



The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government
On This Day, Monday, January 27th, 2025
BTSU 308 at 7:30pm

- I. Call to Order- 7:31
- II. Roll Call
- III. Open Forum- Dr. Lawrie
 - a. Director of the Office of Student Housing
 - b. Kohl Hall Renovation
 - i. Got completely gutted and extensive redone. It's about 60 years old. The work will extend it for another 40-50 years
 - ii. Adding AC, adding 22 new resident rooms, Pod Bathrooms, laundry on the first floor, multipurpose room, Re-Design of Front Desk, new paint/carpet/furniture in the rooms. New lobby/lounge furniture
 - 1. Pod Bathrooms- students have to come out of the room, you get to have private bathroom that has toilet, sink, and shower in a pod bathroom. The pods are located in each hall, with many in it.
 - 2. The front desk will be very open design
 - 3. "Z-track" bed will also be introduced. You and your roommate can loft and deloft your bed yourself.
 - iii. In the "Old Kohl" section is where the 22 new rooms will be located.
 - iv. It will hold about 300 students and will be open in May.
 - v. They are ahead of schedule, and plan to have it completely ready for the next academic year
 - c. Other facility projects
 - i. Offenhauer Power Load
 - 1. They will be getting extra power to make sure that the towers have a failsafe in case the power fails
 - 2. Kreischer Chiller Project

- a. They will be bringing chilled water into Kreischer, and the Board will continue to watch it

3. Founders Hall

- a. Examining Founders and looking at the east tower to get new lighting, carpeting, etc.
 - b. Within in 3-5 years, Founders will also be renovated
- d. Process for signing up for housing for next year
- i. March 10th: deadline for returning students to make their \$200 initial housing payment and form a Roommate Selection Group
 - ii. March 12th: room selection times will be sent out
 - iii. March 18th-20th: room selection time
 - iv. Expecting to be pretty full-on campus for next academic year.
- e. Question: given the momentum of BGSU and increase in students, does Housing have any plans to adjust for that?
- i. Answer: the enrollment cliff will dip down in the next few years, and during that dip, Kreischer will be renovated.
 - ii. We will be able to manage
- f. Question: International students have a struggle to get summer housing between the end of Spring semester and start of summer semester
- i. Answer: if you have a contract with BG, International Program needs to communicate better with Housing. He will work with International Program to work on that soon so there is less of a struggle.
- g. Question: Will the pods bathrooms be added to other places?
- i. Answer: Kreischer will be planned to be pod-style. Kohl was the first to see what it is like. Anywhere they renovate next, it will likely be considered for pod bathrooms.
- h. The Mac Annex is on the masterplan list. It will likely be a green space between it and Offenhauer.
- i. Question: Do you anticipate a major increase in students living on campus again?
- i. Answer: there are plans in place. One of those will be economy triples and hold the quads off since that is what happened this semester.

- j. Question: What buildings have triples?
 - i. Conklin. Centennial has triple rooms. Most of them are in Offenhauer because those are the largest rooms. Falcon is designed to have triples too.
- k. All of our resident halls are owned by the campus, but Centennial and Falcon Heights have a different cleaning company.

IV. Lobby Time

- a. BGSU Libraries
 - i. Vera and Beth
 - ii. Coming this summer, the library will be undergoing a massive digital transformation.
 - iii. The library search engines are being changed over the summer along with this digital transformation.
 - iv. When you start your search, they have two different ways to approach it.
 - 1. The first one is by searching for keywords and getting immediate information that is available to you
 - 2. The second is a more in-depth search, which will be a broader search and will include things that you may need to request. It will also include Ohio-Link.
 - v. Keeping permalink, citation, and easy bib on the main menu. Will likely remove export to excel and printing options.

V. Swearing in of New Officers

- a. Cailin Mascarin – At Large Senator
 - i. First year Forensic DNA student
- b. Markaya Wells – Kreischer A/B
 - i. First year Marketing student
- c. Jayda Dondrea – Student Labor Senator
 - i. First year Sports Management student
- d. Conner Schmit – Interfraternity Council Senator
 - i.

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

- a. SB 01
 - i. The bill formally requests a more holistic cold weather policy
 - ii. Emergency procedures are being designated, so we will vote on if we will do an emergency procedure.
 - 1. It passed
 - iii. Voting to pass SB 1
 - 1. Unanimously passed

VIII. Senator Reports

IX. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs – Madeleine Freyhof
 - i. Everyone is required to go to a committee meeting after GA.
 - ii. Sarah will be coming to the meeting to talk about BGPs, Handshake, Navigate, and Early Alert.
- b. Internal Affairs – Abby Burger
 - i. They do philanthropy events.
 - ii. No meeting tonight
 - iii. This semester they will be doing a blanket making event on Feb 26th from 6-8:30 pm. They will be tie blankets and will be donated to the Humane Society
 - iv. New senators must do a one on one with her.
 - v. Ohio SB 1 is related to higher education, so let Abby know if you would like to help write legislation relating to it.
- c. Student Affairs – Will Hattery
 - i. Updating shuttle stops and adding more suistanbility to them
 - ii. Crosswalks- to make it safer around Kreischer
 - iii. Checking on the accessibility in Residence Halls. They will be doing research in the halls

X. Speaker's Reports

- a. Speaker of the Senate – Gyllien Anderson
 - i. February 10th we will be at the President's House. The dress code is business professional.

- ii. You can get business professional clothing through the university. Its from Career Collection.

XI. Executive Branch Reports

a. President – Elyse Adrian

- i. President's House Feb 10th:
 - 1. If you need a ride, please tell Elyse.
 - 2. When they get the address, they will send it so we can get there.
 - 3. You need to wear business professional
- ii. Chief of Staff position has opened up, if you want that position, please let Elyse know so you can interview
- iii. Campus Fest is Thursday. We still need another spot filled so there are no gaps in tabling
- iv. OSGS is this weekend.
- v. Bowling Green Save Our Neighborhoods Group
 - 1. They will be hosting a advocacy event for renters.
 - 2. If you are interested in getting involved in that, let them know
- vi. The library will be sending out a survey to get information on what we prefer for the digital transformation.
- vii. AI panel on Thursday from 10:30 – 11:30 am. If you want to be on the panel, you don't need to be an expert. Let Elyse know if you want to be involved.
- viii. Advocacy Day will either be March 11th or 12th, depending on where SB 1 is at when it gets closer to time.
- ix. The Voyager Scholarship has opened. It is open until April 1st, you get a lot of networking and lots of money.

b. Vice President – Madison Jefferies

- i. Banquet update
 - 1. If you see an RSVP, please sign it because the banquet is during GA so you are able to go. This helps get a proper headcount
- ii. Join the Photo Circle so you can send USG related pictures for the banquet.

iii. Trustee Update

1. Applications close on February 3rd
2. Share it with everyone who might be interested or eligible that way they can apply

c. Cabinet Reports

i. Tiago

1. QTSU is hosting Queer Prom in collaboration with USG, talk to Tiago or Bart Reamer (QTSU President) if interested
2. The Honors College is revamping their entire program for the upcoming academic cohorts. All the changes were made to have more opportunities for Honors students since some majors currently struggle to get their requirements.
3. Since the current President of the United States is getting rid of DEI, the university is working to stay compliant with current legislature and ensures that they will be continuing to support all their students. They will be continuing all of their services

d. Brandon

- i. The Counseling Center will be considering adding a new support group for survivors of sexual support
- ii. February 20th the Rec Center will be having a mental health event

XII. Advisor's Remarks

a. Sarah Jurden sjurden@bgsu.edu

- i. Marcie is our new practicum who will be supporting our committees, along with USG in general.
- ii. She will be at the Academic Affairs meeting tonight. If you are not a member of Academic Affairs and still have thoughts that you would like to be heard about those things, please let either her or Maddie know
- iii. Trustees Information
 1. We are a major part of the process
 2. If you are interested in applying, or know others who are interested, please encourage them to apply.

- iv. If you ever have questions about what's going on, you can always reach out to Sarah or someone on the Executive Board.

XIII. Closing Remarks

a. Dance Marathon

- i. 10 hours of community service. You will be raising money for the Toledo Children's Miracle Network, and you will get to interact with them.
- ii. You will also learn a 8-10 minute dance, but you don't need to be good at dancing to join.
- iii. If you don't like dancing and instead prefer biking, you can do a 62 mile bike ride. You get lunch and it's really rewarding.
- iv. Being involved entirely will be a weekly commitment. If you just want to be in the major event, you can also just do the 10 hour community service day (and you don't need to stay the whole 10 hours).
- v. If you are interested, see Gyllien

XIV. Adjournment