



The Official Agenda of the Undergraduate Student Government  
 On This Day, Monday, September 25th, 2023  
 BTSU 308 at 7:30pm

I. Call to Order 7:31

II. Roll Call

Emily Gerome	P	Christian Isler	A
Carly Hitchcock	P	Caleb Isler	A
Gyllien Anderson	P	Madison Jeffries	P
Taylor Vanek	P	Chris Williams	A
Hannah Boyle	P	Gio Romey	A
Keaton Thieding	P	Fiona Flower	P
Elyse Adrian	P	Raegan Burkey	P
Kaylee Kahl	P	Briecce Graham	A
Bo Bradley	P	Rebecca Strack	P
Rose Brookhart	P	Jacob Irelan	P
Gonzalo Pizarro III	P	Emily Burns	P
Heidi Gasser	P	Abigail Burger	P
Luke Clark	A	Kira Cheadle	P
Kate Doyle	P	Evan Kalka	A
Jashu Tamilselvan	A	Connor Hand	P
Mitchell Thatcher	P	William Hattery	Proxy: Tristin McMannes
Fran Gaier	P	Joshua Jarikre	A
Abigail McGaughy	P	Taigo Gobetti Gaboardi	P
Ethan Gravelle	P	Matthew Oury	P
Madeline Freyhof	P	Ryleigh Roberts	P
Elisabeth Lorenz	P	Sara Whiting	P

Isaac Finkbeiner	P		
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### III. Open Forum – President Rogers

- a. Cole Nemeth- Undergraduate Student Trustee
  - i. 9 Governor-Appointed trustees in the state of Ohio
    1. Vote on issues that relate to the university
    2. Governed by the Code of Ethics
  - ii. 2 Governor-Appointed Student Trustees
    1. Undergraduate and Graduate
  - iii. 4 Governor-Appointed National Trustees
- b. Most of our trustees are BGSU alumni
- c. Diverse opinions across the board
- d. The BoT focus on the Strategic Plan
  - i. Long-term goals for the University
  - ii. Internal document that ensures all the employees know where we are headed
  - iii. Communication is the most important
    1. Redefine student success
    2. Focus on research, arts, and more
    3. Supportive community
    4. Do so efficiently and effectively
  - iv. Provide the appropriate support to facilitate them and retain the students and prepare them for their future careers
- e. Q: what do you foresee as BGSU's greatest area of improvement over the next five years?
  - i. Record retention rate this past year, 90% placed within 6 months or less after graduation
  - ii. Pushing to have even higher levels of achievement and success
  - iii. Comprehensive and balanced research university that has an array of academic programs that meet needs of the 21<sup>st</sup> century
  - iv. Solid education that sets you up for success

- v. Constantly focused on student success
    - f. Q: Diversity, inclusion, and belonging?
      - i. SB 83: current writing does not impact
      - ii. Diversity and Belonging Plan
        - 1. Graduation rate per background
    - g. Q: Sustainability?
      - i. Physical plant alignment
      - ii. Power to the people
      - iii. Supporting innovation in trying to do new things
    - h. Q: Off-campus student scholarship inclusion?
      - i. Not aware of any scholarships that favor on-campus over off-campus students
      - ii. On-campus students have more access to opportunities
      - iii. Growing scholarship programs
        - 1. Thompson Working Families Scholarships
    - i. Each of the students are given opportunities to make the world better
    - j. Thank the students who voted BGSU in the Wall Street Journal #1 in Ohio for Student Experience
- IV. Swearing in of New Officers
  - a. Sara Whiting- Off-Campus Senator
  - b. Ryleigh Roberts- Off Campus Senator
  - c. Ethan Gravelle- At-Large Senator
  - d. Madeline Freyhof- At-Large Senator
  - e. Elisabeth Lorenz- At-Large Senator
  - f. Lola Flick- Kohl Hall Senator
- V. Lobby Time
  - a. Cole Nemeth – Board of Trustees Representative
    - i. Undergraduate representative on the Board of Trustees shared updates from the September meeting of the BGSU Board of Trustees
  - b. Rose Brookhart
    - i. USG Standing Committees

1. Greek and Residence Hall senators do not need a standing committee
2. Link to the presentation:
3. Some of the committees meet more than others
4. Some committees are already full
5. One of our major opportunities as students to have our voices heard

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

VIII. Executive Branch Reports

a. President – Emily Gerome

- i. Introduction to new senators
- ii. Standing Committees are a requirement for all senators
- iii. Green Dot Week-
  1. Events for Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness
  2. Green Dot Certification for BGSU
- iv. AI panel that USG has been asked to send a representative for
  1. Effect on the future of education

b. Vice President – Carly Hitchcock

- i. Welcome to the new senators
- ii. Senator Retreat on October 14<sup>th</sup> from 12pm to 3pm
  1. RSVP form in the follow-up email
  2. Attendance is strongly expected
- iii. USG Office BTSU 404
  1. Fill out the KeyWatcher in Presence
    - a. Link in the Follow-Up Email
    - b. Student Org Suites around the corner from the office
- iv. Mixer Committee
  1. Invite people to get to know USG and what we do
  2. Sept 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm

c. Cabinet Reports

- i. Gonzallo Pizarro III
  - 1. Director of Health and Safety
  - 2. Green Dot Week
  - 3. National Hazing Prevention Week
    - a. Activities every day of the week
    - b. Utility Hour opportunities:
      - i. 11:30-1pm this week
  - 4. Monster Mash October 19<sup>th</sup> from 8-11pm
    - a. Tabling and Utility Hours
- ii. Elyse Adrian
  - 1. Sustainability
    - a. Green Office Certification
  - 2. Green Space Initiative from EAG
  - 3. Green Falcon Pledge
  - 4. Residence Hall Senators
    - a. Meeting about recycling in residence halls
  - 5. Utility Hour events:
    - a. Katie Wear
      - i. Dissertation on bird window collision deaths
      - ii. Sign up for a time to walk around campus in the early morning to collect data on birds
    - b. Campus Restore volunteering this Wednesday
      - i. McDonald Hall
    - c. Clean your Streams
      - i. Maumee river this week
    - d. Friday Night Lights
      - i. Turning off lights around campus for the weekend
- iii. Heidi Gasser
  - 1. Director of student engagement and outreach
  - 2. USG is critical in ensuring the students are represented
  - 3. Twelve utility hours per semester

- a. Serve as a USG advocate
  - 4. Mixer Planning
    - a. USG history poster
    - b. 5:30 Sept 26<sup>th</sup> in the USG office
  - 5. Halloween Mocktail Party
    - a. Alcohol Safety
  - 6. Meeting with Ana Brown
    - a. Diversity Inclusion and Belonging
  - 7. Slide to present to classes about USG
  - 8. BGSU Votes
    - a. Democracy Fair
      - i. Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> at the union tables from 9am-3pm
- IX. Procedures and Appeals Report
  - a. Chief Administrator - Kaylee Kahl
- X. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Bo Bradley
    - i. Application for USG Funding Form
    - ii. Emailing about USG office updates and another meeting Thursday at 11am
      - 1. About \$5,000 from our rollover
- XI. Speaker's Report
  - a. Speaker of the Senate- Gyllien Anderson
    - i. Welcome to new senators
    - ii. Send information for reports to Gyllien before the meeting
- XII. Committee Reports
  - a. Academic Affairs – Keaton Thieding
    - i. Meet in the Student Organization Suite
  - b. Internal Affairs – Taylor Vanek
    - i. Committee focuses on Philanthropy and planning events
      - 1. Meet in the USG Office after
    - ii. Halloween Event may be philanthropic

- iii. No meeting tonight
- iv. Constitution and By Law revisions presented next week
- v. Fill out the name tag form that is in the follow-up email
- vi. Schedule One-on-Ones with Taylor through the link in the Follow-up email
- vii. Approval of Utility Hours
  - 1. Form is in the Follow-up emails
  - 2. Outside of meetings
  - 3. Resolutions, initiatives, events, tabling, etc
- viii. Senator Retreat October 14<sup>th</sup> from 12-3pm
  - 1. Counts as three utility hours
- ix. USG Office organization
- c. Student Affairs – Hannah Boyle
  - i. DEI, Accessibility, Residence Life, and more
  - ii. Send your ideas to Hannah
  - iii. Meet in the Union Craft Room
  - iv. Can switch around committees until you find the right fit for you

XIII. Senator Reports

XIV. Advisor's Remarks

- a. Dr Glenn Davis and Sarah Jurden     [gmdavis@bgsu.edu](mailto:gmdavis@bgsu.edu) [sjurden@bgsu.edu](mailto:sjurden@bgsu.edu)
- b. Welcome to new senators
  - i. Here to support all senators to make their connections and make the difference you want to make
- c. Board of Trustees meeting
  - i. Emily had a great report
- d. Sarah will work to connect you with an administrator through email with whatever you need

XV. Closing Remarks

- a. Leave nametags

XVI. Adjournment