



The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government  
On This Day, Monday, March 17th, 2025  
BTSU 308 at 7:30pm

- I. Call to Order- 7:32
- II. Roll Call
- III. Open Forum- Dr. Nick Hennessey
  - a. Manager for the Office.
  - b. Office of Campus Sustainability
  - c. Zack Hayes is the coordinator
    - i. He is a full-time worker.
  - d. Dr. Nick is retiring effective July 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - e. Zack will step into the Director position on July 1<sup>st</sup>
  - f. Goals / Updates:
    - i. Emissions Reduction
      - 1. Greenhouse gas emissions continue to go down. The biggest consumption is purchased electricity. Not to mention natural gas, which is used to run the steam plant (it runs the heat in the winter).
      - 2. Commuting data does not have data for the past few years.
      - 3. Hopefully with the removal of more buildings will lower these emissions even further. However, McDonald & Kohl have been renovated so that adds to it
    - ii. Waste Reduction / Resource Conservation
      - 1. BGSU currently ranks 29/78 in the recycling per capita category
      - 2. "Campus Race to Zero Waste"
        - a. Engagement in Resident Halls: Falcon Heights, Offenhauer, Kreischer C-D. Engagement with student groups: ESC & EAG
  - g. Campus ReStore & Other Waste Reduction events
    - i. Located in McDonald Hall Annex.

1. This Wednesday – 12-2:00 and then 4-6 pm
2. Need volunteers to keep it running.

ii. WYMO

1. Anything that's still usable can be put in these. They will be put in the lobbies of Res Halls during the week of April 14.
2. It's anything that you don't want to pack up. It gets donated throughout the community organizations.
3. Food goes to the falcon pantry.
4. Need volunteers to keep it running.

iii. Book Recycling

1. The library is getting rid of a lot of old journals and books that they don't need anymore.
2. The books get turned into new paper

iv. Composting

1. Biweekly pick-up at the Oaks, Union, Carillon, and Kreischer. The food waste gets composted into good soil that then gets sold off.
2. We have composted 37,400 lbs this year

v. Electronic Recycling Drive

1. 9 am – 1 pm on April 5<sup>th</sup>
2. At the Slater Family Ice Arena Parking Lot (aka lot 10)
3. Can recycle:
  - a. Anything with a cord
  - b. Battery operated devices
  - c. Batteries
  - d. Computers, phones, charges, appliances
  - e. Data is wiped by AIM eCycling
4. Also need volunteers for this too

vi. Earth Month: all of April

1. Plenty of events to go to
2. Eco-Fair is April 16<sup>th</sup>. 11 am – 2 pm at the Union Oval
3. There are also tree planting service projects. Currently three dates

4. Slippery Elm Trail Bike Ride. On April 19<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 4 pm

- a. Prefer you bring your own bike
- h. They always need more volunteers. They have a BGSU Serves page with all of their events.
- i. The Instagram is @greenbgsu & it shows all of their events
- j. Q: You said that there were recycling areas in Kreischer C&D but no A&B. Is there a reason for this?
  - i. A: This is the recycling event that was temporary. The bins for Kreischer will be returned hopefully by the end of this week.
- k. Q: Where can people take their recycling if they live off campus?
  - i. A: Easiest would be the facility that's by the flight center. It's open 24/7. The only thing you have to do is sort your recycling first
- l. Q: Is there a place to put compost in Bowling Green?
  - i. A: The City of BG has food waste disposal waste. It's across from the airport. You can put anything in there, like food and greasy pizza boxes. Just food waste and other compostables.

IV. Swearing in of New Officers

V. Lobby Time

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

VIII. Senator Reports

IX. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs – Madeline Freyhof
  - i. In Academic Affairs, will be working on updates with the two initiatives
- b. Internal Affairs – Abby Burger
  - i. The Office of Dean of Students is holding a food drive starting tomorrow. Will be collected in room 303 of University Hall
  - ii. Internal Affairs is trying to find some other ways to volunteer with other people on campus. Will likely work with Sustainability
- c. Student Affairs – Will Hattery
  - i. Will be working on research projects in student affairs

X. Speaker's Reports

- a. Speaker of the Senate – Gyllien Anderson
  - i. If there are applications that come through right now, they will be referred to reapply in the Fall.

XI. Executive Branch Reports

- a. President – Elyse Adrian
  - i. Advocacy Day went well. They were not able to give testimony because of the amount of people.
  - ii. Want to sign everyone up for Spring Day of Service.
    - 1. You need to write your name and bgsu email. Elyse will sign everyone up together.
    - 2. Will be Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup> from 9 am – 2 pm
  - iii. Will be meeting with ITS later this week. If there are questions to bring up with ITS, please tell them.
  - iv. Will be meeting with Inclusion & Belonging Council. If there is anything for that, please let them know.
  - v. We are starting to focus on transitions and finishing things up for this year. If there is anything you are working on that needs some help, Elyse is available to help get them done before the banquet
- b. Vice President – Madison Jefferies
  - i. Three weeks out from the banquet
    - 1. If you need to fill out the form, just go to Madison to make sure you're on the list
    - 2. Its at April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7. Please aim to be there by 6:45.
    - 3. We will not have GA that night. Instead, we will have dinner at the banquet
    - 4. It is a business professional event
  - ii. Had a meeting for the career week, it will be sometime next week. Likely before Career Expo, so students will be prepared for those events.
- c. Cabinet Reports
  - i. Syndey:

1. If you are looking to join a standing committee, there is one open on Public Safety.
2. If you do not have a standing committee, she will be reaching out to put you on one.

ii. Tiago:

1. TEDx is this Wednesday from 9:30 am – 8:00 pm. In the Union Ballroom.
  - a. There is a special Starbucks drink for the TEDx. It's an Iced White Mocha with strawberry foam and sprinkles.

XII. Advisor's Remarks

- a. Sarah Jurden [sjurden@bgsu.edu](mailto:sjurden@bgsu.edu)
  - i. Midterm grade reporting extended until Wednesday.
  - ii. If you are a first year, you should have received a reminder for your mandatory advising. Non-first years should have got general advice
  - iii. Elections:
    1. Her team is going through everyone who applied to check the qualifications. If you are ineligible, you will get an email tomorrow morning.
    2. Tomorrow afternoon, people can start campaigning.

XIII. Closing Remarks

- a. Pinwheel Garden signup sheet will be in the follow-up.
- b. QTSU has a queer prom from 7-11 in Olscamp. It's on the 24<sup>th</sup>. The theme is Pink Pony Prom
- c. Service Opportunity: Letters of Love is having a meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup>. There's a little raffle (\$1 a ticket) during that meeting
- d. Gyllien's capstone research project:
  - i. If you have seen Mean Girls and Bring It On, please sign up for this research project.

XIV. Adjournment