The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government General Assembly
On This Day, January 22, 2018
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. Sherideen Stoll, C.P.A., Chief Financial Officer

    b. Majority of revenue is generated by enrollment

        i. Enrollment this past fall (2017) was lower than the trends anticipated (undergraduate)

        ii. Decline in International Graduate student enrollment (consistent with other Ohio schools)

        iii. 2018 total funding for university is $293,806,610 (student tuition + state funding +other sources of income)

    c. Master Plan Updates

        i. Board Approved 10-year Res Hall and Dining Hall Master Plan in August 2009

            1. Harshman should be demolished spring/summer 2018 and landscape will be restored

            2. Expect next 10-year Res Hall and Dining Hall Master Plan to be approved by BOT by summer/fall 2019

        ii. Board Approved 10-15 year Campus Master Plan in June 2010/October 2011

            1. Hanna/Maurer Center construction to begin fall 2018, planned completion in fall 2020

            2. Administration Building will be demolished by 2023

    d. Tuition/Falcon Tuition Guarantee Plan

i.   Will tuition of returning students be increased? No, thanks to Ohio Legislature and Tuition Guarantee Plan – tuition and general fee costs will not increase for four years (corresponds to cohort of incoming students)

1.   Effective for incoming students fall 2018

ii. Question S. Carter – Will BGSU enter into any tuition reciprocity agreements with institutions from other states? Not at this time.

e.   General Fee Allocation 2018

i.   Over $6 million allocated to pay for athletes' tuition and room and board

f.   Planning for 2019 Budget

i.   Enrollment – expecting flat to very modest increase

ii. No increase in tuition rates for continuing students

iii. 2-3% increase in room/board plan rates expected

g.   Questions

i.   S. Ashford – Does presented budget for Shuttle Service reflect the current rate or the projected rate after the Shuttle Service is outsourced?

1.   The current budget reflects the current rate and the decision to outsource the shuttle service has not yet been finalized. If we decide to outsource the shuttle service, we would no longer include that in the overall budget. Instead, the company selected would be paid a flat rate to operate and maintain the shuttles.

ii. Vice President Bates – Why is a large portion of the budget allocated to athletics if a large percentage of students do not regularly attend games or sporting events?

1.   The real question is should BGSU be a Division I school, BGSU has one of the lowest Athletic budgets in the MAC conference. Becoming a Division I school would require our teams to abide by additional rules and ultimately, collegiate athletics has a monopoly in the US.

iii. Treasurer Willis – Is it possible that funding for SOAB will be increased or is that a capped amount?

1.   In general, as enrollment goes up or down, most auxiliary budgets go up or down with the exception of SBC and Athletics.

      iv. Avery Dowell – How can students become more involved in the decision making process for determining the budget?

          1. The President's Cabinet meets and read about the future of the academic experience to inform their decisions.

              a. The demographic of individuals who attend college is 18-22 and it is expected to enroll in college and complete a degree program in four years and then move on to join the workforce. It is possible that, in the future, individuals will decide to take a gap year in between graduation from high school and college enrollment and use that time to travel or work for a nonprofit. Then those individuals may decide to enroll in school part-time while also continuing to work part time. In twenty or thirty years, different models will exist and students will never really stop their educational experience.

              b. Facilities will look different in the future and spaces will be designed to be more flexible and serve multiple purposes.

V. Lobby Time

VI. Old Business

    a. Senate Resolution 2017/2018 – 03 (Senator Brooke Barman)

      i. Student Green Initiatives Fund

          1. Optional (opt-out) $5 fee included in student fees every semester

          2. Created in 2011

      ii. $500,000 pledge will be allocated to the development of a large-scale, on-campus solar array

VII. New Business

VIII. Executive Branch Reports

    a. President – Richie Racette   rracett@bgsu.edu

      i. Keep reaching out to Student Organizations to promote USG and also learn what constituents may need from us

    b. Vice President – Jauntez Bates   batesja@bgsu.edu

      i. Semester Goals!

          1. Working to improve communication this semester

        2. Create transition materials for the incoming elected (and appointed) individuals

   c. Cabinet Reports

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. There are some standing committee vacancies that need to be filled, if you are available please consider serving on these committees

         1. BGP Committee

         2. Committee on Professional Affairs

      ii. Mike Polis (head of Dining Services) will be the speaker at the next meeting

         1. Send Questions by Wednesday

      iii. Test Kitchen Open House on an upcoming Monday (date?) from 9-3

         1. Professional grade kitchen will be used for workshops that will be meal plan friendly

         2. USG Specific Open House following the general Open House 3-5:30

XII. Committee Reports

   a. Academic Affairs – Marcus Goolsby   dgoolsb@bgsu.edu

      i. Updates on Grading Policy

         1. Grading Policy has changed to include C-/D+/D-

         2. Implementation has been pushed from fall 2018 to fall 2019

         3. Undergraduate Council has voted in favor of the new Grading Policy

      ii. Faculty Senate will be meeting in two weeks and voting on the policy

         1. Would encourage USG representatives to attend the Faculty Senate meeting

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

      i. Sign up for your office hour! Residence Hall Senators keep in mind you can do your office hour in your resident hall

c. Student Affairs – Hannah Cubberley   hcubber@bgsu.edu
   i. Met with Student Affairs Advisory Board
      1. Discussed services provided by Counseling Center
         a. Professional staff to student ratio is 1:2,400 (2016-2017)
         b. Counseling Center Fees
            i. Freshman - $.67 per credit hour
            ii. Sophomore - $1.08 per credit hour
            iii. Juniors - $1.00 per credit hour
            iv. Seniors - $.83 per credit hour
            v. Graduate - $.89 per credit hour
      2. Student Organizations are viewed by the university on a tier system
   ii. Opening Ceremony for new LGBTQ+ Resource Center/Multicultural Affairs Resource Center on Saturday, January 27 at 4:00

XIII. Senator Reports
   a. Senator Baldwin – Updates on Washington D.C. trip
      i. Would need approximately $3,000 from USG Budget (would need the Senate to vote and approve use of budget), individuals would have to pay $75 each
      ii. Friday, February 23 – Sunday February 25
         1. Career Center sponsored Professionalism Workshop
         2. Visit Museums
   b. Senator Gorman – Updates on Tobacco Policy
      i. Sanctions would not be harshly enforced for use and would not be imposed for possession of tobacco products
   c. Senator Ashford – Reached out to various organizations who may be interested in working with USG in the future

XIV. Advisor's Remarks
   a. Jodi Webb   jwebb@bgsu.edu
      i. Reminder to apply for Lenheart Scholarship due on February 1st
      ii. Attend your standing committee meetings! Or find someone to go in your place

XV. Closing Remarks

       a. Treasurer Willis – SOAB is hosting help sessions 5:30-7:30 on Tuesday and Wednesday this week

XVI. Adjournment
       a. Moved by S. Gorman
       b. Seconded by S. Baldwin

XVII. Internal Committees