

# Bowdoin Student Government

## Meeting Agenda

11/11/09 - Daggett Lounge

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- IV. Approval of the Minutes
- V. Public Comment Time
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**Bowdoin Student Government**  
November 4, 2009

**I. Call to Order** at 8:32 p.m. The crowd is atwitter. We are already running late. Dooley hates this.

**II. Roll Call:** Jordan tries his hand at roll call. Mark and Greg are absent.

**III. President's Welcome:** Allen DeLong is not here. That does not mean we can run wild. It's a little chatty in here. Let's keep that to a minimum, or rather, let's have none of that at all.

**IV. New Business**

**a. SAFC Guideline Changes:** Kyle explains that the SAFC runs off of the Blue Book and the Yellow Book (the Yellow Book is for sports-related groups). They decided to change the names of these books because the color names are completely arbitrary. The names now explain the purpose of the books. We have also inserted a statement that we will reject budgets and reconsider charters if we hear that groups are purposely inflating their budgets. This is student money you are taking. We also added information about new storage space. The fitness facilities have been renovated, and there is new space to store things. We changed hotel funding to \$20/student from \$25/student. Students were asking for \$100 for 4 regardless of the price of hotels. Kyle has checked on the hotels and found prices under \$80/night for every place he looked up. If students drive their own vehicles, they were getting the same amount of money that they would if they drove a van, so we reduced the amount of money that students get for their own vehicle's gas. We don't fund zipcars because they are expensive compared to the school's fleet. We cleaned up the books in terms of making them shorter and easier to read so that people can understand them when they pick them up. We have had requests this year for expert instructors, like a clown that cost \$500/hour. There was confusion and a lot of hard feelings, so we added a clause about unrealistic and extreme costs. We also defined retreats and conferences. The final clause that we added to each book is that if there are overlapping events or too many on one weekend, we reserve the right to deny because there are too many things going on. This happens in the spring, when SAFC gives out a lot of money.

♣ Addison wants to specify how many events is too many. Branden says that if a group comes asking for \$2000 for an event and SAFC has already given out money, we can step in and say that it's not a good use of money. We can't make specific predictions, but it's up to our discretion.

♣ Rutledge says that you can reserve the right to deny funding at any time. That makes this stipulation arbitrary anyway. Kyle says that groups don't always read that we can reserve the right to deny. Rutledge says that the line doesn't add anything. Toby says that it is intentionally non-specific.

♣ Aaron says that any organization that does per-mile reimbursement should cover gas as well as wear-and-tear on the vehicle. Kyle says that using a personal car is less efficient than using a van, per-person. Using a car is a last resort. Kyle says that there are also hybrid cars that you can get from Bowdoin as well.

♣ Derek wonders if they are sure they want to say that they will not fund expert instruction at all. Kyle says that he doesn't think the wording in the book is absolute. And ultimately, we have discretion over everything.

♣ Mike says that we are under the two-week rule, but Kyle would appreciate voting tonight. There is a motion and a second to voting tonight. Rutledge, Derek, and Aaron are opposed.

♣ Kyle says that if Aaron's hesitation is about the vehicles, this has been a recent discussion that pertains to this issue. Isa will be meeting to see about getting more vehicles at the school.

♣ Jack doesn't like that we see the specific language here, and that this is a summary. Anirudh says that he sent the actual wording in the email on Monday.

♣ Those in favor of approving changes: everyone but Rutledge, Jack, and Aaron, who are opposed. Derek abstains because he thinks that these are big changes and he wants to hear what students think about them. It is irresponsible to vote now.

**V. Approval of the Minutes:** Minutes pass unanimously.

**VI. Public Comment Time:** Rutledge says that there has been talk on campus about the E-board and wanting to know if there are meetings being held, things like that. There are overall concerns—is the E-Board trying to involve the campus? Chris says that they decided to meet during Common Hour, which is good and bad. They are thinking about accepting applications for second semester. He has talked to Branden about getting first-years involved. Technically, all of our meetings are open, maybe we should make that more clear. We have been approached by a couple people, some freshmen, who are interested in coming. We do want to set something up so that people can learn how the group works. Rutledge clarifies that they are *thinking* about letting people join, then.

♣ Dooley has a few words of caution: this is not BSG Gone Wild.

♣ Branden says that he had a meeting about this, and they are talking about getting more student involvement. Megan Brunmier in the Student Activities Office was involved. Things are becoming easier, and the board has been restructured several times. The internship program is something that we are talking about to continue the structure of the e-board while allowing other people to be involved.

♣ Mark wonders how many people vote and why it's not popular consensus. Chris says that 14 members vote. They might have done polls...they have in the past. NO matter what the results of the polls are, it's such a difficult process with bidding and working with agents...the board should be representative of all the grades, and we hope they represent a variety of interests. He thinks that it is a good representative of campus.

♣ Mike says that there was a poll when he was a sophomore—a campus-wide survey. There were some bands that were overwhelmingly popular. People thought a certain band would definitely come, and were then upset when the top band didn't make it to Ivies. He understands that it would be great to have a poll, but this is why they don't.

♣ Mark still thinks that it is better to have a poll so that they can choose the second pick if the first doesn't work. Mike says that they still run into the problem that the artists aren't locked down. Chris says that they submit multiple bids at once. They have to immediately submit a second bid once they hear back. It's not like they can say "this one didn't work, we'll go to the second one"—it happens too fast.

♣ Kyle isn't convinced that we should do polls, but he thinks that any decision or voting that the E-Board should be advertised to campus. Chris says that this kind of happened last year. There were maybe 15 who came every meeting and actually worked at the concerts; when it came time to vote, people would tell their friends to come. Kyle asks why that's bad. Dooley says that this is not the forum to talk specifics about this.

♣ Rutledge says that this is a big concern to the public, because the E-Board happens to deal with a lot of money. We're talking \$30,000 to Talib Kweli for a 15 minute concert. E-Board members think that they are trading time working at the concert for the decision of who to bring. If he were in Chris's position, he would like to say that he represents the campus as well, but they admitted in the Orient last year that this is impossible with 14 people. He knows that the process is tough, but we need to represent the campus more. He calls for some specific restructuring in the rules for how entertainment is brought to the campus. We have wasted hundreds of thousands of dollars.

♣ Dooley says that we will have a separate conversation about this. We could go all night. But there is a better time and place for this.

♣ Branden says that someone could submit a proposal if they have a problem. Mike says that he will stick around to talk about this after the meeting.

## VII. Old Business

a. **Election Rule Amendments Regarding Petitions:** Anirudh says that if we approve this now, then a change will be made to the bylaws. There is a motion to vote and a second. Hannah notices a spelling error in the last sentence.

♣ Those in favor: everyone but Aaron, who abstains because he wasn't here for the discussion.

b. **Election Rule Amendments Regarding Resources:** Anirudh says that this is the first round of voting on this amendment. No one contacted him about changes, so it is exactly the same as last week. We will vote again next week.

♣ Addison asks about the portion in parenthesis. Anirudh says that no one contacted him about changes. Someone could propose an amendment to remove that section (about the student digest). If you want to remove anything, you have to propose an amendment, which we will then vote on. The intention of this is to be explicit—the digest will not be allowed after this—that will require another change.

♣ Those in favor: Everyone except Isaac, who is opposed. Aaron, Addison, and Branden abstain. Aaron and Addison weren't here for the discussion. Branden wonders where the fire from last meeting went.

## VIII. Committee Reports

a. **BSG Affairs Committee:** The fundraising is going well. We are planning DodgeBall on the 21<sup>st</sup>, the Saturday before Thanksgiving break. We will bring more updates. Sustainable Bowdoin will give a presentation in a few weeks, and we will try to get more of the public to attend. He will send emails about the tables.

b. **Student Activities Funding Committee:** Kyle says that they gave out money and did the books this weekend.

c. **Student Affairs Committee:** Addison reports that they continue to edit the cost-cutting guide. He talked with Sherry Mason about getting students involved with the CPC earlier.

d. **Student Organizations Committee:** There will be things coming in the rest of the semester, like club leader dinners. There are issues with the BSG website and the Activities website. Leadership development plans

have begun.

e. **Academic Affairs Committee:** Bryce says that there is a campus conversation in the works.

f. **Facilities Committee:** Email goes out about cable changes tomorrow. They are talking about first-year printers as well. Tessa says that they are doing a community service project for BSG. They are thinking about doing a can drive. It might be limited to social houses, because we talked about doing it as a competition. Isaac brought it up at the IHC meeting, and they seem to think that it's a good idea, especially if it involves winning something. Sustainable Bowdoin would be happy to help or to advertise. There is a trash audit going on at the polar bear.

## **IX. Member Reports**

### **a. Class Representatives**

♣ 2010: They talked about more events during the academic year.

♣ 2011: They talked about fundraising and will make 200 t-shirts that will say either "Cock Folby" (?) or "Colby Community College: Striving for Mediocrity since 1812." Dooley emphasizes that BSG has nothing to do with those t-shirts. There are questions about where the money is coming from. Mark thinks that they will be making money, because they will sell the shirts.

♣ 2012: They are working on a Sophomore soiree. In the spring they will have an all-school soiree.

♣ 2013: Leah says that they had the COO meet with the subcommittee to start brainstorming. They are making decisions about the semi-formal.

b. **IHC Representatives:** They are working on the House Crawl, and they talked about the can drive.

c. **E-Board Representative:** They are looking for the winter concert for late January.

d. **Athletics Representative:** They are gearing up for Winter. They are talking about having Improv at the Colby Hockey Game.

**X. President's Report:** Kata, Jack, and Mike attended the Town Council Meeting. Kata says that the meeting was fairly short. It seems like a valuable thing to do to stay in touch. It seems important to know what issues they are talking about. Jack could see some value in having a representative. They did watch a presentation on Maine Bike Day, but he thinks that it could be valuable. Tommy talked to a Congressman, who was really excited about them being there—he is unsure as to whether he is still on the council, but they would send people to our meetings as well. Mike says that there was an ad toward the back from Joanne King, who is on the Town Council. She had a quote about being 100% supportive for a BSG-Town Council liaison. What we do is very public. People can read about it.

Gender-Neutral housing stuff is in the works. We are in editing stage. We will have guests in two weeks from Sustainable Bowdoin. Katie Longley might be coming as well. We will hear about Bowdoin's Carbon Action Plan. The presentation was given to the trustees and faculty as well. If you know people who are interested, invite them. We are trying to get people in the room, because they might not give this presentation again in the near future. Start writing down questions.

Dooley says that he would like to see Chris, Isa, Rutledge, and Anirudh, and anyone else who is interested in talking about the E-Board.

## **XI. Adjournment at 9:20 p.m.**

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## Proposal to Vote

Proposal 0809043

Proposed by: BSG Affairs Committee

Date: October 28, 2009

### PROPOSAL TO AMEND BYLAWS REGARDING RESOURCES IN THE ELECTION RULES

#### **Opinion**

Due to problems that arose in the past junior/senior election cycle at the beginning of the 2009-2010 academic year, the BSG Affairs committee believes that slight changes need to be made to the election rules. These changes are not meant to increase the complexity of the policies, but to clarify the current set of rules. By decreasing the ambiguity present in the regulations, the BSG Affairs committee believes that less election problems will arise in the future.

#### **Action Required**

The BSG Affairs Committee requests that the Bowdoin Student Government Assembly amends the bylaws regarding resources in the elections rules.

(1) Article III. Section C. Part i. Currently reads: "Candidates shall not use College funds or resources for campaign purposes. This does not include the use of college-funded media outlets" (III.C.i).

BSG Affairs requests that this statement is amended to read: Article III. Section C. Part i. "Candidates shall not use College funds or resources for campaign purposes (This includes but is not limited to college printers and the student digest). However, candidates can use college-funded media outlets (This includes but is not limited to BCN, WBOR, and The Orient)."

# Bowdoin Student Government

## Proposal to Vote

Proposal 0809041

Proposed by: Student Organizations Committee

Date: October 21, 2009

### PROPOSAL TO AMEND BYLAWS AND CREATE TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON POSITION

#### **Opinion**

As the voice of Bowdoin's Student Body, the Bowdoin Student Government should send a liaison to the meetings of the Brunswick Town Council (bi-weekly on Monday nights) to communicate between the two bodies.

#### **Action Required**

The Student Organizations Committee requests that the Bowdoin Student Government Assembly create a liaison position between the BSG and the Brunswick Town Council. This position will be appointed by the BSG Assembly from among its membership each semester. The BSG Liaison to Town Council will be responsible for: attending all Town Council meetings, bringing forward issues related to the Bowdoin community to the BSG in a timely fashion (preferably before they are voted on by Town Council), representing the BSG's opinion to Town Council during appropriate public hearings, and making a semester report of Town Council proceedings to the BSG Assembly. Add the following at the end of the bylaws:

#### Article V) Assembly-Appointed Positions

##### A. Town Council Liaison

- i. The Executive Committee will select, at the beginning of the year when At-large Representatives are selected, a liaison to the Brunswick Town Council. It will be an additional title given to one of the At-large Representatives.
- ii. The liaison will attend all meetings of the Brunswick Town Council and apprise the Assembly of issues relevant to Bowdoin Students. The liaison will attempt to communicate these issues to the Assembly before they are voted on by the Town Council.
- iii. The liaison will be responsible for representing the opinion of the BSG, and by extension the Student Body, at the town council meetings.
- iv. S/he may not represent an opinion as that of the BSG or the Student Body unless a resolution has been passed to that effect by the BSG Assembly.
- v. The liaison will make a semester report of town council proceedings at the end of each semester.

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## Proposal to Vote

Proposal 0809044

Proposed by: Student Organizations Committee

Date: November 11, 2009

### FUNDING REQUEST CONCERNING PRINTERS IN FIRST-YEAR DORMS

#### **Opinion**

Due to the overloading of main campus printers (i.e. the printers in H & L), the increasing need for more printers on campus, and individual study habits it is the opinion of this Committee that we should fund the implementation of printers in first-year dorms. Printers will be installed in four of the eight first-year bricks. The dorms that will get the first round of printers are West Hall, Moore Hall, Hyde Hall, and Winthrop Hall. Contingent upon the successfulness of the project this year, we are already in talks with IT and Res Life to put printers in the remaining first-years' bricks next year. All the printing software will be added to the pre-existing Pharos Printing System. Students will be able to install the dorm-specified printer software from off the IT website. In addition, after discussion with Residential Life and IT (both departments are in support of this project) BSG should support this resolution because:

- 1) Adding these four printers will help decrease the wear and tear on centralized, main printers on campus (i.e. H& L, and the Smith Union).
- 2) Having one main printer in these four dorms will limit the amount of individual printers first years bring to campus, furthering Bowdoin's commitment to "green" principles and initiatives.
- 3) Any student on campus will be allowed to use any of the newly installed printers in each dorm between 7am until 1am.

#### **Action Required**

The Committee requests that the BSG assembly allocate \$2,500 for the aforementioned printing initiative. The expenses on this project are approximately \$5000 to \$7000. The BSG's (potential contribution) of \$2,500 will be a onetime contribution, and IT will cover the remaining expenses (IT has agreed to absorb any future expenses in regards to this project into their budget). Lastly, for reference, this \$2,500 is to help IT cover the costs of the printers, paper, toner, and any other maintenance fees associated to the printers.