

Bowdoin Student Government

Meeting Agenda

04/15/09 - Daggett Lounge

- I. Call to Order // Roll Call // President's Welcome
- II. Approval of the Minutes
- III. Public Comment Time
- IV. Tim Foster, Dean of Students; Randy Nichols, Director of Safety and Security; Wil Smith, Associate Dean of Multicultural Student Programs; and Carol McAllister, Associate Director of Safety and Security
- V. Committee Reports
 - a. BSG Affairs Committee
 - b. Student Activities Funding Committee
 - c. Student Affairs Committee
 - d. Student Organizations Oversight Committee
 - e. Academic Affairs Committee
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BOWDOIN COLLEGE

Meeting of the Bowdoin Student Government

8 April 2009

I. Call to Order at 8:33 pm.

II. Roll Call: Sam, Justin, Mary, and Emma are absent.

III. President's Welcome: We have a busy meeting so I hope we can stay focused. Dana Freshly is here, she's the president of Brunswick High student government. Some of us went to their meeting at 7:30 this morning, which was fun. Otherwise, we'll just get started.

IV. Approval of the Minutes: Approved.

V. Public Comment Time: Alanna Beroiza is here: I am co-running the naked art show, but we're calling it an exhibition now. It's basically this year's step in the legacy which was originally Warriors and now it's Bodyspeak, an eating disorder survivor group. Last year it was transformed to a public art thing. We're asking for \$200 to pay the artists to get the materials for their projects (photo paper, film, etc). We have 8 artists and several models who are working in all different medias. The art department has given us a great space. We're really trying to get it together but it will be very difficult without funding. It's about Bodies and Bowdoin, what is Bowdoin sexually, racially, etc?

- Sophia- we have to vote officially on a funding proposal, but if anybody here wants to sponsor a funding proposal then we can vote next week.
- Rasha'- I'll sponsor.
- Christian- has the art show gotten funding from BSG in the past?
- John- Corpus got funding last year.
- Sophia- Alanna be in touch with Rasha', thanks for coming.
- Alanna- thank you, upstanding reps!

VI. Committee Reports

a. BSG Affairs Committee: elections elections elections.

b. Student Activities Funding Committee: the SAFC is broke. Here's the situation: Spring Gala costs around 3 times more than usual (around \$24000). This is because we have to use Farley, which is hard to set up. Every other alternative has been vetoed. There have been a lot of mistakes that club leaders have made this semester that we've been covering up for. The three underclassmen classes we ask that you give \$1200 each. Seniors, we want a physical help (not monetary). IHC- we need between \$500-\$600 (in total, not from each house). That being said, we'll probably have to charge for Gala, but there are things in place to prevent this in the future.

The accountant didn't take out the money from the classes beforehand. But other than that, the SAFC is good.

Sophia- thanks for saying something other than "the money is good".

c. Student Affairs Committee: We will hopefully be in the process of planning the second massage program with counseling services for reading week. The plans for the two different food and beverage events for Ivies are under way. The 3rd and last social issues display has gone up.

d. Student Organizations Oversight Committee: we met to talk about things that are coming up later in the meeting. I've been devoting a lot of attention to making sure Ugo doesn't have a heart attack.

Sophia- well thanks for handling that situation.

e. Academic Affairs Committee: campus conversation is coming up. Doing a lot of active thinking about a topic.

f. Facilities Committee: we met last night to discuss the production of the Ivies survival guides that will be going out. Movie tickets are on the agenda.

VII. Old Business

a. Credit/D/Fail: Sophia- we have a proposal responding to the c/d/f working group's recommendations. Sam sent out the results of the survey. Also take a look at the peer institution comparison chart. A point of contention is the time frame (2 v. 6 weeks), so pay attention to that.

- Kristen- I'm a little concerned about the wording of the last sentence under point one. I think that saying students might not take it as seriously is not the best way to say it.
- Sophia- I think that's a great point, but because this is up for a vote tonight, we need to think in terms of amendments.
- Kristen- We could probably strike that sentence. I think it might be problematic to say "less seriously" because we don't want to emphasize that because you're taking a class c/d/f it doesn't mean you're taking it less seriously, and I don't think it's a necessary statement.
- Greg- I think I disagree because I think it's a fair point. I think it's important that professors realize that two weeks is too little time.
- Sophia- I think we want to make the point that c/d/f is not an excuse to do no work. I think that the phrasing here may not convey the intent.
- Derek- how about we make it a positive sentence rather than a negative sentence (6-week deadline makes more seriously).
- Dan- I think using the word seriously is just not good.
- Christian- I think the idea is that you would ultimately have more students taking the class seriously if there is a two week deadline.
- Kristen- I just think that we make the point already without that sentence.
- Sophia- If no one has any new comments about this edit, then I think someone should propose a change to vote on.
- Kristen- propose striking it.
- Dan- second.

All those in favor- 14

- Sophia- that's more than half, it passes. We remove the sentence.
- Kristen- Can we make it so it doesn't end on "at" in the previous sentence.
- Sophia- ok that's a grammar correction.
- Carly- second sentence in point number three, grammar correction.
- Sophia- omit word "is"
- Hannah- amend to scratch that sentence.
- Sophia- does someone have a proposal?
- Carly- delete completely
- Hannah- Second

All those in favor- 17

- Sophia- passes. That sentence is gone.
- Lindsey- last sentence of facts sentence, "it makes the most sense" is too colloquial. I propose changing it to "it is logical". Proposal.
- Dan- second.
- Sophia- passes
- Christian- amend one to say: thereby increasing the chance that they will take it for a grade and not c/d/f.
- Mike- second.

All in favor- 19

- Sophia- passes.
- Carly- can we define "them" and "this" in the third point.
- Sophia- change it to "this concern"
- Lindsey- #3, six week deadline is a great balance also seems colloquial. Maybe "ideal balance". Also, the second line from the bottom, change it to "effective manner".
- Esther- "effective opportunity"
- Kristen- "positive means of encouraging exploration"
- Carly- "we feel this option will encourage exploration"
- Lindsey: proposal: "ideal balance" and what Carly said
- Anirudh- second.

Passes.

- Christian- #3- "in order to realistically acknowledge an increasingly competitive environment"
- Lindsey- I think that's true but I'm not sure I like putting the word competition in here.
- Hannah- do you mean a competitive environment at Bowdoin or outside?
- Christian- after school

Seconded.

13 in favor, passes.

- Greg- motion to vote.
- Ian- I have something to change. Amendment to strike last paragraph because I

don't think we're really addressing those issues here and I don't really agree with those ideas.

- Sophia- that was the original resolution that BSG put forth 2 years ago, so that's why it's here now.
- Greg- I absolutely think we should keep it because I think it would make students and faculty happy because they should know how we feel.
- Christian- the reason we included it is basically what Greg said. We're keeping it in there to keep the discussion alive. I know some people might think it's too much grade protection, but compared to other schools we'd still be far from liberal in those terms.
- Jack- that's basically what I was going to say.
- Mike- I'm with Ian. I think we need to stick with what we we're saying, and not just throw something in at the end.
- Rasha'- I agree with Dooley because I think it takes the focus away from the resolution. I think it's not important.
- Christian- this resolution is in response to the report drafted by the working group. They discussed g/c/f, so that's why we're discussing it.
- Carly- yeah I think in some ways it doesn't really fit, but for later years it provides evidence that in previous years students wanted it.
- Nyle- maybe the faculty voted against it because if you don't take a class g/c/f you are at a disadvantage because you're missing extra grade protection. Maybe we lose some political capital and lose credibility.
- Derek- I agree with the points that we need to keep the conversation going, but maybe this is not the place for it. Maybe we make a separate resolution to show the administration our continued interest.
- Greg- I think it's good to keep it in here. The survey showed that there is student interest. It furthers the discussion and shows that we want to keep discussing. There's desire on the campus and we are not the most liberal of our peer schools and why should we let the faculty bully us.
- Sophia- I'll ask that people don't answer Greg's question in the interest of time. Second to Ian's proposal?
- Hannah- Second.

Those in favor of removing last paragraph?

Five, the motion fails, last paragraph stays.

- Greg- motion to vote.
- John- Second.
- Sophia- any last questions to clarify anything?

All those in favor?

Everyone but Ian (who is opposed).

It passes.

- Sophia- Thank you everyone for your attention to detail.

b. A-Board Amendment: Sophia- Luke brought forward this amendment. We need a 4/5 majority, which is 22 people, which is the number of people in this room.

- Luke- In addition to what's on this paper, I wanted to ask people if they wanted

to add a sentence along the lines of “if a student doesn’t run, the A-board will appoint someone until the next election cycle”.

- John- I think that’s a good idea because that’s basically what happens now.
- Luke- Propose: if position isn’t filled by campus vote, it will be filled and appointed by A-Board members until next election cycle.

Second.

In favor: 19

It passes.

- Sophia- any discussion, comments questions.

Vote:

All in favor: 20

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 1 (Carly)

- Sophia-Does not pass. Luke, you can propose it again next week.

c. Ivies Event: Carly- we’re asking for up to \$3000 to spend for both nights. The Friday at Harpswell and the Saturday at Pine Street. We’re asking for \$3000 even though this budget only comes out to \$2500 just in case.

- John- Budget update- we have roughly \$7400 total remaining. Of that, we have up to \$4000 for various Ivies related things in addition to \$1000 for various setup, campus convos, etc. My reading of the budget gives us \$4000 for Ivies.
- Kristen- what was the rationale for bottled water versus water coolers?
- Carly- no one from dining will be there over the course of the event and we can’t ask security to be there for 2 hours during Ivies, and the canteens cost a lot of money so we can’t really risk that.
- Dan- did you check with Brunswick house of pizza (that they can deliver 100 pies)?
- Carly- yes
- Mike- Lindsey asked me to ask for non-caffeinated beverages because it’s nighttime.
- Dan- I think it’s really good.
- Hannah- Motion to vote.
- Kristen- Second.

20 in favor.

Passes.

VIII. New Business

a. Movie Tickets: Mike- we’re out, we need more, this will probably be the last round for the year. Same as always.

Vote: in favor- 16 votes.

Opposed- 4

Abstaining- 0

Passes.

b. SAFC Blue Book updates: Ugo- the first change has to do with how we fund student reimbursement for gas. Right now it’s based on vans but student cars are

generally more efficient.

- Kristen- this summer when I worked for my gas, they accounted for the general wear and tear also.
- Ugo- the idea is to encourage students to use vans. Change #2 has to do with student wages. Right now it's pretty haphazard and there's no way to really enforce how students get paid. For example, at BCN a student gets paid \$75/hour to video graduation. We don't want a system where we value some jobs over others. We could save over \$10,000 a year. It's just something that has to be done to make a level playing field.
- Mike- do you have another example?
- Ugo- Orient reporters/editors.
- Allen- yearbook editors.
- Ian- how will they get paid?
- Ugo- through the student employment office. With this, we still have the power to give wages, but it sets the stage for the SAFC to set a precedent in the future.
- Sophia- currently this is no policy for paying a student for help to a student organization.
- Greg- I think we should be careful in how we do this. Student taping graduation- it would probably cost a lot more money for the College to hire someone else to do it. I think we should take into account whether the college could get a better deal outside the college.
- Ugo- this doesn't say that a student can't be hired to tape graduation. As of now it's really inefficient and there's no way to regulate.
- Kristen- historical note, I think that our first year we talked about Orient reporters getting paid, and it is a contentious issue between BCN and the Orient for example.
- Ugo- yeah we considered whether you use campus equipment or your own.
- Christian- I feel like in doing this we have to be careful about what we cut out and what we don't. I feel like the person who has to film graduation has to do a job. But I think that you should not be paid for the Orient.
- Ugo- yeah this would still allow a student to get paid. It requires some sort of new regulation where we understand who's getting paid and for what. It would essentially be through Allen's office.
- John- Allen, could you talk about how student employment has had issues with stipends in the past?
- Allen- they'll work with us so that we can set up whatever it is that we need.
- John- right now I think a BCN reporter just puts in a slip for a reimbursement from Student Activities.
- Allen- and it depends on if it's a very specialized skill, then we can treat the person like he/she is an outside contractor.
- Kristen- acapella groups have started recording with Bowdoin equipment, and there are only certain people who know how to work it.
- Ugo- yeah that's fine for those people to get paid.

- Greg- the guy that tapes graduation could be considered an outside contractor. It seems like we're doing a big blanket thing to deal with specific cases.
- Allen- just about the scope of money, the Orient via ads brings about \$22,000 and gets \$22,000 from the SAFC. Yearbook- \$30-35,000 a year through ads and yearbook sales. BCN- closer to \$12000 a year. Since I've been here, the justification for paying students has been the revenue, and that's why there's been this distinction between why BSG is not paid and BCN, Yearbook, and the Orient are paid.
- Sophia- Think about it now so we can vote next week. Before we move on, we are going to add "item D beach balls" to the agenda.

c. **Exam Massage Event:** Carly- practically the same as the first massage program that we did last semester during finals. We're going to work with counseling. Health center- \$100. Counseling- \$100. We're asking for \$400 to go up to \$600.

- Anirudh- how was it used last semester?
- Carly- Completely full.
- Nyle- was it clear that it was BSG sponsored?
- Carly- I think so, but we can improve that.
- Rasha'- we just need to fix the date on the resolution.
- Carly- straw-poll?
- Ugo- motion to overrule two week rule?

Unanimously passes.

- John- money update. With \$3000 for Ivies and \$400 for this, Greg is asking for about \$500 for beach balls, \$200 for corpus exhibition, that will leave us with no money.
- Mike- I can order less movie tickets.
- Sophia- comments?
- Nyle- I think if this is going to compromise movie tickets, then we shouldn't do it.
- Greg- maybe just subsidize it but make it cost a little for students?
- Carly- I'm not assuming that we're going to spend the full \$3000 for Ivies.
- Hannah- I propose that we give the massages \$300 and we can ask the Deans office for money.
- Carly- it doesn't look like it's as much of a BSG event if there are four different offices funding it.
- Sophia- amendment to switch to \$300. Those in favor? 7. Opposed: 11. Abstain- 2 Anirudh- general financial anxiety and Sally. Fails.
- Mike- Motion to vote.

Second.

Those in favor of allocating \$400? 15

Opposed: 3.

Abstained: 1.

Passes.

d. **Beach Balls:** Greg- I think it's vital that we have beach balls at Ivies. I found a deal for 49 cents each, black and white with BSG on it. Informal proposal- we could vote

on a definite amount.

- Hannah- you're going to run out of time.
- Sophia- come back with all the details next week and we can vote.

IX. Member Reports

a. Class Representatives:

2009: senior week sign up is set.

2010: working on class sweatshirts.

2011: trying to do a big fundraiser for hospital in Latin America. Concept now is a dunking booth the day of Spring Gala.

2012: we got the sample of our t-shirts and are ordering them.

b. IHC Representatives: people have been accepted to houses and we're currently working on elections for house officers.

c. A-Board Representative: Battle of the Bands is on Friday, 9 bands are performing. Ivies- Sean Kingston and Santigold.

d. Athletics Representative: Not here.

X. President's Report: I have a sign-up sheet. Platinum parking pass- we didn't do it last year. Whoever gets it can park anywhere on campus except handicapped spots. There are students fundraising for Harlem Children's Zone who asked if we could help out. Sheet- every day next week, one hour time slots, I hope some of you will step up and sign up for this. I will e-mail about it also. Trustee stuff this weekend, conference call with financial planning committee. Exec committee conference call on Friday. Faculty meeting on Monday. Elections are in full swing. Sign up for the Harlem Children's Zone.

XI. Adjournment at 9:50pm.

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Proposal to Vote

Proposal 0809030

Proposed by: Student Activities Funding Committee

Date: April 7, 2009

REQUEST FOR A CHANGE TO THE SAFC RULES AND PROCEDURES

Change 1

It is the recommendation of the SAFC that the calculation for gas reimbursement for student vehicles be amended from 0.225 to a variable rate to be determined by the national gas average divided by 20mpg.

We feel is the average for US vehicles. The justification for change is that we have been overpaying students for their gas when they use their own personal vehicles. We determined this by looking at gas receipts returned by students. The current gas calculation is for a 7 passenger van, which has a much lower mpg than the average car.

Change 2

New Addition to the Blue Book:

It is the recommendation of the SAFC and the SOOC, that the SAFC not be required to indirectly fund student wages in cases outside of DJ-ing. Ideally, student funds and college resources should not be used for the benefit of a few students who have the privilege of acquiring revenue from the indirect use of college resources (ex. Being paid \$75/hour to videotape graduation while using a college camcorder). Under the current system, students are able to determine their own wages and employ themselves. On behalf of the student body and in the spirit of fairness, we believe that the Student Employment Office should determine all wages and student employment. The current system under which the SAFC has operated inherently places a certain value on some jobs while devaluing others. (i.e. Student A gets paid to video graduation, but Student B who sets up a stage for CAB gets nothing). As long as a club is reliant on SAFC funds they may not use those funds or revenue stemming from those funds to pay their members. The creation of revenue with the assistance of student funds is a privilege and should be treated as such. However, should a club generate profits without the assistance of the SAFC, profits in private accounts can be used as club members see fit.

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Proposal to Vote

Proposal 0708032

Proposed by: Rasha' Harvey

Date: April 14, 2009

FUNDING REQUEST CONCERNING EXHIBITION

Opinion

This show will express our sundry fascinations with the fleshy forms in which we live, grow, and interact everyday. We're taking a closer look at our bodies and trying to make sense of how they fit into the world around us. Our objective is something akin to a game of show-and-tell. We're making art that reveals the human body in its most unadorned state, in the hopes of exploring and beginning a dialogue about a few things/ideas:

Sexuality, the human body, nudity, curiosity, bodily diversity, transgression, desire, pleasure, pain, discomfort, interpersonal encounters, situational nudity, the revealing process, exploration, discovery, ambiguity, coming out, pornography, spirituality, concealment, sensuality, shock value, explicit material, deviance, normalcy, color, dichotomy, ecstasy, safe space, define, not define.

Action Required

Rasha' requests that the BSG allocate \$100 in support of the aforementioned exhibit.

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Proposal to Vote

Proposal 0809033

Proposed by: Luke Delahanty

Date: April 14, 2009

PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE BSG CONSTITUTION AND CHANGE THE WAY THE A-BOARD REPRESENTATIVE IS CHOSEN

Proposed Changes

In keeping with the changing structure of the Campus Activities Board, the Board requests that the representative from A-Board (now E-Board) to BSG no longer be appointed by A-Board but instead be elected by the Student Body as a whole using normal BSG election procedures. This individual will act as a liaison between the two bodies and should be an active member of both. Should nobody run for the position, it will be appointed by the E-Board in consultation with the BSG Executive Committee.

Actual Constitutional Language Changes

Add (as a new bullet under Article II § A.i): The Representative of the Campus Entertainment Board will be elected by the Student Body as a whole during Class Council elections each spring. If the position remains unfilled after the election, the Entertainment Board will appoint the representative in consultation with the Executive Committee. This appointment will last until the following spring Class Council election.