

Bowdoin Student Government

Meeting Agenda

02/04/09 - Daggett Lounge

- I. Call to Order (8:30pm -
- II. Roll Call
- III. President's Welcome
- IV. Approval of the Minutes
- V. Public Comment Time - 8:40pm)
- VI. Committee Reports (8:40pm-8:50pm)
 - a. BSG Affairs Committee
 - b. Student Activities Funding Committee
 - c. Student Affairs Committee
 - d. Student Organizations Oversight Committee
 - e. Academic Affairs Committee
 - f. Facilities Committee
- VII. Old Business
 - a. Newsletter Coupon (8:50pm-8:55pm)
 - b. Trustee Forum (8:55pm-9:05pm)
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BOWDOIN COLLEGE

Meeting of the Bowdoin Student Government

28 January 2009

I. Call to Order at 8:32 p.m.

II. Roll Call: Ian is absent (some others strolled in late).

III. President's Welcome: Yay we're back. Junior class reps have switched; Bryce and Alicia are being replaced by Sally and Rutledge. All the other random people are here trying out to be secretary (John's idea). No pressure, though. As I always say, please listen to each other and please don't repeat each other. It's a new semester; it would be great if we could do it all semester.

IV. Approval of the Minutes: Addition is that Dan was absent from last meeting. Approval passes unanimously.

V. Public Comment Time: No one here to comment.

VI. Committee Reports:

a. BSG Affairs Committee: John says we worked on our semester update and we are hoping to send it out next week. We are working on a coupon to the bookstore for reusable water bottles (more about that later). We have been talking to the Brunswick High student government and anyone who wants should go to one of their meetings (at 7:30 am). (Ugo walks in and Brandon's in his seat, uh oh).

b. Student Activities Funding Committee: Money's fine says Hannah. Ugo agrees.

c. Student Affairs Committee: We completed most of Bowdoin students on budget booklet. I met with Dean Hazlett with Sophia and we finalized part of it and talked about goals for the rest of the semester. We also talked about the social issues event.

d. Student Organizations Oversight Committee: We had a short meeting and outlined what we want to do for the semester. We're going to have a session about club leadership and something with CPC about how club leaders can market their skills on resume.

e. Academic Affairs Committee: We had our first meeting and figured out goals for the semester. Priorities are Arabic and advising.

f. Facilities Committee: The bus to Colby last night was a big success. There were no problems and it was pretty much at full capacity. The transition to the new onecard system is done, so we're going to start talking about onecard usage off campus. We're also reworking Brunswick taxi contracts to Freeport and Portland (basically same as last semester), and it will hopefully be done by the weekend. We're going to put something in the newsletter about the shuttle service and table tents for dining halls by Nyle (oh yeah, says Nyle).

VII. New Business

a. Shuttle Funding: Mike says everyone knows how it worked last semester. Same thing now, but we are going to add up to another \$500 for night taxi to the bowling alley on Thursdays. Nothing crazy or different from last semester. Open to questions or concerns-

- Dan says are we going to get them to Brunswick apartments? Mike says that's in Randy's court, but he says it's going up soon.
- Sam Dinning asks are we voting on this tonight? Mike says I'd like to.
- Lindsey asks is night taxi Thursday to Saturday? Mike says no, only Friday to Saturday (but bowling on Thursday).
- Someone motions to vote. Passes unanimously.
- Someone motions to yes? Seconded. Passes unanimously.

b. Social Issues Event: There are some changes on page 9 that Brandon and Rasha' will explain. Brandon says the idea was to have a big event with all issues covered. We had a meeting this weekend and decided it would be better to do it in installments. The first question will be: Who are you on Saturday v. who on Monday? Rasha' adds that the first installment will contrast Bowdoin students inside and outside the classroom. Some items need to be donated, can we borrow them from you (you being the members of the BSG)? Sophia adds that part of the idea is to have a picture of a typical classroom, such as in Searles, with some regular students and some other Bowdoin characters (dining services, athletes, toga) to show those different identities. Brandon asks for volunteers to be in photo. A sign up sheet is going around. We want to get it done by the weekend, so the photo is at 5:30 on Thursday in Banister 106. It will be very quick. If you can bring clothes, please list and bring them.

- There is concern about the identities of the people in pictures from parties. The faces will most likely be blurred out.
- Rutledge is confused. Sophia will explain- we are using installation artwork to start dialogues on social issues. We talked about this last semester. Brandon says the exhibit is not only pictures, there will be questions also. Pictures will be there to help start dialogue. Carly helps explain. Rutledge kindly invites Brandon to take pictures of the party in the pub when he works on Saturday night.
- Lindsey asks is this replacing walk around union? Sophia says yes and explains how the exhibit will change each week.
- Dan asks do we need to do anything with this? No, just looking to see if anyone has ideas says Sophia.
- Derek adds that the theater department is donating wood to put the photos up on, so we will probably not need to pay for that.
- Branden asks if anyone has a CD player we can borrow?

c. Cost-Savings Guide: Carly says that we went through and decided on topics, made an outline, and split up writing. We need to make sure it has a consistent voice. The avoiding charges and phone service sections are not finished, but this is the information that will be in the booklet for the most part. Anyone have suggestions? Ideas? Likes/ dislikes?

- Luke has some ideas for cheap entertainment session- first Friday of the month free art galleries in Portland and free 2nd Friday of the month at those in Brunswick. Discount bowling Thursday nights. Pool is mentioned 3 times- too much? Open

swim at Farley for fitness section. In addition to plays, there are games, performances, and student exhibits going on.

- Nyle suggests that under a cappella put a “Hassan performing”. General mutterings against this idea.
- Lindsey wonders if this will be sent to people before they come or once they’re here? Carly says they hope that it is both in the summer packet and available here. Rashá says they will have a link online and a tangible booklet for 2013. Lindsey says in that case, take out the “blistering cold” part.
- Rutledge thinks it is ambiguous to say that small parties are cheaper than big parties. Carly says the idea is that there are no big parties in dorms. Rutledge wants to add playing in the snow and building an igloo (he’s done it 2 years in a row, most fun thing all winter) to cheap entertainment. He also suggests join a club or the BSG (much approval). On page 16, it says hate hate and sick all over the place! Too much negativity! It gets me down. Carly says point taken.
- Anirudh suggests adding traveling such as ASB trips and summer abroad, and the financial aid opportunities for these trips. Carly says that we talked about it, but we’re trying to put in suggestions of things for which there is no actual department. But do you guys think we should put that in here? Sophia adds that you are eligible for financial aid if you go abroad.
- Greg says (with regret) that Grand City Variety no longer exists. There is a typo on page 16 under “A. Sports:” → “Play It Again Sports is [a] sporting goods store...”. Under food, add that our dining halls are the best around.
- Kristen explain that all freshman are on the 19 meal plan, but point out that in subsequent years, lowering your meal plan reduces your financial aid.
- Sam says think about generally → make sure everything is relevant and things people want to hear. Do we lose credibility by saying “take a walk down Main Street”?
- John says that in transportation section there is a mix-up with security vs. BSG shuttle. Also, in the same section you can add that for transportation back after break you can call Brunswick taxi with your flight number and they will group you with other Bowdoin students.
- Mike says I can give you more “links and shit for that” (like Manchester, for example).
- Lindsey thinks that skiing is good, but let’s downplay it because it’s not cheap. Dan suggests borrowing people’s season passes. Hannah suggests cross-country skiing. Lindsey says just don’t make it feel like something you HAVE to do. Carly says that we’re thinking about whether we should include these things or not. Rutledge says good point, this turns into an ad for sugarloaf instead of for students on a budget. Should I cancel gelato fiasco so I can go skiing!?!? Also, in the section on computers, you can say that although it’s nice to have a personal computer, it’s not totally necessary (because the way it is now, it says that but then says well actually it’s kind of necessary).
- Nyle says that the facilities group is making a page to inform freshman about restaurants and stuff. We can put it online and give you a link. Also, if the whole point is to inform, then put things people won’t think of. Bowling on Thursday

nights for example.

- John says Ugo tell me if I'm wrong, but the climbing club has free climbing passes to the gym in Portland and runs vans (he's not wrong).
- Anirudh suggests putting a link to ebear in the making money section.
- Branden wants to add to the campus jobs section- you don't have to do first year job placement program, you can just get a job when you get to campus. Through the program, if you quit the job you get assigned then you can't get a job for rest of semester. Also, stress that you should save money over summer to have when you get to campus. Also, if you're coming from far away, it is less expensive to get stuff when you get to campus. Lastly, if you're coming from far away, check out websites like kayak and orbit to figure out what's the cheapest (which airport/airline).
- Emma thinks that cross country skiing is good idea. Also, in the shopping section talk about Freeport because it's an outlet so it's cheaper.
- Kristen adds the Salvation Army and Goodwill in Topsham. Also, the flea market is the best thing in Brunswick (open on weekends).
- Mary says to add that J. Crew has %10 or %15 coupons for students.
- Justin suggests listing cheap book websites. Also, students should think about if they need a credit card. "For food, Tupperware." And also give a place where people get cheaper skiing equipment. Carly says that you can rent cross country and telemark skis from the outing club.
- Nyle suggests mentioning the free stuff Bowdoin gives you. For example, I rented a mini-keyboard from Gibson that would have cost \$100. You can also rent microphone stands from IT. Carly says we'd LOVE more suggestions on things like that. Also ideas for hidden charges.
- Hannah says avoid parking tickets.
- Carly says we're open to more ideas.

d. Newsletter Coupon: John says like I said earlier, we want a coupon for the newsletter. We're going to meet with the bookstore to figure out how much.

- Mike asks can you explain what happened? John reminds the BSG of the reusable water bottle thing (when the Evergreen club came to say how bottled water is destroying the world) and says that this might entice people to hold on to the newsletter. It serves as an advertisement and supports sustainability.
- Greg says I'm in favor but we need more places to fill up bottles. John agrees. Lindsey says I don't think fill-up is an issue. I drink out of my Nalgene all day and fill up in bathroom. Greg says that he's just saying it's something to think about.
- Mike thinks this is good for us and for the bookstore. Win win. Greg says I don't care. John says we'll talk about this next week after the meeting with the bookstore.

e. Trustee Event: Sam says that it's going to be a week from tomorrow. This is the first time in several years for this opportunity. There will be a YALP and BSG open forum on that day to talk to the trustees and give our ideas before they go into their meetings. We need a sense of how many people will be there. The forum is 8:15 next Thursday, February 5th in Kanbar and it will be no more than an hour. There is a sign up sheet going around. Come with or without ideas. I encourage everyone to go and I need to get names of who's going to trustees tomorrow.

- Kris wonders about the dress code? Sophia says that it's nicer than our meetings but not super fancy. Also along those lines, trustees will be here next weekend. Some of you are reps so this is exciting. Keep your eyes out for large groups of well-dressed middle aged people. Those are the trustees.

VIII. Member Reports

a. Class Representatives:

2009: Caroline says there is a Seadogs night next Thursday. We're giving out sweatshirts and planning senior week.

2010: We talked about our class' energy. It is important to be grateful. Made a joke about class stationary to write thank you notes. (I thought he was serious.)

2011: Greg says I'm Greg. I'm obnoxious. We filled all the spots for the 2011 community service action day. There will be a bunch of different activities. 50 kids are signed up. We are making t-shirts. Everyone loves the sweatpants (comfy and soft!). On that note, Hannah's pissed because I cleaned the office in the Student Activities Office and now it's a mess. Please try to keep it clean. Phew. Sophia clarifies that that's a demand.

2012: Jack says we are going to send out an email looking for t-shirt designs. We're planning a formal dance. Branden gives a reminder to wear diverse clothing for the photo tomorrow.

b. IHC Representatives: Lindsey says that the winter carnival is this weekend. Be there it will be fun. College house info week is coming up. Apps will be available starting next week and due around February 24th. There is a new plan this year; on Friday, February 13th there will be an open house at all the social houses for people to see what they're like. Buy our t-shirts.

c. A-Board Representative: Luke says that Andrew bird is sold out. You are lucky if you got a ticket.

d. Athletics Representative: the opening of the Sid went well. There are games this weekend. We are in the works of planning a Spring homecoming-type event.

IX. President's Report: I spent a lot of break and time recently working on college finance stuff. It is very exciting but difficult. I'm sure you read President Mills' statement to the community, if you didn't, read it now because you should be informed as leaders on campus. The student forum was last night. There was a low attendance, but it went well. Katie Longley (the treasurer) and Dean Foster were there. So were Joelinda (also on the financial committee) and myself. We try to remember that we're a full community and we should keep students together. Otherwise, there's been the regular slew of meetings. Everything is very exciting.

X. Adjournment at 9:22 p.m.

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Proposal to Vote

Proposal 0809023

Proposed by: BSG Affairs Committee

Date: January 28th, 2009

FUNDING REQUEST CONCERNING A COUPON IN OUR NEWSLETTER

Info

In an effort to both continue our efforts towards sustainability and entice students to hold onto and read the BSG newsletter, a coupon should be included toward the purchase of bpa-free Nalgene in the bookstore. The coupon will be for 50% off with bsg paying 30% and the bookstore paying 20%.

Action Required

The BSG Affairs Committee requests that the BSG allocate no more than \$1500 towards this coupon, the final amount depending upon how many coupons are redeemed.
