Branch Reports

- a. President – Richie Racette rracett@bgsu.edu
- b. Vice President – Jauntez Bates batesja@bgsu.edu
 - Conversations with director of off campus affairs, meetings with mecca and greenbriar
 - Task force for sexual assault finalized projected completion dates
 - In conversations in general promote university productivity
- c. Cabinet Reports
 - Renou- After USG we are going to write 3 things we are thankful for

IX. Procedures and Appeals Reports

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

- Asked by athletic department to deliver game ball along with Toledo USG on Wednesday
- Discuss colab events with them

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

XI. Speaker's Report

a. Speaker of the Senate – Hannah Barnes hanbarn@bgsu.edu

- If you plan on being absent, there will be an ORGSYNC form that will go straight to secretary Warner. There is an option to send a proxy
- If anyone has any questions for Dr. Lunsford and wants to form a subcommittee, please reach out to me to determine next steps

XII. Committee Reports

a. Academic Affairs – Kristen Hermann keherma@bgsu.edu

b. Internal Affairs – Janelle Bollheimer jbollhe@bgsu.edu

c. Student Affairs – Hannah Cubberly hcubber@bgsu.edu

- Women's center hosting open interviews in BTSU 316
- Went to BGSU cares coalition
- No committee meeting tonight

XIII. Senator Reports

- Gorman- I am a liaison for faculty senate. They went over approved a new music certificate. They also got rid of 3 specializations. Approved reduction of textbook costs--- going to the state level.
- R Parker- created a BGSU commuter outreach twitter
- Taberner- partnership with UAO. At union tables Wednesday 12-2, advertising upcoming events. For Wednesday's football game there is a canned food drive.
- Goolsby- thank you for voting for me.
 - Free speech panel was a very defensive measure. A lot of confrontation between people about issue. Lot of backlash over presentation. Working on another place to host another free speech panel.
 - Attended student advisory board meeting.

XIV. Advisor's Remarks

a. Jodi Webb jwebb@bgsu.edu

XV. Closing Remarks

NO GA OR OFFICE HOURS NEXT WEEK

XVI. Adjournment

XVII. Internal Committees