

The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly  
On This Day, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Room 308 Bowen-Thompson Student Union at 7:30 pm

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Swearing in of New Officers
  - a. Diversity Affairs
    - i. Jordan Parker
    - ii. Lauren Reese
    - iii. JaLynn Livingston
  - b. College of Education and Human Development
    - i. Connor Froehlich
  - c. At Large
    - i. Reagan Shull
    - ii. Savannah Hinde
    - iii. Anna Bolone
    - iv. Lexi Morris
    - v. Remington Schneider
  - d. Off Campus
    - i. Elizabeth Stark
    - ii. Ryan Parker
  - e. Hall Senators
    - i. Kohl Hall
    - ii. Offenbauer Towers
- IV. Open Forum
  - a. Dr. Mary Ellen Mazey, President of Bowling Green State University
    - Alex Solis- only student to be elected student body president twice

- BGSU is ranked one of the top universities in the country
- Business insider ranked BGSU was ranked Ohio's most affordable school while maintaining high quality
- BGSU has the 27<sup>th</sup> safest campus in the country
- Retention rate went up last year
- Intention is to get retention to 80%
- BGSU is continually building partnerships throughout the community and the world
- BGSU is creating a partnership with a university in southern China
- Christine Lunsford- Assistant to the President to diversity and inclusion on campus
- BGSU facilities are continually being updated
- Hannah Hall becoming Maurer Center
- Harshman coming down within the next year
- Some new goals- create new academic programs; increase internships, research experiences, and study abroad opportunities; increase student success and graduation rates; bring in more external funding; continue to build national and global engagement; continue to build diversity; continue to support health and wellness; continue to increase student body; ensure that more online programs are available
- It has not yet been decided what will be done with the Harshman area
- BGSU congested parking issue- 300 less parking permits have been sold this year, so there is plenty of parking
- Parking services enlisting license recognition software
- On alleviating congestion in Falcon's Nest- hoping people will develop new habits and plan eating times accordingly. Should improve within a few weeks
- Maurer Center- complete in 2020
- Faculty-student ratio will be kept
- Gabe Payne- how can universities help high school students better prepare for college?
  - AP programs are beneficial

- College credit plus
- Important to keep education flexible
- Kyle Jumper-Smith what is the current state of multicultural affairs in the union?
  - Everything is in place
  - Should be finished this academic year
- Hinde- What are we doing about sexual assault?
  - All students must be respected
  - Prevention important
  - Jennifer McH.- new hire on this issue, BGSU alum
  - Alcohol and drug use linked to sexual assault
  - Don't be a bystander
- Reese- What is the university doing to promote diversity inclusion on campus?
  - Increasing diversity on staff
  - Speakers on topic planned to attend, for example Henry Louis Gates
  - Diversity of student body- 20% students of color
  - Always more can be done
  - Matter of numbers
  - Christina Lunsford held event for faculty of color
- Gorman- What is the university's position on DACA?
  - We must abide by federal and state law
  - With that said, last December all public university presidents signed letter to senators stating support for DACA. Another letter was recently written
  - BGSU does everything in our power to support DACA students
- Payne- what is our position on common core?
  - No position
  - We have our own curriculum
- Froelich- What methods or classes does BGSU use to prepare student teachers for poor or rural areas?
  - That is a question for the dean of the college of education

- We have partnership with Toledo public schools
- We charter Toledo School of the Arts
- Jauntez Bates- What are some ways that students can get more involved in making their major more applicable?
  - Dr. Mazey does not work directly with this
  - Look at universities across country to revise curriculum
  - Support students in experiencing co-ops, internships, study abroad, etc
- BGSU wants students to graduate on time, work hard to make that happen
- Language skills are important
- Shaull- Gish Theater being closed down this year, what is the plan to get another screening space?
  - Formal announcement coming this week
  - Olscamp Hall will be the new screening space
  - Theater in the student union will become the Gish Theater
- Allmond- What is the university doing to promote health aside from the rec center?
  - Lots of options at the dining halls
  - Maybe there could be more, open to suggestions

## V. Lobby Time

- Rob Goldsmith- Students for Sensible Drug Policy
- Harm reduction is a high concern
- Certain situations carry more risk than other
- Alcohol is the most commonly used recreational drugs
- Recreational drugs can be safe in moderation
- There will inevitably be cases of drug overdose this year on this campus
- Don't be a bystander
- SSDP believes medical help should be requested in emergencies
- Shouldn't be a question of getting in trouble over saving a life
- SSDP wants the subjects of emergency calls to NOT be subject to disciplinary action
- robgold@bgsu.edu

## VI. Old Business

### a. Bylaw Amendments

- Add a black student union representative, latino student union representative, military representative, LBGT representative
- Senator Goolsby- proposed a friendly amendment to add a seat for new off campus apartments
- Juantez Bates suggested rather than adding a seat, specify one Off Campus senate seat to those apartments
- i. Changing SBC to SOAB
- ii. Chief Administrator role description
- iii. Addition of new Senator seats
  1. QTSU Senator
  2. BSU Senator
  3. LSU Senator
  4. Military Student Senator

### b. Constitution Amendments

- i. Procedures & Appeal Board
- ii. New Senator Seats (same as previously stated)

## VII. New Business

## VIII. Executive Branch Reports

- a. President – Richie Racette rracett@bgsu.edu
  - Send him any questions for President Mazey
- b. Vice President – Jauntez Bates batesja@bgsu.edu
  - Faculty is a resource, ask strategic questions
- c. Cabinet Reports

## IX. Procedures and Appeals Reports

- a. Chief Administrator– Khory Katz kkatz@bgsu.edu
  - Website is being worked on
  - Headshots will be taken tonight
  - Suggestion- include email and bio under headshot

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

## XI. Speaker’s Report

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

- Headshots taken tonight
  - i. Pass around roster—fill in committee & check for correct email
  - ii. Retreat September 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Location being decided
- Event is mandatory
  - iii. City Council Candidate Forum (October 23)
  - iv. Open Forum next week- Chris Bullins, Dress- business casual
  - v. New Senators—See me when we adjourn for orientation

XII. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs – Kristen Herman hanbarn@bgsu.edu
  - Continue discussion of new initiatives
- b. Internal Affairs – Janelle Bollheimer jbollhe@bgsu.edu
- c. Student Affairs – Hannah Cubberly hcubber@bgsu.edu

XIII. Senator Reports

- S. Gorman- lack of bike racks

XIV. Advisor's Remarks

- a. Jodi Webb jwebb@bgsu.edu
  - Involvement on university committee appointments is crucial
  - Tobacco policy committee being set up

XV. Closing Remarks

XVI. Adjournment

XVII. Internal Committees

- a. Headshot order
  - i. Chairs & Speaker
  - ii. Internal Affairs
  - iii. Academic Affairs
  - iv. Student Affairs
  - v. Cabinet