

Bowdoin Student Government

BOWDOIN COLLEGE

Meeting of the **Bowdoin Student Government**

23 Jan. 2008

I. **Call to Order** at 8:34 p.m.

II. **Election of V.P. for BSG Affairs:** Dustin explains that the person elected to the position of V.P. of BSG Affairs will vacate their own position, but that the VP must be elected from within the groups. This member sits with the President on the Board of Trustees and on one other committee. They are responsible for the processing concerns, meeting structure, communication, organizational work in the cabinet, rules and reform. This person makes sure we are legitimate and democratic, and that we do things that are good for the BSG. It's time now for silent nominations. You are not obligated to nominate someone if you don't want to. Please no talking or campaigning. Members write. [Many giggle as they record what they're sure will be the most hilarious nomination.] Dustin collects the slips, requests that the room be silent in his absence, and that there is no campaigning in this interim. He exits to review the nominations.

While Dustin is gone, there is much campaigning done in jest. The room is nowhere near silent.

Dustin returns. The next round, also silent and secret, is the first voting round. Before he announces the candidates, Dustin clarifies that anyone may remove his or her own name if the nomination is objectionable: Cher, Kata (removes self), Dustin (removes self); Justin Foster, Liza Cohen (removes self), Dan Levis (Dan asks: Do I not have to go to IHC meetings? The answer is no. He's in) Rutledge Long (removes self), John Connolly, James Harris, and Hannah Bruce. The voting occurs. Dustin exits to tally the votes.

Dustin returns. The candidates in the next round are Dan, John, and Justin. The vote repeats. Exit Dustin.

Dustin returns. The next round of voting is between John and Dan. Jackie asks "John who?" John is sitting directly across from her and waves. Dustin collects the votes and exits. Dustin returns. The VP for Student Affairs is John Connolly. The groups applauds the young, proud new VP of BSG Affairs. [Sucks to be John Connolly, who actually proofreads these minutes and thus may elect to remove this statement.]

III. **New Business**

- a. Will wants a camera: Will thinks that communications have been great this year, what with the Transparency publication and everything. He thinks that we need to communicate more directly. We already have a youtube channel, which was tested at the beginning of the year. AV is hesitant to lend equipment consistently every week. Will found a good, inexpensive video camera that is

\$230 plus shipping. A member could debrief on camera at the end of every meeting. It seems the best way to deal with this and seems reasonable with the extended budget as it is.

- Dooley says that we got \$5000 at the end of last semester, so this is not a stretch. Kata thinks that we have close to \$6500 after bills.
- Sam wonders if we could use this to make videos to give to BCN. Will says that we definitely could. We could even lend it out to clubs.
- Nicole asks who will be in charge of the camera. Could there be a formal system? Will says that he will be training someone this semester to take over the Communications position, which will become a permanent spot. This person will be responsible for the camera in the future. It's just a good thing because we can tell people to watch the video clips, which they'd rather do than read the minutes. [Wow. That stings. I guess I can then assume that my job will be superfluous after the purchase of the beloved video equipment.]

Dustin asks people to be ready to bring things up in the future. People could just come up with bill ideas to introduce, something that didn't happen much last semester, if at all. Not true, John reminds the group of Alison's snack proposal of Fall 2007.

IV. Officer Reports

- a. Academic Affairs: Sam says that the faculty vote on credit/D/Fail is a week from this coming Monday. He'll send an email. He adds that there will be issue-based forum with faculty on Fridays when there is no Common Hour. We will start with distribution requirements, probably.
- b. Facilities: Dooley asks for suggestions regarding his "Make your Life Better" program.
 - Rutledge: more machines for putting money on the cards, more vending machines, cigarettes available for purchase at the C-store, and security cameras in Harpswell
 - Alison: Why can't you use polar points for some items in the C-store? Will says it is a contract issue.
 - Justin: delivery from the pub (economic opportunity for students on campus), study space view/surveillance to know when spaces are open [I find these requests for surveillance cameras unsettling.]
 - Jack: Why can't we use OneCard laundry money for beer? Why can't we book study space online?
 - Will: new printer instructions, brown sugar in Thorne by the coffee, better organization of the sandwich bar in Moulton
- c. Student Organizations Oversight Committee: Will says that Arabic club is coming in. Other groups include Words in Action and Hue. Arabic Club is culturally-oriented, so there will be none of the Swahili-type debates.
- d. Student Affairs: Tony says that they are setting up a lunch to meet with Kim Pacelli every 5 weeks until the lottery. We want to make more housing options available.

- e. Nicole says that she is giving a financial report next week.
- f. Kata says that there will be class elections and two new members from the IHC. There will be an appointment to fill John's seat. Alison asks about the Red Cup Affair. [People cough that it was cancelled. Very awkward moment.]

V. President's Report: Dustin says that the appeals process is going on. It is important. He will be emailing times, etc. so that people may be involved. If you can think of someone who would be good for communications tell Will. It should be a freshman or a sophomore that is not going abroad. There are two appointed seats open on the IHC. You could throw yourself in and change positions.

VI. Adjournment at 9:02 pm.