

Bowdoin Student Government

2 November 11

Dagget Lounge

I. Call to order at 8:32 pm

II. Roll Call: Tommy, Ricardo, Sam, Abbie, Michael, David, and Bearnie are absent

III. President's Welcome: Derek welcomes everyone to their third BSG meeting of the year and congratulates everyone on being off to a good start. He welcomes two people to the meeting – Allen Delong, the director of Student Life, and Katie Longley, the Senior Vice President for Finance & Administration and Treasurer. He explains how Allen will be attending BSG meetings from now on, and how Katie is our guest for the meeting. She will be discussing the recent and future land/building acquisitions as well as a possible plan for redesign of Smith Union.

IV. Public Comment Time

V. Guests

a. Katie Longley, Senior Vice President for Finance and Administration and Treasurer

- Katie thanks everyone for inviting her and introduces herself as a member of the Bowdoin class of '76. She asks everyone to excuse the cell-phone on the table because her daughter is currently taking part in the Occupy Oakland protest and she is quite worried. She also explains that her daughter was a Wesleyan graduate – and they're all anarchists there *laughter*. She then begins to tell the BSG about the properties that Bowdoin has acquired. It was a busy summer – Bowdoin is very close to acquiring the Longfellow school and close the deal either later this month or early December. Basically, the contract will swap the Longfellow school for the McClellan building. Under the contract, Bowdoin will be able to retain the visual arts spaces and offices on the third floor until 2024, and the town will move into McClellan in 2014, so we don't have to move everyone out right away. Once the Longfellow school has been officially acquired, Bowdoin will "take [its] time" thinking about what they are going to do with the space. Currently, the administration sees fit to consolidate the visual arts there. As of right now, there are visual arts spaces and offices in McClellan, a printing studio on Main Street, some art spaces at Fort Andros, and a dance studio above Brunswick Station. It would be really great for Bowdoin to be able to bring all of the scattered visual arts (and dance) together in one building, since Longfellow has large classrooms, a large gym, and good lighting. As of right now, Bowdoin doesn't have the money to materialize this consolidation, but they have gotten faculty involved and hired a space planner to get the ball rolling. The playground will be kept open for kids, and the parking lot will stay intact, but it will probably be made into a blue lot for faculty, staff, visitors, and students (during the off hours).
- Derek wonders what will be happening with the school in the interim time.
- Katie responds that the building will be kept closed and the pipes, heating, and wiring will be checked out. She says that there is a good chance Bowdoin'll have to update Longfellow to fit its electrical needs. She also explains that they have to figure out what exactly the space is to be utilized for and design a budget around it. No building / construction will really be happening this year.
- Sam asks if, after consolidating, Bowdoin would just cease to pay rent on those spaces currently held around town.

- Katie confirms that this would be the case, and she cautions that this will not be an overnight change. There may be some changes by next fall, but as of right now, it's too early to know.
- Amy inquires if the only departments being currently considered for relocation are the visual arts departments.
- Katie says that all the arts departments (not just visual) are being considered. This is because there is a huge gym that would be perfect for dance studios and maybe even theater and the performance arts.
- Amy follows up, wondering if any other departments have explicitly expressed interest.
- Katie responds that that is more of a question for Dean Judd. The thing is, the arts have been dispersed and have wanted a home for a while, so they are really the ones being considered.
- Brian questions if there are any specific plans in plans for developing a shortcut between Longfellow Avenue and Short Street.
- Katie says that Randy Nichols has safety concerns about students making their own shortcuts. She knows that there has been talk about lighting the west side of the Longfellow school (where people cut through the woods from Brunswick apartments). There is also talk about putting lighting up by the playground so students can walk through there. The one safety concern with walking through the woods is all the thicket down there – Bowdoin would prefer students to walk where it is open. Once the property is actually acquired, facilities and security will determine the safest, hopefully shortest, route.
- Tessa wonders if they could pave that path through the woods to make it safer.
- Katie replies that paving would require a site permit due to the placement of an impervious surface. Katie says that perhaps gravel would be a better option.
- Dani asks if the BSG should, as a body, just start gathering student opinion on the matter.
- Katie says that it's a little too early for that. Once the closing has been negotiated, then the BSG can start garnering student opinion.
- Derek has one final question – he is curious if there is a strategic plan for South Street.
- Katie confirms that there has been talk about making the street two-way again. She explains that the street was recently made one way because of the school, but the dining trucks have registered complaints that the one-way turn is very difficult. Katie offers a word of caution to making it two-way, though: now there is parking on both sides, and with the street becoming two-way again, the parking would be restricted to one side. Of course, before Bowdoin makes any changes, these plans would have to be discussed with the town, and discussions would have to take place with the children's center and the residents on the street.
- Derek turns the discussion to discussion on the naval airbase.
- Katie fills everyone in on the details. Bowdoin has been working with the Navy, and there are promises of everything coming to fruition by November 30 (which really means something like sometime in 2012). So far, Bowdoin has been sending surveyors out to the lands and they've run into some interesting trouble: in one section, they came upon some unexploded, forgotten rockets (so that section was closed). In other words, the Navy has to do some cleanup of unexploded ordnance. What to do with the lands, once we acquire them, is still a little

uncertain. Katie reports that they have been throwing around the idea of biking/walking paths, places for ES and art classes, etc.

- Chase interjects to ask what the total number of acreage Bowdoin will acquire is.
- Katie informs that Bowdoin will acquire about 250 acres, of which about half is developable. Again, once we acquire it, we'll have to go and take a look. One thing that will have to be worked out is the FAA's access, since they want radar [?]. In the future, there is potential for that site becoming a second campus, or even a location for athletic fields (i.e. Farley would be moved to its own campus and the Fieldhouse would be converted into more class space). This master planner has presented some slides on potential expansion of the campus over time using this land.
- Sam requests more specifics on the plans presented.
- Katie reiterates that there are no definite/tangible plans for a second campus currently, but she reminds us that campuses inevitably grow. The master architect has suggested that the most logical place for Bowdoin to grow is south, and that expansion down Harpswell Road would be ideal.
- Chase is curious as to how many fields we'd be able to fit at the Navy base.
- Before she answers, Katie wants to tell us that acquiring the Navy base is a two-step process that involves the Navy selling the land to the Department of Education, and then Bowdoin submitting an application to the Department of Ed. in order to acquire the land officially. She then addresses Chases question by saying that there could be a total of eight fields on the base's lands, which would be shared with the town.
- Derek brings up the topic of the remodeling of Smith Union, which would be most relevant to students as of right now.
- Katie informs us that they had an architectural firm (the same one who designed the Buck Center) out of Cambridge design a master plan for the Union about two years ago. The current issue is money – it's a great plan, but Bowdoin would love a donor. Some of the changes included moving the bookstores to the first floor where the sail and game rooms currently are (making a retail hallway of sorts). *laughter* Where the bookstore was originally, there will be a more robust café with more tables, seating, and meeting areas. According to Allen Delong, the new café will contain an acoustic performance space as well. The mail center area on the first floor would also be expanded, and the C-Store would be relocated. The second floor of the union would be completely repurposed for students, student organizations, and student activities.
- Allen Delong chimes in again to say that on the top floor, WBOR and WBCN would be stationed, with WBOR in the "blue box."
- Katie resumes her description by noting that one huge problem is the noise from the basketball courts on the top floor. Bowdoin actually hired a structural engineer who determined it would cost another \$3000-\$4000 to put another "fake floor" in with padding to dampen the sound. The other solution to the problem would be to move the basketball court to Farley (or to the Naval base) and then repurpose the gym, but that would be more on the magnitude of \$8000-\$9000 to rebuild a competition basketball court. Again, Katie reminds the BSG that nothing has *actually* been completely planned yet, especially since they're still on the lookout for a donor. In this economy, she says, finances are fine and dandy, but not well enough to begin a large-scale building project. Buck was the last building

project for a while until things settle out, especially since the union will cost about \$10million in renovations – so there is a ways go. She does have some renderings, which she'll send to Allen Delong so he can bring them to the next meeting to show us.

- Derek mentions that one thing that has come up a lot is the lack handicap accessibility in the union (particularly Sargent gym). He wonders if it's mandated with all these new repairs.
- Katie says that, for more than \$300,000 worth of repairs, the building must be made to be in compliance with ADA regulations, and she admits that it bothers her that it is not currently very accessible. ADA design will most definitely be worked into the plan.
- Megan asks if more study spaces will be incorporated into the new design, especially since currently spaces are limited.
- Katie says that there won't be as many "study spaces," per say, but that there will be student space upstairs, resulting in not too big of a net loss. She then says that the renovations themselves will probably take two years to do, even if we received the money tomorrow, they at least need a year of design and a year of construction.
- Dani asks what is to become of Morrell Lounge and the Pub.
- Allen Delong says that they'll bump the pub out to let more natural light in, and they will also get rid of the 2nd and 3rd top floors of the pub to extend the glass room that's on the far side of the union. He also says that tomorrow (Thursday) in the early afternoon there will be new furniture for students to test out in the blue box room. He says that last time's demo couches were a total fail, but these he's actually sat on these and think they not only look good, but feel good too. We'll have them for exactly a week, and his hope is to add between 30-40 seats.
- Katie adds that they will be replacing the overstuffed, gaudy chairs in Morrell Lounge that causes facilities a literal pain in the butt to move.
- Allen explains that the lounge gets turned over so often that those heavy pieces don't make practical sense. Plus they don't match.
- Jordan is worried about the transitory period when the Union will be under construction.
- Katie allays his fears by saying that the construction will most likely be phased and therefore done over the summer. She reiterates that they don't even have a design – it is merely conceptual. Of course they won't interrupt the student experience.
- Jordan laughs and says that some students [no doubt himself included] would die of the café was gone.
- Amy wonders whose opinions get taken into the design aesthetic.
- Katie says that there was a student design group a year ago. She does note that times remain dynamic, and therefore the group will probably be reorganized again so that students, faculty, and staff have a say in the new design. Of course, Allen will be very involved in the SU redesign. To give an example of the ever-changing times, she says that when they renovated the bricks, the students wanted to have the showers in the hallway. Now, people don't like this idea so much anymore. To make sure the design is as "up to date" as possible, a group will be reconvened and an architect be brought back in.

- Dani picks Katie’s brain, asking, if we got the finances tomorrow, what the first project would be.
- Katie says that it really depends on what the donor wants his/her money to be used for. It could be used for the bursting-at-the-seams Arctic Museum, or the more pressing matter of the Longfellow school since we’re essentially “losing” McClellan. She changes the subject momentarily and asks for the BSG to garner student feedback on the newly redesigned/renovated C-Store.
- Derek notes how expensive it is.
- Dani loves the nice, organic, and tasty products. She says that even though it’s expensive and she’ll soon be running out of polar points, she buys more there than she did before.
- Katie says that, statistically, the C-Store is up 500 more visits a week and sales are up \$2,000 a week, but she doesn’t know if that’s students or visitors.
- Derek confirms that he sees many parents on tours stopping in to grab something.
- Katie says thanks, and that she’ll be happy to answer any further questions via email. On a closing note, there have been many sustainability initiatives on campus, including the green roof on the heating plant implemented earlier this fall.
- Derek thanks Katie for coming *applause*.

VI. Old Business

VII. Committee Reports

a. Student Affairs Committee

i. Proposal: Week of Diversity

- Allen Wong passes out a packet and explains that this proposal is of for multicultural programs proposed by Nylea Bivins. The second page of the packet shows the analysis report of the Student Affairs Committee. The appendix contains descriptions of speakers and events to be held during diversity week and the schedule of said week. Allen then gives a rundown about why this week is being proposed and what this week is for. As a result of the bias incidents last year, the Office of Multicultural Programs hired Nylea over the summer to put together a week of programming to promote diversity, multiculturalism, etc. on campus. Consequently, Nylea approached the SAFC, but the SAFC can only fund events run by charter 1 student organizations. She is requesting \$12,500. The SAC recommends that the BSG provide \$4000 maximum from our programming budget. The reason being that there has been no student survey, focus groups, or any student opinion taken into the matter this academic year. He also notes that no one really knows about the event in question, even though it will be taking place the week after we come back from semester break. Allen and the SAC would like to see more publicity since the entire program costs quite a large sum in total.
- Derek notes that proposals like these are why we keep the two week rule. Once this has been discussed in committee, he would like to see everyone go back and present this to their constituencies. This way, next week, we can view the proposal with “new eyes.”
- Anirudh comments that the \$4000 Allen mentioned would be our entire programming budget for the year. To give an example of things from

years passed, the programming budget funds have gone towards food during Ivies on both days as well as other things on campus. He's not saying this to comment on how the money *should* be spent, but just wants the BSG members to have some historical perspective.

- Allen responds to Anirudh's point by saying that if the student body as a whole thinks that we should spend MORE than \$4000, the BSG will reassign budgetary stuff to get it done.
- To afford even more perspective, Brian notes that the total of \$12,500 is about 1/13 of what the SAFC has in its yearly discretionary budget to distribute to the 123 campus clubs and organizations.
- Allen notes that the total as a whole is a little bit over 1/3 of the BSG's total budget.
- Sam has a question for Nylea. He asks where she'll get the other \$8,000 if the BSG only funds \$4000.
- Nylea explains that this is only the beginning of the "asking" phase. She hasn't begun to ask departments yet, and she will be presenting to them at the monthly faculty meeting. She also says that she will be soliciting funds from the College Houses, the Curts fund, and Lectures and Concerts.
- Jordan wonders how much the Deans' Office has pledged, since the program was started under their jurisdiction.
- Nylea reports that Tim Foster is giving \$1,500 and is willing to give more, but he does want to see funding come from other sources. Dean Amaez will fund \$3,000.
- Allen directs everyone's attention to the second page of the report to see other outside funding received.
- Dani notices that Nylea seems to only be asking for funding for the big-ticket items (i.e. the expensive honorariums that are way above what usually is allotted for speakers). She asks Nylea to "sell us" on them.
- Nylea confirms that the honorariums are the most expensive part of this whole week. She says that they are looking into Clyde Steele instead of Mahzarin Banaji. Last year, student leaders met with President Mills and expressed interest in an event concerning sexuality, identity, diversity, etc. Over the summer, Nylea held four focus groups. From these groups, it was determined that students thought a month would be too drawn out, but a day would be insufficient in case of conflicts. Students of the groups were then given a range of speakers to choose from in which they ranked their favorite speakers, and the ones chosen were the top speakers chosen by students. The idea behind each speaker is that they will present tools that students can learn to approach conversations about difference, identity, and diversity. The main goal of this program is to allow for a new level of comfort with these currently uneasy discussions – discussions on intersectionality, identity, appearance, privilege, etc. These speakers will give students the tools to approach these topics and are also the top people in their fields. Each one has traveled to many different colleges and universities. She contacted persons in similar positions to Dean Amaez

in other schools (i.e. Multicultural Deans) in order to determine the speakers that would be most effective.

- Allen Wong asks Allen Delong if the rumors are true that the Student Activities Office has contacted the speakers to reserve dates for Bowdoin. He asks that if this is true, are there already contracts signed?
- Allen Delong responds that the main concern of Student Activities is that they didn't want to lose someone while fundraising. Silvia contacted the speakers and gauged their interest at speaking at Bowdoin and found out how they would have to be approached. For example, one of the speakers, despite being able to pay the honorarium, still picks and chooses where he will speak. Basically, Student Activities did their preliminary research.
- Allen Wong wonders what will happen if not enough money is raised. Will the speakers be flexible? What if we can only afford 3, are some set in stone?
- In response to his "set in stone" question, Allen Delong specifies that they are not. However, he notes how Nylea has created this week that fits together like a puzzle. He fears that dropping one will lose some of the intent of the week.
- Sam asks if \$12,500 is the total cost of the event.
- Nylea replies that the amount presented is the remainder of what needs to be covered. Presidnet Mills is giving \$5,000 to cover Claude Steele's honorarium and lodging. She anticipates the Department for Research of Sex and Gender and BQSA covering a bit as well. The Office of Multicultural Programs has also already donated.
- Brian adds that the submitted budget has the total cost of everything being about \$20,000. Out of that, judging by some quick math, she has procured about \$11,000 through outside funding and still needs \$9,000.
- Nylea, who prefaces that she's not thinking in math-terms right now, says that that sounds about correct.
- Brian inquires if Nyleah has had any indication about the sum to be donated by academic departments.
- Nylea remains unsure, but departments tend to give in increments of \$100 for any event.
- Dani sees that this proposal only lists the "big ticket" events. She asks Nylea how in detail she has gone – like does this include film rights, dining costs, etc.?
- Nylea says that it does not include that.
- Tessa asks Anirudh if, in terms of the BSG's programming budget, there is a way to get more money if we give it all to Nylea.
- Anirudh says that we can reorganize our budget.
- Derek chimes in and says that we can also request money from the SAFC.
- Dani notes that requesting funding from the SAFC should be a last resort and we want to discourage it. It would set a bad precedent because

those other clubs that are on programming budgets (like the BSG) are *not* supposed to go to the SAFC to ask for more funding.

- Anirudh would like to second Dani's point. He wants the BSG members to look at things critically and use what's been allotted to us. That being said, there are nets to catch us when we fall. He now has a question for Nylea. He sees how this is a star line-up of speakers. Anirudh jokes how the E-Board would love to bring Beyoncé to campus but cannot feasibly do that. He asks her if she's thought of some different speakers that would fill the same role but are not as cost heavy. (Don't get him wrong, though, he'd LOVE to see all these speakers on campus).
- Derek adds to that that when the SAFC gives funding for honorariums, they usually have an upper limit.
- Brian supports him in saying that our guide books say \$1,500 as being the upper limit, and that the SAFC usually follows that unless it is for good reasons. For example, another club just received more funding than that for another really good speaker – ["Hang the code, they're more like guidelines anyway!" Another 10 points for movie identification to whomever emails me!] Brian does note, however, that if every group went over for all their honorariums, the SAFC's fund would support about 20 speakers and no activities. He would like to throw in that it could be fine for this.
- In defense of her choices, Nylea says that President Mills told her to build her dream schedule and not to worry about the money.
- Allen Wong says that yesterday in committee, the question was asked about events held at our peer institutions.
- Nylea says that she can't tell you how much our peer institutions have paid for their own programs, but she can tell us that across the nation, colleges and universities have programs ranging from a day to a month of activities around this issue. At Emery, they have a month dedicated to intersectionality, diversity, and multiculturalism. Vassar has a week; Williams has a day. And if you look at Emery's program, they have more events in a month than we do this proposed week; Williams has more events in a day than we do in this proposed week as well.
- Dani wants to give Nylea the opportunity to discuss why this is important to her and to the Bowdoin community.
- Nylea begins by saying that last year was definitely proof. For the first-years in the room, she wants to recap what happened. The incident that got the most attention was the one that happened second semester last year when someone wrote the words "fag" and "nigger" on a whiteboard in Coles Tower. Clearly such an act was offensive to anyone who belongs to / identifies with being black or being LGBTIQ. It is understood that in our community, this is unacceptable. Afterwards, a large meeting was held in which it came out that this incident wasn't the first to take place on campus – there have been a history of events that have happened, and they continue to happen (if anyone's been looking at the Community Campus Index)

<http://www.bowdoin.edu/studentaffairs/community->

[index/index.shtml](#)] Clearly, there needs to be some education on this campus about these matters – people need to learn about what these words mean to different groups of people. There needs to be a dialogue begun so that people can prevent these events from happening, and so that healing can begin. Students *want* these discussions to be taking place – they want to voice their opinions. No one wants these issues and ones of identity to just be swept under the rug and ignored. Nylea refers everyone to the I Am Bowdoin protests, where about 200 people (not including the spectators) took part. She uses this as evidence that students definitely desire and need this dialogue. This week she’s planned is to help give students the place to carry out those conversations. She knows that it’s not expected to be the end-all-be-all and resolve everything, but this week is an amazing starting place to enter the conversation. There are a whole range of activities, not just speakers and performances. Group discussions, movies, artwork, online interactive activates, and a whole slew of other programs are planned that are designed to help the Bowdoin and Brunswick communities feel safe in entering the conversation.

- Derek puts an end to the discussion on Nylea’s proposal. He wants everyone to take a thorough look at it and talk to their constituents so that next week we can talk more about it and vote.

b. BSG Affairs Committee: Anirudh reports that the BSGAC is working on the bookstore coupon that has been successful in years passed. They have also been concerned with restructuring the class council system.

c. Student Organizations Oversight Committee

- Dani announces that she has one more thing that will be open to discussion [alkfsjd]. She says that in the packet is a procedure for the SOOC Oversight Board. This board acts as a judiciary committee against student organizations as a whole and is run by students only in order to look into organizations and their charters. It is in the SOOC’s constitution and has never been utilized before this year. Earlier, there was a formal complaint launched against the Meddiebempsters (Meddies) and as a result of this process, sanctions were placed on their charter. She says that she had to compose a makeshift committee of temporarily appointed people and that she can’t speak as to the incident itself, but the board was told things about the investigation by Security and she’ll be happy to address any questions regarding the process itself.
- Derek restates that this board derives itself from the BSG’s bylaws (which can be found on the BSG’s website). They will be passed out next meeting.
- Dani reiterates that this was the first time this process was used, and it is intended to keep student activities within our realm. It judges students as a *group*, without having the leaders being tried as individuals on the J-Board.
- Tessa asks if we are talking or voting on this.
- Anirudh says that we are listening and understanding [LOL]
- Derek asks Dani to illuminate us on the process used.
- Dani explains that, in the bylaws, the SOOC has a hearing composed of the BSG executive committee. This decision is not to be brought to the BSG. She is only bringing it to us because the *Orient* will probably cover the story this week, and she thinks it’d be a good idea that BSG members know what’s up. Dani says that

she operated off of a document that didn't have a whole structure for this process laid out. She had to make decisions as she went along. She does, however, want to get her process that she used down on paper, so that the next person in her position doesn't have to go through what she went through.

- Jack asks for clarification on what the SOOC asked the Meddies to do.
- Derek says that, in their constitution, they have to specify some sort of initiation that has to happen according to tradition.
- John wonders what events specifically the Meddies cannot perform in as a result of this.
- Dani replies that they can participate in student events and outside events, but no Bowdoin departmental events (such as Athletic openings). She notes how if this comes before the board again next year, their charter can be revoked entirely.
- Chris wonders why the SOOC has mandated a public apology.
- Dani says that the Hazing Policy is in effect for a reason – to protect students of the Bowdoin community from any physical and psychological harm. The Meddies are to apologize for bringing that into our community.
- Allen Wong references the report Dani has included in the packets that lists elements considered in the case. He wonders if any one of these in isolation is considered hazing, or if it is the combination of these elements.
- Dani notes that the hazing policy is intricate. She says that one of these in isolation may not be considered hazing, but that the committee found the compounded effect to be classified as such. Since it fell within the hazing policy, it fell within the Bowdoin Student Government Club Membership Policy.
- Amy wonders why these changes to the event in question have to be outlined in the Meddies' constitution.
- Dani replies that she doesn't want to see this institutional knowledge of this year's exploits lost in the future.
- After that discussion, Dani reports that she will never bring a charter proposal to the BSG again [THANK YOU], and that Brazilian Jujitsu has been chartered as a club.

d. Student Activities Funding Committee: Brian announces that of the SAFC's \$160,000 in discretionary funds (with the other \$520,000 going to operating budgets), the SAFC has allocated about \$60,000 – so they are in a pretty good state. Currently, the SAFC is conducting revisions of the guidelines and will present the new books next meeting. He welcomes any suggestions.

e. Academic Affairs Committee: Jordan's committee met Monday night, but they will begin to meet on Sunday nights if everyone is interested. Megan asks if they will be doing the syllabi project again, and Jordan confirms they will [yay!].

f. Facilities Committee: Chase says that the movie tickets went up \$0.50, so we'll be charging \$7.50 to students in order to sell at cost. They have to decide, though, since Derek notes that Carla at the Info Desk doesn't like quarters, whether we can take a loss or make a profit to round down to \$7.00 or round up to \$8.00.

VIII. Member Reports

a. Class Representatives

- 2012: Tommy and the senior council met last night and planned several events, such as a senior night at the Lion's Pride and a Brunswick Pub Crawl. They will also be discussing Junior-Senior Ball ideas soon.

- 2013: Amy says that the pie party on Thursday went well (good turnout), and that the juniors have yet to meet since then.
- 2014: [Abbie and Sam have both ditched the BSG meeting today, so who knows what those sophomores are up to]
- 2015: Hannah and the first-year council met yesterday. So far, they've gone around to the bricks with candy bags and labels explaining what the council does and how to get in touch with its members. They are working on a movie screening for the first-years as well. After winter break, they are planning an intense scavenger hunt with awesome, TBD prizes. They also want to do a coffee or energy drink tasting event during reading period for obvious reasons. [You guys are awesome!]

b. IHC Representatives: David says that the social house website is coming soon, but there is a demo up right now. Overall, the social houses are doing well. Derek inquires if this weekend is "dry," and David responds that it is "damp" since we've gotten rid of "dry" weekends. *Laughter*

c. E-Board Representative: Chris [HE'S HERE. STOP THE PRESSES] reports that the E-Board is working on three big events, including a winter concert, a dance show featuring the winners of America's Best Dance Crew, and Ivies. So far, they've received disappointing news from Avicii (but David says that he's got only one good song anyway *laughter*), but does confirm that Ivies is looking like it's going to be 3 small/medium acts. They are trying to get someone up-beat (like Big Gigantic) and they've also submitted a bid for Childish Gambino and are hoping for the best!

d. Athletics Representative: Caitlin says that Athletics continues to get involved with the Special Olympics. For fundraising for their \$1500 in transportation fees, they are selling old Bowdoin uniforms – so everyone can rock it at the games. Each team will work with some group of Special Olympic athletes. Athletics has also donated \$200 to help bring Rita Jackman Freedman in to address sexual violence issues during Date Week. This weekend, women's field hockey and women's volleyball are going out for NESCAC titles – so get people out there!

IX. President's Report

a. Discussion: Community Reads: Derek says that Sam will be working with the librarians of Bowdoin, Topsham, and two local high schools to find a thought provoking book that could be used in the community read discussions to be taking place after winter break. He notes that this is a good way for Bowdoin students to integrate into the community. Allen DeLong chimes in and notes that it's important not to foster a "Bowdoin as paternal" image, because Brunswick residents feel that already. This isn't supposed to be teaching Brunswick about diversity – the discussions will be facilitated by professors, community members, and high school teachers in order to get the entire community as a whole to engage. Derek agrees, and changes the topic to athletics. He says that it is of vital importance that BSG members branch out and attend a variety of events on campus – expanding perspectives. He would love to see members at the athletic games, *Doll House*, and the Masque and Gown productions this and next weekend.

X. Adjournment at 9:47 pm