

The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly
On This Day, February 12, 2018
Room 308 Bowen-Thompson Student Union at 7:30 pm

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Swearing in of New Officers
 - a. One new officer- Elizabeth Fullencamp
- IV. Open Forum
 - a. Mr. Rodney Fleming, Student Legal Services
 - Managing attorney of SLS
 - Full time attorneys available for BGS students
 - Separate entity from BGSU to allow confidentiality
 - \$9 per semester
 - Optional fee
 - No additional fees
 - 73% of students indicated their legal issue was distracting from academics
 - 70% report that the legal issue was causing stress
 - 28% considered leaving school if they couldn't get legal help
 - Legal issue examples- eviction defense, lease contracts, roommate agreements, common area maintenance, security deposit issues, emotional support animals, underage, fake ID, marijuana charge employment contracts, wills, record sealing, notary services, credit reporting problems, name change, etc.
 - Average of 1500 office consults and 1196 court appearances each year
 - 99% of clients report that they received professional and high quality services
 - 97% would recommend to SLS to other students
 - 96% feel better equipped to handle a similar situation

- Questions-
 - Gorman- The housing rights and tenants issue is huge, can you elaborate on some of the legal rights of students?
 - That is a broad question. Landlords have a large list of obligations. One of those is to keep the property in fit and in habitable conditions.
 - Willis- do you plan on any other attorneys?
 - Not right now.
 - Cubberly- do a lot of international students use your services?
 - Yes, in a disproportionately large number.
 - Bollheimer- if a student graduates during their case, do you keep working on it?
 - We will always stick with criminal cases. As for civil cases, we stick around as long as we can do so.
 - Short- can you go into more detail about the zoning lawsuit?
 - Only 3 people who are unrelated can live together, even if it has more than 3 bedrooms

V. Lobby Time

- a. EAG to discuss a possible new plastic bag initiative
 - Brad Holmes
 - Environmental action group
 - Want a stronger relationship with USG
 - Seeking USG's input and support on sustainability ideas-
 - Want to cut down on waste produce in dining halls
 - Ensure waste and recyclables are being handled properly
 - Re-implement a post-consumer composting system on campus, rather than just the pre-consumer composting system currently in place
 - Ban the use of Styrofoam from all dining operations
 - Restrict the use of plastic bags on campus through de-incentives, such as plastic bag fee, canvas discount programs
 - Advocating for the importance of environmental mindfulness, campus sustainability, and student participation in such affairs

- Dunkin donuts has announced to ban Styrofoam in 2020
- Questions-
 - Katz- now that they don't give plastic bags until you say you want one, has that helped?
 - Yes, but it is not being enforced thoroughly enough
 - Racette- I feel that 25 cents per bag is high. Do you have projections about these numbers?
 - I think that less than 25 cents will make more of an impact
 - I will try to do more number plugging
 - Renou- how much would it be to implement a compost system for the salad containers?
 - I will look more into how much it will cost. OU has a great one. I assume over \$1 million. We could also pay a composting company to pick it up for us.
 - Goolsby- is there a way to dispose of plastic bags?
 - There are two recycling centers for them on campus. They are also at Kroger and Walmart.
 - Katz- Try to look for things that you can expand. Like put a plastic bag recycler in all of the outtakes.

b. Sandy Rowland and John Zanfardino, BG City Counsel

- Bowling Green has been looking into its housing situation for about 10 years
- There was a study completed 3 years ago that discussed declining housing stock in BG
- I am hoping that BG will address housing issue on Wednesday
- We need to hear from renters about the status of the homes
- No inspection system for landlord's properties in BG
- Inspections will likely be considered in BG
- The Ohio Supreme court supports BG's zoning laws
- There are at least 250 places in BG exceed the 3-person limit
- The landlords are not suing the city for tenant benefit
- Questions-

- Garbarino- please expand on the community action plan.
 - The community action plan is a plan with the goal to improve the life of residents.
 - The most recent professionals have advised the city of BG to inspect their properties.
 - Sandyrowland1@gmail.com
 - johnzanfa@gmail.com
 - Fire department does free inspections

VI. Old Business

- Creed Day Budget
- Budget Passed

VII. New Business

VIII. Executive Branch Reports

- a. President – Richie Racette rracett@bgsu.edu
 - DC was a success
 - New BGSU President – Dr. Rodney Rodgers
- b. Vice President – Jauntez Bates batesja@bgsu.edu
 - Met with Dr. Fisher and Dr. Gibson
 - Discussed academic affairs
 - Discussed late night programming initiatives
- c. Cabinet Reports
 - Bomley- Creed day is coming along
 - Sign up for shifts

IX. Procedures and Appeals Reports

- a. Chief Administrator– Khory Katz kkatz@bgsu.edu
 - The Tuesday following break is the debate
 - Open to the public

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

- Semester funding for fall increased for multicultural funding and decreased for sports

XI. Speaker’s Report

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

- Please reach out to Brad or the city council members if you are interested in what they had to say

XII. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs – Marcus Goolsby dgoolsb@bgsu.edu
 - Took away Presidential Honors graduate
 - Voted on plus minus scale—passed
 - Approved a new BGP requirement- life science
 - Next time we meet I will have more on the Its On Us campaign- need volunteers
- b. Internal Affairs – Janelle Bollheimer jbollhe@bgsu.edu
 - Contact with ITS- save any of your data to a flashdrive or email it to yourself
- c. Student Affairs – Hannah Cubberly hcubber@bgsu.edu
 - Community action plan meeting on Wednesday
 - Kohl running committee tonight

XIII. Senator Reports

- Gorman- first meeting of sustainability
- Seek to continue what Dr. Mazey proposed

XIV. Advisor's Remarks

- a. Jodi Webb jwebb@bgsu.edu
 - Mike Campbell will be here March 12

XV. Closing Remarks

- Shout out to Arielle for planning the trip

XVI. Adjournment

XVII. Internal Committees