

Bowdoin Student Government

BOWDOIN COLLEGE

Meeting of the Bowdoin Student Government

March 28, 2007

- I. **Call to Order** at 8:08 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call** no absentees
- III. **Approval of Minutes:** Clark says that they “lived”, not “lives”. Bryce says that Alicia was “at” not “as”. Torri says that on page 5, she said that the system doesn’t work letting other people do it for the people who were abroad. Approval of Minutes passes unanimously after these correction are noted.
- IV. **Reports**
 - a. **President:** DeRay introduces Mitch Davis. He says that there is a big agenda revision, because the paper that was handed out is in fact the completely wrong agenda. He outlines the changes.
- V. **New Business**
 - a. **Mitch Davis, Chief Information Officer:** Will introduces Mitch, the CIO of Bowdoin. He oversees AV, network, and IT. This includes the website, the help we get on campus, all the internet stuff, and all the equipment for AV events. He’s easy to talk to and friendly. Mitch thanks the group for having him.
 - Carolyn asks about the rumor about switching to G-mail. Mitch says that it will be an option. They didn’t see any reason to not do this, because many students already use G-mail. It will just be a Bowdoin-branded faculty. Carolyn also asks how outlook could open better on Macs. Mitch says that when they revise the system, both will be updated to office 2007 and 2008. It will also be Modzilla-compliant. It looks as good on Macs as PCs. He confirms that he does not hate Macs, and that their use is growing in higher education everywhere. They are working on integrating them. He recognizes that the interface sucks, but they are at the bottom of the mountain trying to climb. The system will be much better next year. They are definitely going somewhere now. There will be an integrated student information system, with class locations and book lists, etc. There are three servers that are clustered, and they also have to think about system failures. They work with other schools to back each other up. They are trying to integrate the cell phones into the system so that we could do four-digit dialing the minute you step on campus. The response among the group is much excitement at this news.

- Torri asks what happens when students graduate with their email. Mitch says that they normally leave it for 6 months, but with the new system, they can offer it longer. Students would just need to call in for extensions after this 6 months for a period of up to 2 years. He thinks that you could transfer to a different server after this point. The kind of email solution in the future will be integrated, tied into business systems.
- Steph asks if there was talk about improving the phone-mail systems. Mitch says that they are replacing the whole phone system, and that the cell phones will be worked in. They are rebuilding the lines and little phones that hook up to the computers that can be used anywhere on campus. He also says that there will still be one phone, but it will be personalized by access accounts.
- Ben asks about problems with Bearings. Mitch says that Bearings depends on a 15-year-old server. There is a back-up that they bought on ebay, but they will be replacing the system. Crystal's office is working on a replacement. Bearings was built in about three months after he came here three years ago. They have expanded the capacities, but it is a chipmunk running on a wheel.
- Sophia asks about making course registration online. Mitch says that there is completely a plan to make this happen. There is a project manager that Crystal is working with.
- Kata is wondering if there are plans to improve Verizon signals. Mitch is sitting on a board with the President of Verizon, who thinks that the service at Bowdoin is good enough.
- Lynzie asks why they can't have cordless phones in the rooms. Mitch says that it is a digital system, and that that phone plugged in would fry it. The system we have now is 25 years old, and we are working now on recycling phones, basically.
- Jackie asks about making Blackboard more uniform. Mitch says that this is the professors' prerogative. We want people to be able to utilize these tools. There are plans to improve and build, but it is a new system. Some of the faculty like the features, but other don't.
- Kristen lives in Ladd, and they got a printer. She wonders if there is a plan to expand this to other dorms. Mitch says that this is something BSG could suggest. That could be a nice project. It is nice for the houses, but it would be more difficult for the dorms. It's a nice convenience.
- Torri asks about the system for putting money on the cards. She asks about using credit cards, because they are so integral in our world now. Mitch says that they are trying to expand the one-card system so that students could do this. The nice thing is that a lost card could be turned off. A card would know all the classes and buildings that you need when you get on campus. We are using new technology so that a cell phone could become a card. Alex calls Mitch a magician. You could also locate a lost cell phone with GPS. Mitch says that it would have to be a newer cell phone. People ask about this meaning a switch back to proximity access, to which Mitch responds that there is a whole project to look at door access.

- Steph thinks that the biggest priority for printers should be housing sitting away from campus, those that don't have access late at night. She suggests looking at location first.
- Clark asks about watching movies for class, etc. and if there are plans to put that online somehow. Mitch says that some classes are already doing this in a pilot program. A limited group knows about this because it takes a long time. There is also limited storage. The students use about 20 terabytes, and overall there are about 210? These films take time. Also, looking at iTunes and things like that, all these scanned-in images take up space. It would be nice for every faculty member to have a channel, which is where we are headed.
- Clark asks about hooking the computer into the television. Mitch isn't pushing on that. A \$50 device that you could purchase would work.
- Jack asks about the email sent out today. Mitch says that the recording committee is going after students for downloading illegal materials. We get 5 (at the most) requests that say what happened and ask what we do. Before, that was good enough for the companies, but now, they want to make a statement. There is a warning to not download this music, and they are looking for people. Three students at Bates got letters.
- Rob asks about someone stealing music and sending it to him. Mitch says that they can't track it over IM. Jack asks if they can track for downloading but not sharing. Mitch says that they can, with the IP address that links to the number on the phone. He can find where you were, what you were doing. They don't actively scan for this unless they get messages from universal, etc. Alex asks about being outside the Bowdoin network. She, specifically, lives off campus and pays for her own internet. Great.
- Carolyn asks about illegal music downloading, and channels that have movies and TV shows. She wonders if they are legal or not. Mitch asks when the site says. He says that streaming is not that bad. There is a company that provides Indie music, and you can listen to it for free. Downloading costs something.
- Alex Lamb asks if there is a plan to match iCal with the server. Mitch says that you can open Entourage, and there is an extension that will keep it updated. He thinks it sinks between both. He'd have to look at it. He does have office hours. His office is above Barry's. Hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 and 2. He says that you can email him too, and that he can stay late to meet with people. Mitch says that projects will be worked on over the summer.

Public Comment: DeRay says that Matt Martin will speak now. He spoke to the officer team earlier. Matt helps run Americans for Informed Democracy. He has been talking with Prof. Buckley, who has been forced to teach Islam classes although this is not her area of expertise. They have been working within the department to hire an Islam professor as well as an Arabic one. He sees particular urgency in this field, as this is a major void right now. He brings the idea forward to sponsor a poll within the student body to see if there is support for these classes if they were to be offered. The Orient is running a story on Friday, and he is hoping

to run a poll about students' intentions were Islam classes to be offered. We think that this would be helpful for Mills when soliciting donations, and when the administration looks at hiring professors.

- Ben asks if they want a second Islamist. Matt says that they just want one sooner. Burgess says that there is no current timeframe. They have picked who they are job-searching for, but it depends on a lot of things.
- Dustin says that there is the possibility for a donor to donate for a specific position.
- Torri asks what the requirements for an Islamic specialist would be. Matt thinks that there is the possibility for a professor to teach both language and history/culture. Burgess also adds that it would be great to find someone who could function in both roles.
- DeRay says that there is a way to help the cause and gauge student opinion. This will be a hodgepodge of worlds.
- Sam asks what the roll for Americans for Informed Democracy was in this issue. Becca says that they brought a number of speakers on the topic. Carolyn thinks that they are trying to address a void in the curriculum in the ability of students to understand this perspective, especially because they are a non-biased group. DeRay says that Matt noted that they don't usually do things that affect the campus directly like this.
- Torri thinks that there would be a lot more interest in a professor who could teach Arabic as opposed to history. The distinction might be important.
- Dustin thinks that this is a good place to get involved in student opinion and provide support.

(Reports Continued)

- a. President: DeRay says to get thinking caps on. Please be conscious of repeating things that have already been said. [A nice idea, in theory, that is unfortunately forgotten immediately] Stay focused. Elections are coming up shortly, and because there are 5 senior officers, they are moving the responsibilities from Dustin to Steph for coordinating elections because Dustin or Will could be candidates. We will be meeting with the Colby team in April to coordinate "The Book" that has institutional memory from the NESDAQ schools. They have the responsibility for compiling it.
- b. Becca says that SOOC gave to Bowdoin Film Society for their film festival, which will be big. AfAm is having a party at one of the houses, men's volleyball is hosting a tournament, the cycling club is active, ANOKA is bringing a Bollywood dance instructor, Baking Club came for events, and Water Polo has a tournament. Unity came in and was awarded some funding, Amnesty is bringing a pro bono lawyer who worked with detainees from Guatamamo, and there was more allocation for Bowdoin Women in Business. The Black Arts allocation was rejected because they already hosted a dinner open to the community. Ben asks how much money is left. Becca would rather not answer, but they are fine.

c. Alex doesn't have anything to say.

New Business (Continued)

- b. Presidential Eligibility: Dustin says that there is a slight change from last time. The change is to "Served as a class officer (not president)." We are also changing the wording on (1b). He describes the change, which is purely functional/language related: Another method of qualification in the absence of membership will be attendance at 5 regularly scheduled meetings and attendance at one of each committee meeting.
- Emily asks if this would work for this coming election. DeRay says that people will not be able to take advantage of this for the coming election.
 - There is discussion about whether or not both parts of (1) could pass. We were originally trying to pass one or the other. They both could pass, but would have to be merged creatively.
 - Sam thinks that the majority of the criticism of allowing people outside to pass was based on the need for institutional memory, which he doesn't think this addresses.
 - Becca thinks that we have gone over the arguments, and don't need to repeat ourselves (Amen, sister). DeRay thinks he will make up his mind as he votes. Dustin says that this is the chance to get it out on these bills. They are different from what they were before.
 - Lynzie doesn't agree with this. She thinks that it should be a merger: a class officer who has come to meetings. Just being a class officer isn't enough.
 - Alex L. says that one of the concerns was that it should be open to the whole campus, and that the second one is more inclusive of the whole student body. It gets at the problem more.
 - Torri disagrees. She is against both amendments. We talked a lot about opening it up. As is, it is open to the whole student body, if you decide early enough.
 - Steph thinks that there are ways to be involved in other years that can prepare people for the job. She is against (1a) because a class officer is no more qualified than another officer, and (1b) has better stipulations.
 - Ben asks Torri if she disagrees with the second. He mentions what Alex said about the second being more inclusive. Bryce also asks Torri about her claim that anyone can run. Torri explains this concept once again. There are a number of ways to be involved on BSG.
 - DeRay worries about BSG being too insular. He thinks that if the rules are changed, it forces us to be much more creative, which is not a bad thing. He can think of a number of leaders on campus who could do this job well.
 - Emily asks what Bates and Colby do. Colby is open to anybody, and he believes Bates is that same.
 - Steph thinks that the Presidential Role as written is not open to anyone, because it is written as a one-year position. We are saying that it is a two-year position,

because you have to serve prior to that. It is forcing a two-year commitment to a one-year position.

- DeRay explains that Colby functions as a two-person officer team. They don't have a top-heavy system.
- Charlie thought he would be against both, but he thinks that (1b) is a good compromise.
- Clark disagrees that a stipulation on one of 26 members would make the body insular.
- Torri talks about the distinction between could and would. People could do the job, but she is not sure that they would. A person could come to meetings, but that's not to say that they would attend the weekly meetings. That is a commitment that people on BSG know.
- Carolyn says that it would still be a two-year position if (1a) passed. (1b) still requires more than a year of serving in some capacity. She doesn't have a problem with a commitment of more than a year. Also, she understands the potential for BSG to become insular, but thinks that we should recognize that the person could be chosen from any of three years. Student Government is somewhat insular in and of itself. Those who are interested are their own breed anyway. She goes on to describe how everyone in the room is a student government nerd for the fact of their commitment to the meetings. Rob denies that he is a student government nerd.
- Alex W. doesn't think that we know anything special that everyone else doesn't know. He doesn't think that we are a special breed. If you saw someone running that you didn't think would be good, then don't vote for them, but don't tell them they can't run.
- Jack agrees with Torri. She wonders why we have to be accommodating for President when there are other positions that they could run for.
- Emily K thinks that we need to trust the Bowdoin students.
- Alex L. thinks that IHC is a good example of regular commitment. BSG is a required taste. Someone could come for a couple meetings and figure out how their BSG could run.
- Will says that this meeting does not come close to covering the range of the job and the commitment that comes with a role on the BSG. He also mentions that the politics in the school are high-school-like, and that races turn into popularity contests. Also, the President just moderates the meetings, function-wise. Other roles have power to make real change.
- Rob says who the hell are we to say who can and can't run. How do we know that someone couldn't do a job? It's a pretty pessimistic assumption that people wouldn't be competent.
- Vote on Amendment 1a; Those in favor: none; ***Amendment Fails Unanimously***

At this point the group becomes privy to a wisdom previously undisclosed at the weekly Wednesday meetings. The desperate and enraged secretary sincerely

beseeches the membership to consider the length of the debate in relation to the distribution of the vote.

- Dustin repeats amendment (1b) about the meeting requirements as an alternative means for Presidential eligibility. Steph moves to amend that an officer team meeting be added. She thinks that it could be the final piece. Officer meetings are key components in understanding how this works.
- Carolyn asks about the event in which a committee does not meet in the time period that a person decides to run. Could the language change to accommodate this? A really vindictive vice-president could choose not to hold a meeting to prevent someone from meeting the requirements. Sophia asks if the plan is to have foresight in deciding to run. A committee will meet in a semester, and someone who wants to run should decide this far in advance.
- DeRay asks about a percentage of meetings instead of a number (5 scheduled). Dustin was trying to simplify this stipulation. We never actually know how many meetings there will be.
- Becca thinks that five is too many, and that you could learn the same in three. The problem is that this is opening the door a little bit, but not really opening it.
- Alex L. wonders why we put either/or as the language. It seems redundant. There is more discussion about syntax.
- Torri is going to be completely honest. If we are changing this amendment three times, we aren't going to vote on it tonight.
- Steph would be okay with reducing the number to three meetings, and wonders if there could be a stipulation about them being non-consecutive.
- Jack wonders if we could table this, rework it, and vote next week. DeRay says that we could, but that this would have to get to referendum soon. Dustin says that he would never want to do two referenda. Also, anything next week could confuse people because it will be in election-season. Let's do this right, but bear in mind the timeline.
- Bryce thinks that it should say "full" meetings so that people don't come and leave.
- Clark asks if we could tag something on to the election. Dustin says that he would never want to, but that we could.
- DeRay says that because there are two amendments on the table, we have to consider them before the amendment at hand. The motion to table could work, because it won't affect the coming election anyway. He would ask that there be a noticeable gap between the referenda so that there is not a nasty block.
- Jack moves to table. Dustin says that with five amendments, he doesn't promise that the referenda will be next week anyway. This is a lot of amendments on one bill.
- Torri asks if they already had a meeting to invite people and give comments about the amendments. Torri says that these ideas weren't brought up before when there was the chance. Ben thinks that a good idea now is still a good idea, and should be considered.

- Charlie thinks that (1b) will not pass in any form. He is fairly confident. This insight shines momentarily like a flame in a dank cave, but is quickly extinguished in favor of further debate.
- Those in favor of tabling: Dustin, Jack; Those opposed: everyone else
- The first amendment to amendment (1b) is to add an officer team (which doesn't technically exist) meeting to the list of required meetings.
- Burgess wants to cut out eye-rolling, etc. from the rest of the meeting. She doesn't think that this is necessary.
- Ben has never been to an officer team meeting, and wonders if there is stuff in those meetings that someone shouldn't see.
- Steph wants to revoke her amendment. Those in favor: Ben, Alicia, Opposed: Everyone else; Those abstaining: Torri, because she doesn't feel the need to vote.
- The next amendment would add "if such meetings are available" to the end. Carolyn is still worried, and thinks that "are held" would be better. They finally decide on including both words: "held and available".
- Clark's problem is with the implications of the word. A meeting a week ago was still technically "available".
- Dustin reads the amendment clause again. He has added "in the time needed for the larger meeting requirements". Carolyn explains the rationale again. Ben suggests adding somewhere else that every committee meets at least once in the last five weeks of school. Jack says that we could think of a gajillion situations that could change this. It clearly won't get voted through anyway. Sam likes the idea, but doesn't think that it's necessary at all. The elections committee can take care of this. Dustin doesn't want to put "extenuating circumstances" into the constitution. Burgess says that we already found ourselves in a circumstance that was iffy earlier this year. Carolyn repeats that this is the best way to account for the situations that could come up. Those in favor: Burgess, Sam, Clark, Lynzie, Rob, Alex, Carolyn, Nate, Kristen, Emily, Alec, Ben, Steph, Becca, Dustin; Those opposed: Emily, Will, Sophia, Bryce, Jack, Alicia, Kata; Those abstained: Charlie because this amendment has no chance anyway, Dooley because he could go either way, and Torri because she doesn't agree with this entire sentiment
- Dustin talks about the next amendment to change 5 meetings to 3. Becca says if you are going to open it up, really open it up. Burgess is for opening this more, but opening it to dedicated people. DeRay says that he would be in favor of this, because these are lengthy meetings, and you have to go to 5 full committee meetings too. These are super barriers. Torri feels that if this passes, she wants to make sure that it is someone who is committed to attending meetings.
- Emily K. mentions that these people are doing other things too. Nothing in two extra meetings will open a person's eyes.
- Rob says that people have decided, and we should just vote. Preach it, brother. Those in favor: Burgess, Emily, Rob, Alex W, Nate, Emily, Alex L, Ben, Becca, Alicia; Opposed: Sam, Clark, Torri, Lynzie, Dooley, Charlie, Carolyn, Kristen,

Will, Sophia, Bryce, Jack, Kata, Dustin; Those abstained: Steph, because she is torn

- The next amendment is about requiring non-consecutive meetings. This amendment is withdrawn by Steph's request. The next adds "full" before "meetings". Those in favor: Burgess, Sam, Emily, Clark, Torri, Dooley, Charlie, Carolyn, Nate, Kristen, Emily, Will, Ben, Alex, Steph, Sophia, Bryce, Becca, Alicia, Dustin, Lynzie; Those opposed: Rob, Alex W, Jack, Kata
- Dustin reads the changed amendment (1b) It makes me think that death may just be the preferable option to life in this room for three hours on Wednesday evenings.
- Torri says that we have talked a lot about leaders and put the fact out there that we have athletic teams and coaches. She has not thought of a single athletic team where you get on because you go to meetings. Also, the President doesn't vote. Real changes come from different seats. She also has a problem saying that they don't trust people running. She trusts them to decide ahead of time to run. We have been elected to decide.
- Ben doesn't think that the sports analogy is relevant. He thinks that we need to understand that you understand what happens after coming to meetings. We're smart enough to know what we have to do before running. The nature of elections is that if someone we don't like is elected, so what. He can think of a prime example of a kid in his class who has run every year, who clearly wants to be on the body, and who might not get that chance. Other classes may want to vote for him.
- Sam's fear is the stability of BSG in general. It isn't as well-founded as it could be or needs to be. Other institutions have enough history and foundation that they can get by. Here, the President is crucial and needs to know what he's doing. The body stands little chance without the leadership of the President.
- Emily H. says that if you are midway through your sophomore year and are going abroad, you are already too late. That's not enough time to grow and make up your mind. You could go to meeting in a semester not abroad. She is for it because what now holds would disallow people abroad to make a later decision.
- Lynzie thinks that there are a number of different roles, and the president is just one. The situation now is that there are many senior vice-presidents, and there will be a fresh batch. She is uncomfortable with the possibility that someone without experience could be in charge of an inexperienced leadership group. Also, we want to trust the people voting. We don't know if the voters completely understand the roles. The meetings are just the tip of the iceberg, and shadowing would be more productive practice.
- Dustin says that there is one exception for this not working for this year. It would apply to Tony based on this rule. Also, he asks Burgess if she would be ready to take the Presidency after being abroad. Burgess responds in the negative. She understands that someone could know what it involves to be a member, but that the practical work and organizational piece is something that

you may not get by just being here. She likes that you see the whole picture with this amendment.

- Steph says that the way that DeRay runs this body is not the only way that it can be run. There are other effective ways to lead the group.
- Torri clarifies that Tony would also have to attend committee meetings. This is true. She likes Emily's point about studying abroad, but we need to consider that people may not be ready coming back from abroad. That person is in charge of other vice presidents, not just the body. There will be new people in the roles of vice-presidents.
- Emily K doesn't want us to fall into the trap of thinking that stability is always good. It needs to be open to change.
- Ben is confused about the abroad thing, and wonders if Torri is suggesting that a person needs to be on campus the last part of junior year. She says no, but that she didn't know what was going on at Bowdoin when she was away. Some stability is important. She is halfway to this amendment as it is. There were times her sophomore year that they couldn't vote because there weren't enough people.
- Dustin says that we have talked about mountains, icebergs, etc. He says that it is easy to think that we don't know that many other things, but that there are many things that we do that shouldn't be undercut. There are many snaps. DeRay adds that Tom was impressed by what happened at our meeting.
- Ben doesn't agree, and thinks that this is something that could be picked up and learned. He says that you shouldn't vote for yourself, but how your contingency would vote. You are voting for those you represent. Bryce thinks that this is one of the biggest issues of politicians around the world, and would question this.
- Lynzie thinks that the dynamics of the group change with the vice-presidents, class officers, etc. These are the people that regulate other meetings. The President is a facilitator. Someone to give stability needs significant BSG experience.
- Clark responds to Ben's statement. It is important to consider, but you were elected to be able to make these decisions. Carolyn agrees. We are voting on the best interests of people. Sometimes people don't know what's in their best interests.
- Those in favor: Burgess, Emily, Rob, Alex W, DeRay, Nate, Emily, Alex L, Ben, Steph, Becca; Those opposed: Sam, Clark, Torri, Lynzie, Mike, Charlie, Carolyn, Kristen, Will, Sophia, Jack, Alicia, Kata; Dustin abstains because of a possible conflict of interests ***Amendment (1b) Fails to Pass***

c. Half-Year Representative: Dustin talks about the bucket solution to the half-year issue, and the three options that would come with this.

- Alex L. brings up the big problem about numbers. Dustin acknowledges this and explains that people will need to strategically decide how to run. Alex suggests a stipulation that would force full-year people to run against each other.
- Torri says that we decided that people could run for half-year positions even though they are here for the whole year. You could strategize to run for half-

year terms. Alex says that the bigger loophole is going for full-year seats through empty half-year election spots. Alex explains this situation again, as does DeRay. Torri asks if all these elections take place in the spring. Yes.

- Dustin moves to add to the end a clause to take care of this. Jack offers changed wording, which is at first misunderstood for a correct statement. Upon repetition of this, everyone panics upon realizing that her sentiment was incorrect.
- Emily K. still thinks that there are loopholes in bucket elections. The best and most fair way is to work this by numbers.
- Nate thinks that there is a difference of commitment in half-year positions. He thinks that it will attract people interested in half-year positions. Should we limit these to people going abroad? Dustin agrees, but brings up the danger of there being an empty half-year. Nate and Dustin discuss the problems and situation that could arise. Alex describes another “what if” situation. Dustin talks about the complications of *not* reserving half-year spots but still making this a *possibility*. Separating the ticket introduces the danger of having people win just by their running for half-year terms. Alex proposes just going down the votes and filling semesters and spots by highest votes. Nate talks about the psychology of the voters in deciding if they want full or half-year reps.
- Will wants to keep the stipulation in response to Alex’s comment about full-year people running against each other. He suggests keeping it simple by filling in empty half-year spots with the next highest votes in full-year spots. The idea behind half-year positions is to get the perspective that comes with being abroad and the special concerns and considerations that come with this situation.
- Torri says that we shouldn’t allow a person who is here the whole year to run for both half-year positions. We shouldn’t take away the half-year positions if they happen to get fewer votes than full-year people.
- Dustin moves to amend, adding: if all half-year candidates are running in both half-year races, all class representative candidates will be in a single full-year election. Alex thinks that she will vote it down because of the loophole and not because she doesn’t agree in the idea. Dustin thinks that this is a different issue. A point of clarification would be to do this amendment for this issue and do the other issue in a different amendment. The second amendment would be about the full-year candidate winning above half-year ones with more votes.
- Vote on the amendment to the amendment: Those in favor: unanimous except for Emily K, who is opposed
- Next Amendment on the amendment, about numbers winning over the requirements of having half-year terms. This un-buckets the bucket-style. Nate asks why the spring candidate has to be voted on in the spring election. Dustin says that the goal was continuity.
- Torri likes the way that it is written so far. The gamble takes care of itself. It is part of the strategy of running, and a decision that people make. Alex thinks that this is a completely different issue. If the issue is getting the best person in the spot, it shouldn’t be about strategizing and getting seats just because of the

spot they run for. Torri says something about people randomly getting seats on BSG anyway, at which Alex takes serious offense. A slight brawl erupts.

- Kata has a problem with the amendment in general. People can get seats by luck or chance, not by popularity. This is not right.
- Dustin says that this is not the first time that BSG has looked at this. While this is complicated, what makes him comfortable with this is the fact that 50% of juniors study abroad, and this is 50% of the representation. We are reserving seats for them.
- Ben thinks that we need to make sure that we are getting to the intent of this. He is lost as to what is going on. Dustin explains the exclusive buckets, the strategy involved in choosing how you run, and the changes if there are no half-year candidates. Carolyn says that you are giving an advantage to half-year candidates because the pool is theoretically smaller, but this is actually not the case because people here the whole year can also choose to run for half-year spots. We are making two terrible assumptions: (1) the abroad pools will be less popular (2) the people in semester positions suck. The whole thing equals out. You enter the race losing because you were in the wrong category. You therefore have to run for the position that you *want*.
- Alex wonders if the amendment works both ways in a trickle-down system. Dustin says that it trickles down, but that it does not trickle up. Alex talks about having fall and spring elections, which would take out all of the problems. People will vote for the same person twice if they want a person for the whole year.
- Sam says that there is no way we will come to a consensus and that no system is perfect for everyone. The system we have with the first amendment works pretty well for everyone. He votes against the current amendment to the amendment.
- Kristen agrees with Sam. We could go through this over and over. This is a good system, and she would hate to see this go down because of a little thing that could happen at some point.
- Dustin rereads the amendment about vote numbers. Those in favor: Emily H, Alex W, Alex L, Becca, Alicia; Everyone else Opposed
- Vote on the whole amendment as amended: Those in favor: Burgess, Sam, Emily, Torri, Lynzie, Dooley, Charlie, Rob, Alex W, Deray, Carolyn, Kristen, Will, Ben, Steph, Sophia, Bryce, Becca, Alicia, Dustin; Those opposed: Clark, Nate, Emily, Alex L, Kata; Those abstained: Jack, because it allows people to run for the wrong reasons
- Deray expresses his frustration in this failing. This is irresponsible.
 - d. Dual Roles: Dustin talks about the next amendment, about the president not concurrently serving as a class officer. There are two options.
- Bryce feels that the President shouldn't hold two concurrent positions for several reasons (1) It seems like a conflict of interests (2) There are two different bodies of students voting (3) There should be as many positions open as possible for more people to be involved

- Sam agrees with the sentiment “the more the merrier,” but he doesn’t think there is any conflict of interests. The positions are incredibly separate.
- DeRay says that there are clear perception issues. The roles are very different. If he was defaulting in his role as class president, it would come up here, which could be a problem. Also, the class should have the choice to pick the people that they think are right.\
- Ben urges everyone to vote against (a), but for (b). Torri agrees half-way with Ben. He thinks that DeRay has done both positions well, but she is not convinced that there is another DeRay capable of doing it. If we are changing the rules, it should apply to vice-presidents too.
- Carolyn’s opinion has shifted. She has been against this, but she just realized that as long as they pass the amendment about splitting the election times, she is okay with it staying as is.
- Clark says that you can’t guarantee that it will be that way, because we haven’t dealt with it. He thinks that you can vote for both, but that it just gets stricter.
- Dustin doesn’t think that it is appropriate for the leadership of this body, who deals with impeachments, to include someone up for impeachment. DeRay says that there is a strong internal check from the officer team. Dustin says that there are officers that he wouldn’t trust to do a good job of impeaching themselves.
- Torri asks if people aren’t allowed to campaign in the second election if they run then. People speak out about who they want as president.
- Kristen says that there is a problem that a conflict of interests could affect the functionality of the body. Theoretically, the whole student government may have to pay that price.
- Vote on (3a) Those in favor: Clark, Charlie, Nate, Bryce, Jack, Alicia; Those opposed: everyone else
- Amendment (3b) is read, which Dustin thinks is a problem to the leadership team. He urges to vote yes.
- Sam says that impeachment is rare enough so that the benefits of having the best leaders outweighs the dangers.
- Carolyn is not in favor, but suggests that there be policy development so that people would not be working on their own impeachment cases.
- Ben doesn’t think that you can differentiate between the constituencies that you represent. The more people with the more opinions, the better. DeRay does think that you can separate constituencies.
- those in favor of (3b): Clark, Dooley, Charlie, Rob, Alex w, Kristen, Emily, Will, Ben, Sophia, Bryce, Jack, Alicia, Kata, Dustin; Those opposed: Burgess, Sam, Emily, Lynzie, Carolyn, Nate, Steph, Deray; Those abstained: Torri because she’s torn ***Amendment does not Pass***
 - e. Senior Class Elections: Dustin talks about amendment #4, which adds the rising senior class and appointed reps. to a different election set. Those in favor: All except Opposed: Clark, Bryce ***Amendment Passes***

- f. Split Elections: Dustin explains amendment #5, about separating class and BSG elections.
- Clark thinks that there should also be more information.
- Becca thinks that it should give opportunity for people at large to run.
- Sam thinks that they need to be separated enough so that campaigning is separate.
- Dustin thinks that prescribing is a bad idea. Those in favor: unanimous ***Amendment Passes***
 - g. Closed Seats: Dustin talks about Amendment #6, the “Torri Rule”. It is about open seats for BSG representatives and opening elections. Those in favor: unanimous ***Amendment Passes***
 - h. Quorum: Dustin covers Amendment #7, about adding a stipulation for a quorum.
- Ben doesn’t think that 16 is enough.
- Clark says that 16 is better than nothing.
- Dustin says that 16 is about 2/3, but they need a presiding officer and the hope that they won’t tie.
- Carolyn brings up the issue about requirements for impeaching, and says that we should address this. The quorum should be less than what is needed to impeach a person.
- Dustin withdraws the bill, saying that it is not pressing.
 - i. Treasurer Amendment: Dustin explains the next amendment, about adding the treasurer where she hasn’t been written in before. Those in favor: unanimous ***Amendment Passes***
 - j. Faculty/Staff Appreciation Day: Carolyn speaks about the faculty/staff appreciation proposal. They are ordering stickers, superlative supplies, stuff for an ice cream social, and posters. The cost is mainly for thank-you cards, which need to be ordered. This should cover the bulk.
- Clark asks how much money is left. Carolyn says that we allocated originally knowing that this would be a big cost. Dustin says that we should be fine. Will says that this is our last big event.
- Those in favor: unanimous ***Funding Proposal Passes***

VI. Reports (Continued)

- a. Classes:
 - i. Bryce mentions the bake sale and coffee house scheduled for Saturday afternoon and evening.
 - ii. Ben talks about the upcoming semi-formal.
 - iii. Clark talks about Aspirations in Northern Maine, a SuperSnack pub night, and more sweatshirts.
 - iv. Torri mentions the grad fair, the senior gift for common good space, and sweatshirts.
- b. IHC

- i. Kristen says the Baxter has a prolife event and that Ladd has upcoming events as well.
 - ii. Jack mentions Ritterrama for this weekend and a Mac alumni dinner.
- b. Community Service Representative: Emily says that kNOw poverty week begins soon.
- c. ResLife: Lynzie talks about security and the housing intent forms online.
- d. A-Board: Rob talks about the concerts and comedy shows in the schedule. He also mentions that the next BSG rep was chosen from A-Board (poor bastard). They had a successful regurgitater show. Urban funk spectacular is coming up, as is laser tag. There is a great Ivies concert lineup, which will include a campus band to be determined at the battle of the bands.
- e. Academic Affairs: Burgess says that dean Judd is coming soon. Think about library advisory stuff.
- f. Student Activities: Carolyn mentions faculty/staff appreciation week.
- g. SOOC: Steph says that they are going to J-Board to represent BSG. They have a proposed election schedule as well. SOOC is thinking about how to wrap up the year and think about next year's leadership. Carolyn reads through the schedule for elections, election prep, etc. Someone intelligently suggests that she email the dates out to people.
- h. Facilities: Will says that 50 things is compiled. He talked to dining about pub delivery, a water machine, and a comment card day. Nate is on top of the revised Taxi schedule.
- i. BSG Affairs: Dustin says to go to Emily H or Steph about elections stuff.

VII. Adjournment at 11:27 p.m.