



The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government  
On This Day, Monday, November 25th, 2024  
BTSU 308 at 7:30pm

I. Call to Order 7:31

II. Roll Call

Elyse Adrian	A	Magdelyn Asire	A
Madison Jeffries	P	Alexa Massey	A
Gyllien Anderson	P	Ispiro Halabi	A
Agatha Hickerson	A	D'mya Brown	A
Madeleine Freyhof	P	Chloe Strong	P
Abby Burger	P	Isabella Lane	P
Will Hattery	P	Will McLean	A
Tiago Gobetti Gaboardi	P	Dylan Selhorst	A
Ava Kramer	P	Anna McRay	P
Emily Burns	A	Rudrashis Mandal	P
Jacob Irelan	P	Evan Thornton	A
Isaac Finkbeiner	P	Brandon Walker	A
Caleb Isler	A	Nic Paprocki	P
Hannah Steil	P	Landon Leiss	A
Avie Householder	A	Niharika Pashikanti	A
Sydney Gourley	P	Hayley Kirlin	P
Kathryn Kline	A	Haley Horen	A
Damarion Jones	A	Karlee Heilman	A
Raegan Burkey	P	Jesse Romack	A
Jayden Isaacs	A	Ava Evers	A
Drew Schlicker	A	Tamia Mitchell	P
Kathryn Dean	P	Liam Hanna	A

III. Open Forum – Graduate Student Senate

- a. David Fisher GSS president to speak about their initiatives

b. GSS Overview

- i. Represents Full and part time graduate students as well as in person and part time students
- ii. Diverse populations and programs are represented in GSS
- iii. Main goals- representing graduate student needs/issues and advocacy
- iv. Shared governance of BGSU and hold seats on Faculty Senate, Graduate council, etc.
- v. Similar committees and structures to ourselves, but graduate studies are very diverse on time frames in which they are there
- vi. Current initiatives:
  1. Faculty mentorship program
  2. Increased respect and value for graduate students, education, and research
  3. Graduate housing complications, especially international student
  4. Stipends and health insurance
  5. Financial strategic planning
  6. External Advisory Board
- vii. Current Events:
  1. Professional Development Day
  2. 3-minute thesis day
  3. Shanklin colloquium and GSS Awards in March

c. Q: Do you think that GSS fully represents Graduate students?

- i. A: Amanda Taylor increased representation for non-traditional graduate students, they are also currently working to increase outreach to more international graduate students

d. Q: What are common problems faced by grad students right now?

- i. A: Mainly financial issues since they are in a weird spot as not a student and not a professional. A lot of students have full time jobs at BGSU and part time students or vice versa. Also, program to program differences are greater than other universities, and pose a further cost difference in fees, tuition waivers, and assistantships (can be around a \$10,000 difference).

- ii. A: Faculty-student interaction is also a big challenge in relation to physical distance, or more pressing issues.
- e. Q: What are projects in which USG and GSS can assist with?
  - i. A: USG has had an increased presence in the state government and engagement. A lot of the things that happen at BGSU affect both GSS and USG, and representation is a big thing that draws both organizations together. Changes are always happening, whether we see them or not, and it is our job to find it and speak up.
  - ii. A: Parter on issues relating to housing and thinking long-term about how to adapt to things like the increase in enrollment.
- f. Q: Some grad students have expressed push to be a full time student in order to do projects that are required for their program, but it is too costly.
  - i. A: This has to do with the differences between programs and their different requirements. In order to maintain an assistantship at BG, you have to work full-time. For the individual, they may need to assess the balance of cost and time.

#### IV. Swearing in of New Officers

- a. Kathryn Dean- McDonald Hall Senator

#### V. Old Business

#### VI. New Business

- a. Appointment
  - i. Hannah Steil- Legislative Secretary

#### VII. Senator Reports

#### VIII. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs – Madeline Freyhof
  - i. Faculty Senate is not meeting tomorrow, they will be meeting after Thanksgiving Break
- b. Internal Affairs – Abby Burger
  - i. USG t-shirt designs are due by Friday.
  - ii. Brainstorming ideas for service projects next semester
- c. Student Affairs – Will Hattery

- i. During the Student Affairs meeting, they be discussing the three projects they will be bringing into next semester.

IX. Speaker's Reports

- a. Speaker of the Senate – Gyllien Anderson

X. Executive Branch Reports

- a. President – Elyse Adrian

- i. Reminder: end of the year party is from 7:30 – 9 on December 9<sup>th</sup>
- ii. Advocacy Day went incredibly well. There will be another Advocacy Day during Spring semester
- iii. Next meeting will have the senator goal setting for next semester. Any initiatives or projects will also be compiled for the end of year banquet.
- iv. Please fill out the standing committee form if you do not have a standing committee or cannot continue with your current committee next semester

- b. Vice President – Madison Jefferies

- i. The Pajama Party is on December 6<sup>th</sup>
- ii. They met with President Rodgers to discuss next semester, and the plans related to it.

- c. Cabinet Reports

- i. Jacob-

- 1. Senator spotlight form will be in the follow-up email for the spring semester
- 2. AI group has been formed to learn how to interact with AI as well as understanding its literacy.

XI. Advisor's Remarks

- a. Sarah Jurden [sjurden@bgsu.edu](mailto:sjurden@bgsu.edu)

- i. The reason we have USG on external committees is to make sure that students' voices are heard throughout the university that way the university knows what our thoughts are.
- ii. If anyone has questions and/or concerns about academics, please let Sarah know

- iii. We will start to talk about the election and preparing for next year at the start of January.

XII. Closing Remarks

- a. Confirmation of the date for Dance Marathon is April 5<sup>th</sup>. Gyllien is one of the Moral Captains for it too.
- b. If someone is on another student organization, talk with Jacob about getting involved with Dance Marathon.

XIII. Adjournment