

# Bowdoin Student Government

## Meeting Agenda

10/01/08 - Shannon Room

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. President's Welcome
- IV. Approval of the Minutes
- V. Public Comment Time
- VI. Committee Reports
  - a. BSG Affairs Committee
  - b. Student Activities Funding Committee
  - c. Student Affairs Committee
  - d. Student Organizations Committee
  - e. Academic Affairs Committee
  - f. Facilities Committee
- VII. New Business
  - a. How BSG Works
    - i. How Meetings are Done
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  - d. Newspapers
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BOWDOIN COLLEGE

Meeting of the **Bowdoin Student Government**

*7 May 2008*

- I. **Call to Order** at 8:37 p.m.
- II. **Roll Call:** Nicole Willey, Ben LeHay, Liza Cohen, Justin Foster, Leah Rubega, Dan Heatherman, Sam Kamin, and James Harris are absent.
- III. **President's Welcome:** Dustin says that Class Officer Elections are this weekend. There are some problems, especially with the class of 2010, who needs to figure out gaps in the ballot. People have until 10 p.m. tonight to let Dustin know if they are running and for what. He reads off the ballot. Class of 2010 has a number of open spaces. We need BSG reps for the spring (Rutledge volunteers), President, and VP for the Fall. There is talk of Dan running for President. We do have something substantive to do tonight: course registration.
- IV. **Public Comment:** Kate thinks that BSG has done a great job and she'll miss working with members next year.
- V. **Approval of the Minutes:** Approval passes unanimously.
- VI. **Old Business**
  - a. **Bylaws:** John says that he knows that everyone combed over the bylaws. There are no questions or comments. Those in favor: unanimous.
    - i. There is another, separate section of the bylaws: Article 4. This deals with allocations, which must, according to these stipulations, be made by the assembly. Withdrawals over \$100 need authorization from Sophia or John next year. Contracts need to be authorized by Sophia and John. Dan asks if there is a need for this—have there been contract issues in the past? Chuckles around. Those in favor: unanimous.
- VII. **New Business**
  - a. **Course Registration:** Sam mentions an issue that came up last week. 23 students were denied their first choices even though there were spaces in the classes. They were instead put into their second-choice courses so that these courses were not cancelled. There is a clause that says the dean can override the 5-student minimum. Dean Judd instead instructed the registrar to bump these people out of their first-choice classes. The ideas are outlined in the bullets on the paper before you.
    - Lindsey thinks that “denied access” should be “denied acceptance.” She also mentions “intentionally deceived,” because this sounds

aggressive. We know now that this can happen. It sounded like Dean Judd wanted this to sound covert.

- Dustin says that one of the benefits of this method was that they had intentionally not told students that this was going on. Changing it to “students are not properly informed.”
- Rutledge thinks that everyone agrees that this is an unacceptable practice. One class makes a difference—there is a reason you choose those top choices as top choices.
- Kyle can see the counter-argument. The benefit would be allowing classes that wouldn’t exist to stay alive for those who want them.
- Dooley disagrees with Kyle and thinks that if the dean can approve a class despite the small size, there’s no reason to make students take their second choices.
- Bryce says that he was in a class with 2 students. These classes can still exist.
- Those in favor of voting tonight: seeing 2/3.
- Kata wonders if classes have been cancelled for which there was interest. Sam D says that this does happen (explains the Russian posters).
- Greg wonders if this is done by machines, or if Big Brother watches? Sam D says that it is a combination of both. Big Brother goes in and corrects what he doesn’t like.
- Bryce wonders what happens if these 23 students in small classes drop and leave only a few students in these classes. Sam D says that that’s when the dean would come in and approve the class anyway.
- Those in favor: unanimous except for Justin, who abstains.

### **VIII. Committee Reports**

- a. BSG Affairs: John says that they looked over the bill and had bonding and thanks.
- b. SAFC: Ugo says that there are a few emails that need to go out about operating budgets.
- c. Student Affairs: Dan says that the Block Party was successful. The people who were there enjoyed it a lot.
- d. SOOC: Will says that they didn’t meet, but will meet on Friday.
- e. Academic Affairs: Sam says that they are continuing next year from where they are right now.
- f. Facilities: Dooley says that they are working on newspapers and the airport shuttle.

### **IX. Member Reports**

- a. Class Officers
  - i. 2008: Ben L says that they are having an awesome night at AppleBee’s. Senior week will be a huge success.
  - ii. 2009: Kyle says “hoodies”. They are giving out the remaining ones tonight.

- iii. 2010: Bryce has nothing to report. Rutledge wants to make sure that they don't repeat the 23 student-fiasco of this semester's registration. Sam wants to remove that from the handbook. Rutledge wants to add a clause "and don't try to do this shit to us again."
- iv. 2011: Hannah mentions a study break barbecue at the outing club

b. IHC

- i. Lindsey talks about IHC elections. She is the President, Dan H is VP.
- ii. Greg says to come to Helmreich next year. DJ Dustin will be appearing.
- c. Community Service Representative: Alison has nothing. 2 years of Community Service Rep were great. She's sad to go.
- d. A-Board: Ben L says that the A-Board Chairs met to discuss the budget, which they hope will be plump. They love each other and are having a party. Emma Riley and Katherine Finnegan are Chairs. They will vote on the big band for next year. It will be someone famous and great.
- e. Res-Life: Bryce says that they are winding down. He has a feeling that proctors are excited.

**X. New President's Report:** Sophia says that she didn't know she had to make a report. Everyone here did really good work over this year. She encourages people to apply for appointed positions or run for class officer positions. Sophia introduces next year's team: Hannah Bruce as SOOC chair, the one and only Ugo Egbunike in the SAFC, Sam Dinning returning to Academic Affairs, Carly Burman for VP of Student Affairs, Michael Dooley remains as VP of Facilities (Rutledge boos), John Connolly will remain the BSGer in the Affairs position. It'll be excellent.

**XI. Old Dustin's Report:** Dustin thanks Kate for putting up with us and for being the middle-man. He also thanks Hannah for the minutes. He thanks Will for the technical stuff, communications director, and for being the voice of the BSG for 3 years. We achieved the most basic of goals, which was to do something. We began engaging in policy. Dustin hopes that next year will be a challenge, particularly in academic affairs. We pulled off the programming thing: the Block Party happened. Academic Affairs will get harder as people settle into positions. Sam mentions that committee applications are due Friday. He expects low numbers. Encourage people. Dustin says that this is a great opportunity, because people have a good idea of what's going on before going in. Alison says thanks to Dustin. There is hearty applause.

**XII. Adjournment:** Ben is the longest standing member. He motions to adjourn and seconds his own movement. Adjournment at 9:21 p.m.

# Bowdoin Student Government

## Proposal to Vote

Proposal 0809001

**Proposed by:** Facilities Committee

**Date:** October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008

### **FUNDING REQUEST CONCERNING THE BSG SHUTTLE SERVICE AND NIGHT TAXI**

#### *Opinion*

For the past few years, the Bowdoin Student Government has provided a weekend shuttle service to destinations such as Freeport and Portland. This year, Cook's Corner is also being added as a destination. Since many students do not have cars on campus, this shuttle service provides them with an affordable means of transportation. Additionally, the BSG Night Taxi service is a partnership with Brunswick Taxi which allows free use of taxi service around campus to augment Security's Shuttle Service. It is the opinion of the Facilities Committee that the BSG should continue support of these programs.

#### *Action Required*

The Committee requests that the BSG Assembly allocates \$4,500 for the aforementioned shuttle service and night taxi for this semester.

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# Bowdoin Student Government

## Proposal to Vote

**Proposal 0809002**

**Proposed by:** Facilities Committee

**Date:** October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008

### **FUNDING REQUEST CONCERNING CAMPUS NEWSPAPERS**

#### *Opinion*

The Bowdoin Student Government has historically provided the Student Body with newspapers in the dining halls and Smith Union.

#### *Action Required*

The Committee requests that the BSG Assembly allocates \$8,300 to continue the aforementioned campus readership program.

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# Bowdoin Student Government

## Proposal to Vote

**Proposal 0809003**

**Proposed by:** Ian Yaffé

**Date:** October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008

### **FUNDING/SUPPORT REQUEST CONCERNING A TALK ABOUT THE ECONOMY**

#### *Opinion*

The Bowdoin Student Government Assembly should sponsor an informal talk with an Economics Professor about the current financial crisis. This talk will be geared towards non-Econ majors.

#### *Action Required*

Ian requests that the Programming Co-Chairs, the Vice President for Student Government Affairs, himself, and any other members who are interested be allowed to organize the aforementioned economy talk with BSG sponsorship and that they be allowed to use up to \$200 in funding toward this end.

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# Bowdoin Student Government

## Proposal to Vote

**Proposal 0809004**

**Proposed by:** Facilities Committee

**Date:** October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008

### **FUNDING REQUEST CONCERNING MOVIE TICKET PURCHASES**

#### *Opinion*

It is the opinion of the Facilities Committee that the BSG should purchase movie tickets for sale at a reduced rate to the student body.

#### *Action Required*

The Committee requests that the BSG support the aforementioned initiative by allocating \$500 for the purchase of movie tickets.

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# Bowdoin Student Government

## Proposal to Vote

Proposal 0809005

Proposed by: Executive Committee

Date: October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008

### FUNDING REQUEST CONCERNING POLAR BEAR NATION T-SHIRTS

#### *Opinion*

Attempting to foster school spirit is an important part of BSG's responsibility on campus, and one organization solely dedicated to this is Polar Bear Nation. They are requesting help funding their purchase of Polar Bear Nation T-Shirts for the campus. As the shirts will include BSG's name if we provide funding, this is a great opportunity for advertising ourselves to the Student Body.

#### *Action Required*

The Executive Committee requests that \$1000 be allocated to support the purchase of Polar Bear Nation t-shirts.

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# Bowdoin Student Government

## Rules of Order

- 1) Legislation will receive a first reading and will be voted on at the following meeting. *The so-called “two week rule”*
- 2) Meetings will automatically adjourn at 10:00pm.
- 3) All business will be limited to an automatic 5 minute time limit which requires a 1/5<sup>th</sup> second to extend. *1/5<sup>th</sup> of voting members at the meeting.*
- 4) Any of the above rules may be temporarily suspended by a 2/3 vote of those present.
- 5) The Constitution does not allow official business to be conducted without the presence of 2/3 of the Assembly’s membership (not including unfilled seats). *Meetings can still be held, but no votes.*
- 6) The Chair only votes in the event of a tie or when the Constitution mandates that s/he does so.
- 7) All votes will be decided based on those present except those votes for which the Constitution requires that the Assembly’s entire membership be taken into account. *eg. impeachments, constitutional amendments, referenda*

# Parliamentary Procedure

The important thing to remember about BSG is that it is not a debating society. The substance of what we do is more important than how we do it. The following rules are in place as a backup should they be needed, but those instances will be few and far between.

## 8) Parliamentary Procedure

- a) This procedure is established to provide a structural framework for Assembly meetings, but the Assembly is a legislature not a debating society, and the emphasis should never be on the parliamentary procedure.
- b) Motions (in descending order of precedence)
  - i) **Point of Order:** may interrupt anything in order to shed light on a procedural or parliamentary error.
  - ii) **Introduce Legislation:** any member may introduce legislation to be included for discussion; requires no second or vote.
  - iii) **Amend:** both legislation and motions may be amended; requires a second and a majority vote.
  - iv) **Vote:** forces a vote on the matter at hand, stopping all debate and negating the 2-week rule; requires a second and a  $2/3$  majority vote.
  - v) **Table:** legislation may be laid on or taken from the table by a second and a majority vote; the legislation being discussed during automatic adjournment will be automatically tabled until the next meeting.
  - vi) **Suspend the Rules:** rules i, ii, and iii in the rules of order may be suspended by a  $2/3$  vote of those present.
  - vii) **Extend Debate:** a  $1/5$  second extends debate past the 5 minute mark.
  - viii) **Recess:** requires a second and a majority vote to dismiss the meeting for a specific period of time.
  - ix) **Adjourn:** requires a second and a majority vote to end the meeting.
  - x) **Point of Information:** anybody may ask a question of the Chair regarding procedural, parliamentary, or legislative issues.