

**THE SENATE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY

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XXXX, 2014

Approved by the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Body, and prepared for presentation to the President of the Undergraduate Student Body.

XXXX, 2014

Approved by the President of the Undergraduate Student Body, and so ordered into effect.

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Kasie Durkit  
Speaker of the Senate

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Brian Kochheiser  
President of the Undergraduate Student Body

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## **A Resolution formally supporting immediate action from the University to address changes to the BG News at Bowling Green State University.**

*In the senate of the Undergraduate Student Body here assembled,*

1 Whereas, the Undergraduate Student Government's sole purpose is to serve as the official  
2 student voice to the administration and University, at large; and

3 Whereas, the Undergraduate Student Government has received multiple requests from student  
4 organizations regarding individual concerns and issues about the BG News; and

5 Whereas, the BG News is an independent student press serving the campus and surrounding  
6 community; and

7 Whereas, the BG News was established in 1920 to serve as a credible source of information for  
8 the Undergraduate Student Body, coming through the form of an independent student voice;  
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10 Whereas, the BG News contains stories about athletic events, administration, student  
11 organizations, and faculty around campus and the local community; and

12 Whereas, the editor in chief and his or her staff determine story content and what issues or  
13 events are covered by the BG News, and which of those are subsequently exposed to the  
14 Undergraduate Student Body through the press; and

15 Whereas, the BG News receives auxiliary resources from the University for its day to day functions,  
16 provided through student General Fee, yet does not respect the concerns and voice of the students; and

17 Whereas, the Undergraduate Student Government is responsible for seeking the action and  
18 changes that students wish to see on Bowling Green State University's campus; and

19 Whereas, Bowling Green State University Dance Marathon, a large philanthropy organization,  
20 has expressed to the Undergraduate Student Government concerns towards the BG News due  
21 to headlines that misled students from the philanthropy's purpose: and

22 Whereas, Dance Marathon represents a significant portion of the student body, and has  
23 requested that the Undergraduate Student Government seeks a reform within the BG News  
24 process; and

25 Whereas, Bowling Green State University Athletic Department has expressed concerns  
26 towards the integrity of the BG News, reporting inaccuracies forwarded to the student body,  
27 which limit student attendance and support for fellow student athletes; and

28Whereas, members of Bowling Green State University's Delta Kappa chapter of Phi Mu has  
29shared instances of the lowering integrity of the BG News, reporting inaccuracies forwarded to  
30the student body that has resulted in the degrading of the sisters of the chapter; and

31Whereas, members of Bowling Green State University's Kappa Delta chapter of Chi Omega  
32brought to the Undergraduate Student Government frustrations regarding headlines that  
33represented the sorority poorly; and

34Whereas, members of the Bowling Green State University Zeta Lambda chapter of Tau Kappa  
35Epsilon has brought to the Undergraduate Student Government instances of neglect within the  
36production of the BG News; and

37Whereas, Bowling Green State University Interfraternity Council has brought forth their  
38concerns about misrepresentation of their council and related fraternities through the BG  
39News; and

40Whereas, Bowling Green State University Black Student Union has expressed concerns  
41towards the misquoting that has occurred when being interviewed through the BG News; and

42Whereas, Bowling Green State University Undergraduate Student Government has expressed  
43concerns towards the integrity of the BG News, reporting inaccuracies forwarded to the  
44student body; and

45Whereas, one of Bowling Green State University's core values is "We expect excellence in all  
46we do" and the repeated misrepresentation of students and prevalent spelling and grammar  
47errors by the BG News does not represent a state of excellence; and

48Whereas, another core value of Bowling Green State University is "We respect one another  
49and foster diversity and a culture of inclusion" and the BG News does not foster an  
50atmosphere of inclusion and diversity due to the derogatory nature of its content; and

51Whereas, the BG News has the ability to help promote the welfare of the student body through  
52highlighting events on campus in a positive light; however, often does not fulfill this ability;  
53and

54Whereas, the BG News is a potential excellent resource for students with an interest in print  
55news production or revision, it is currently not reaching its full potential; and

56Therefore, let it be resolved, that members of the Undergraduate Student Body have lost faith  
57and trust in the BG News, which deprives Undergraduate Students of a credible news source;  
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59Therefore, let it be resolved, that a feasibility study should be conducted to measure the  
60impact, the relevancy, and the success of the BG News; and

61Therefore, let it be resolved, that a public election for Editor in Chief will allow for the  
62Undergraduate Student Body to review the candidates and to restore the trust in the BG News  
63staff; and

64Therefore, let it be resolved, that the BG News needs to be evaluated through a system of  
65checks and balances, because they are not currently held accountable by the Undergraduate  
66Student Body; and

67Therefore, let it finally be resolved, that if the above changes do not occur then  
68Administrational action must be taken, because the BG News is reflecting poorly on Bowling  
69Green State University's core values and student organizations.

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*Passed by the Senate and ordered presented to the president of the Undergraduate Student Body for Approval or Veto.*

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Kasie Durkit

Speaker of the Senate

*I do hereby approve, and order  
this legislation into effect.*

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Brian Kochheiser

The President of the Undergraduate Student Body

*I do hereby disapprove, and order this legislation to be returned to the Senate.*

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Brian Kochheiser

The President of the Undergraduate Student Body