



The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government
On This Day, Monday, September 11th, 2023
BTSU 308 at 7:30pm

- I. Call to Order 7:32
- II. Roll Call
- III. Open Forum – Rodney Flemming- Student Legal Services
 - a. Goal of the presentation: What SLS does
 - b. Provide legal advice, legal representation, legal education, and resource referrals
 - c. Landlord vs tenant issues (1984)
 - d. \$13 per student each semester for SLS
 - e. USG worked to get SLS to happen
 - f. Outside organization contracted with the University, they provide no additional funding
 - i. They pay rent and phones to the University to represent the students
 - g. Most common issues brought up to SLS (tenant/landlord): Evictions, lease contracts, roommate agreements, habitability and repair issues, common area maintenance, rent escrow, security deposit disputes, nuisance party violations, ADA accommodations, emotional support animals, yard/sidewalk responsibilities, single-family zoning
 - h. Common issues (other): Underage alcohol, fake ID, OVI, driving under suspension, marijuana and paraphernalia, shoplifting, trespass, speeding, tampering with smoke alarms, identity theft, protection orders, record stealing, crime victim reparation, credit cards, name changes, notary, auto purchase, and assorted legal documents
 - i. Reeducate the student population as it is always changing
 - j. They report a high client satisfaction rate
 - k. Located in College Park
 - l. 1500 students a year get consultations
 - m. Over 1000 times in court a year

- n. Q: Do you ever have to turn people away because of a lack of funds and resources?
 - i. A: No. This is the first year of charging \$13 a semester which is more than it has been, but two attorneys are housed within SLS, and a third may be on the way
- o. Q: What is the success rate with underage or possession charges?
 - i. A: The office has been integral in preventing students from accumulating a criminal record. They worked with the courts to come to a compromise with education and community service. The definition of success is subjective, and SLS sees success as getting these students through the program without a criminal record but still learning a lesson.
 - ii. Diversion programs: theft, underage drinking, drug use
 - 1. Theft of food encourages SLS to share resources like Flacon Food Pantry with those students
- p. Q: When is the first time that SLS is introduced to the students?
 - i. A: Orientation, focusing on the parents knowing this information. Only a five-minute talk, but they have to go out of their way to waive the fee if they so choose. They can opt back in second semester.

IV. Swearing in of New Officers

- a. Introduce themselves and say their position
 - i. Matthew Oury-
 - ii. College Of Health and Human Services Senator
- b. Raegan Burkey-
 - i. Athletics Senator
- c. Abigail McGaughy
 - i. Diversity Affairs Senator

V. Lobby Time

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

- a. Budget Proposal
 - i. \$24,000 budget allocation

- ii. \$21,488 scholarship money
- iii. \$1500 banquet
- iv. \$200 for GA and Executive retreats
- v. \$500 USG Merchandise
- vi. \$1000 Programs
- vii. \$100 Office supplies
- viii. \$400 Internal Use
- ix. \$21 per month for USG printing
- x. \$37 on phones
- xi. \$21,000 left over from last year
 - 1. New furniture and new refrigerator and microwave in the office
 - a. Want to use this money for reasonable things that will be useful for years to come
- xii. Will be voted on at the next GA meeting and will be reviewed during committee meetings tonight

VIII. Executive Branch Reports

- a. President – Emily Gerome
 - i. Updates from Faculty Senate:
 - 1. The governing body of the faculty (academic personnel)
 - 2. They are also a standing committee
 - 3. SEC- Senate Executive Committee
 - 4. New Interim Vice Provost- Dr. Janet Hartley and Dean for the College of Technology, Architecture, and Applied Engineering Dr. Kendall Harris, but a search committee is forming to find final positions for both
 - 5. Academic Calendar Approval
 - ii. Wednesday September 20th- State of the University Address by President Rogers
 - iii. Campus Master Plan discussion- Wednesday, September 13th at 11am and 5pm
 - iv. AI Panel: Thursday Oct 26th

- v. Meeting with Dr Rogers this week (Emily and Carly)
 - vi. Internal GA Committee meetings: mandatory
- b. Vice President – Carly Hitchcock
- i. 12-3pm GA retreat on October 13th: mandatory
 - ii. USG mixer is in the end of October: creating a planning committee
 - 1. If interested, let Carly know
 - iii. Last Wednesday Emily, Carly, and Gonzalo met with Chief Campbell
 - 1. Police want to build relationships with the student community
 - iv. Chris Bullins is no longer the dean of students, Ben Batey is the
 - v. Jeremy Zillmer is the new Dean of Students
 - vi. Mobile crisis after 5pm: social work graduate students work with cops if there is a crisis
 - vii. September 25th: BGSU will be getting a version of the CALM app that will help with mental health that is tailored to your needs (free)
 - 1. Can still use it after you graduate if it is renewed
 - viii. COVID:
 - 1. Still on the website
 - 2. Still recommended to quarantine for five days if you test positive
 - 3. Syllabi have been updated
 - ix. Office of Health and Wellness updated from Wellness Connection
 - x. Student Employees are Mandatory Reporters
 - xi. Student Organization competitions for homecoming
 - 1. Competition winners get monetary prizes
 - xii. The crosswalk is being put in, but there is no projected end date
- c. Cabinet Reports
- i. Rose Brookhart:
 - 1. Chief of Staff
 - a. Working to ensure university committees have undergraduate representation
 - b. Undergraduate Council needs representation- if interested, reach out to Rose

ii. Gonzalo Pizarro:

1. Meeting with Chief Campbell

a. Blue polls being removed

- i. Not a concern this year, but they are not utilized and 911 is tracked to exact location
- ii. Putting in a 3rd party service that has a help button potentially

2. Utility Hour Opportunities

a. National Hazing and prevention week: Week of September 25th

- i. Signups will begin next Monday
- ii. 7:30-9:30pm Stone Fultz family will come in to talk about hazing and alcohol

b. Monster mash tabling in the Rec Center- Thursday Oct 19th 8-11pm

iii. Heidi Gasser:

1. Women and Weights- women-oriented event for the rec

a. Personal trainer and weight room access (4 sessions in total)

2. October 11th voter registration due date

3. BGSU Votes: Democracy Fair on October 2nd

iv. Elise Adrian:

1. Director of Sustainability

a. Green Fund- \$5 per semester for the University to use on green ideas

i. Cargo bike for the wellness center

b. Ecobricking: single use plastics donations (cleaned and dried)

c. Recycling: you can now recycle more than before at residences halls

- d. Green Office Certification: Elyse is working to get us recertified
- e. Green falcon pledge: pledge to be more sustainable within your life
- f. Utility hours:
 - i. Katie Where- bird collision on window thesis
 - 1. Walk around buildings and look for dead birds on windows and take pictures for her research
 - ii. Office of sustainability-
 - 1. Friday night lights
 - 2. All campus picnic
 - 3. Green game day
 - 4. Clean your streams

IX. Procedures and Appeals Report

- a. Chief Administrator - Kaylee Kahl
 - i. Parking appeals needs people
 - ii. Tomorrow at 7pm in the sky bank room- wellness event

X. Treasurer's Report

- a. Bo Bradley

XI. Speaker's Report

- a. Speaker of the Senate- Gyllien Anderson
 - i. Welcome new senators

XII. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs – Keaton Thieding
 - i. New to the Academic Affairs position
 - ii. Representing USG on the University Academic Affairs standing committee
 - iii. Meet upstairs in the student org suite
- b. Internal Affairs – Taylor Vanek
 - i. Fill out name tag form

1. Hopes to have name tags by next Monday
 - ii. Utility hours:
 1. An hour dedicated to USG outside of GA
 - a. 12 each semester
 2. Events count toward utility hours
 3. Washed plastics for ecobricking also count as utility hours
 4. Each senator is responsible for keeping track of their own utility hours
 5. Can be found in the By-Laws
 - iii. Next week is the bylaws and constitution proposal
 - iv. Internal Affairs committee meets in USG office- focus on philanthropy (several a semester)
 - v. Next Monday Audit report
 - c. Student Affairs – Hannah Boyle
 - i. Carly is proxy for Hannah
 - ii. Standing committee- outside of USG and GA Committees- inside of USG
 - iii. Meeting in the craft room
 - iv. Budget, student affairs, and RA compensation
- XIII. Senator Reports
- XIV. Advisor’s Remarks
- a. Dr Glenn Davis and Sarah Jurden gmdavis@bgsu.edu sjurden@bgsu.edu
 - i. Glenn will be here next week and they want to be accessible to the senate and give information and support to all senators
- XV. Closing Remarks
- a. Cole Nemeth- Student Trustee
 - i. Helps president Rodgers and the board and apply USG ideas to the Board of Trustees. He represents the undergraduate students and wants to do it well
- XVI. Adjournment 8:58