

The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly
On This Day, November 27th, 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. Rodney Rogers, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
 - Provost- comes from Roman times, would ensure that troops had all resources
 - Provost oversees activities of organization ensuring resources and systems are in place
 - Make sure students meet their goals
 - Track 7 university goals
 - Goal 1 is key for BGSU
 - Working on new academic programs this year
 - Working on cybersecurity, social media, technical studies, leadership studies, etc.
 - Want to stay current in academic offerings
 - High impact practices- activities that students take advantage of that lead to long term success
 - Continue to grow high impact practices
 - USG is a high impact practice
 - Ensure that students are prepared that students are prepared after graduation
 - Focus groups implemented on advising process
 - Continue to enhance quality of teaching and learning across campus
 - Olscamp renovation is an example of improvements
 - Center for faculty excellence- provides workshops and programs for faculty
 - Support engagement in the learning process

- Teaching and learning ecosystem
- Our academic calendar is different than many other Ohio campuses are doing
- Creation of winter session
- Fall 2018 will begin a new academic calendar
- We are now aligned with most sister universities in Ohio
- Winter session is optional for students
- Plus/ minus grading system implementation has been controversial at BGSU even though most other universities across the nation have it
- Many different groups weigh in on this proposal
- At one time, GPA was calculated manually, making plus/ minus systems difficult
- As times changed and computers became more advanced, many schools changed to the plus/ minus system
- Studies found that statistically, the plus/ minus system changed students GPAs very insignificantly
- Questions-
- McVicker- under the proposed grade scale, there aren't any set percentages. What would be your response be to people that have a problem with that?
 - We also do not have percentages attached now in the current system. Perhaps we do need a tied percentage regardless of which system we use.
- DeWalt- can you elaborate why there is no C minus under the proposed system?
 - C is the minimum for some prerequisites, so the C minus would make it complicated
- Shull- If you want to have 2 majors at BGSU, you also have to have 2 minors. This does not apply to some other Ohio schools.
 - Gave her his card
- Rrogers@bgsu.edu
- Gorman- How is the winter semester going to complete a 3 credit course in a 3 week timespan?

- We already offer this time amount in the summer semester. It would be tough to be successful to take any more than 6 credits during those 3 weeks.
- Gorman- will the Bursar consider that a full semester of credit?
 - The tuition is deemed to be a separate term. It would be based the same way that summer is. They would pay the per credit rate.
- Renou- Have you seen any programs through other schools that have success hiring interns in 3 weeks?
 - They are not full time internships, they are for special projects for a 3 week, finite period of time. It has been a successful model in other institutions.
- Cubberly- how are students who have low financial means going to be provided access to these extra opportunities?
 - Federal aid is eligible for the winter session. Scholarships are not applicable to winter.
- Willis- Will students be able to drop these classes or make them pass/fail?
 - These are all still available, but with shorter time periods
- Katz- How long would the break be?
 - 5 weeks, 3 of term, 2 of break
- Herman- what is going to be the situation with on campus housing and dining halls for the winter semester?
 - There will be a meal plan available for this session, limited housing will be available. There will be one rate if a student is taking classes, and another rate if a student is staying for other reasons.
- Goolsby- Can you elaborate further on the study abroad opportunities during the winter session?
 - There are currently talks about this topic and many proposals. There are 250 proposals currently. South America is one of the proposals. Europe and Asia have also been discussed.

- V. Lobby Time
- VI. Old Business
- VII. New Business
- VIII. Executive Branch Reports

- a. President – Richie Racette rracett@bgsu.edu
 - A lot of projects are currently going on.
 - Congrats to Summer for becoming our current SOAB representative.
 - Be on the lookout for cabinet members reaching out to you via email.
 - I would like to share my phone number if anyone needs help. 567-876-1071. I want to be more easily accessible.
 - b. Vice President – Jauntez Bates batesja@bgsu.edu
 - No report
 - c. Cabinet Reports
- IX. Procedures and Appeals Reports
- a. Chief Administrator– Khory Katz kkatz@bgsu.edu
 - b. Chief of Staff Renou
 - Next week I want to have a holiday party. Next week there will be a shortened GA and a holiday party.
- X. Treasurer’s Report– Brianna Willis bwillis@bgsu.edu
- XI. Speaker’s Report
- a. Speaker of the Senate – Hannah Barnes hanbarn@bgsu.edu
 - Thank you for your questions for Dr. Rogers.
 - If you have any more questions, please reach out. You can run anything through me.
 - Please reach out to any of us if you need anything.
 - One final call out if you want to be a part of Dr. Lunsford’s initiatives—please reach out tonight
 - Holiday party is ugly sweater theme for right now
- 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
- XIII. Senator Reports
- Barnes- I am on dining advisory board with Chief Katz and Senator Reese. Healthy food has been a huge topic of discussion. If anyone has any opinions on this, please let us know.

- Barman- I have been working toward suggestion boxes in res halls. We have received the okay for implementation and they will be in effect next semester.
- Gorman- Faculty senate will not be meeting again until next semester.
- Payne- College credit plus invited us to a luncheon next week, December 7th. We will be using that to get feedback on our idea for mentorship between college and high school students. If anyone is interested in going or have ideas, please reach out to me.
- Brown- Holiday Karaoke Wednesday at 9pm at Centennial
- Goolsby- a free speech panel will be in January. If you would like to assist Christina Lunsford, please contact me. We want to get students to come in. We may also create an orgsync form for off campus senators in place of the on campus suggestion box.
- Katz- I have been working on a survey about the plus minus system. Send it out to everyone you know who goes to BGSU.
- Baldwin- we were discussing a field trip for internal affairs. I will pass a paper around for suggestions.

XIV. Advisor's Remarks

a. Jodi Webb

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- Thank you for those who helped with common read recommendations. The committee is currently choosing between 5 books. I need a few students who will be willing to read one of the books over break and provide feedback. Please let me know if you are willing.

XV. Closing Remarks

- DeWalt- apply to be a student leadership assistant on Orgsync. People interested can check out the center for leadership website.
- Goolsby- I went to relay for life. USG did not have a table at relay for life this year. We are lacking in our on campus presence. I want to work on this next semester with Dance Marathon and Sibs and Kids weekend.

XVI. Adjournment

XVII. Internal Committees