The following minutes are from a Bowdoin Student Government meeting that took place on September 20, 2006:

Call to Order: 8:07 p.m.

Roll call: Levin absent, Seifert coming late

Reports

- President (DeRay)
  - Leadership development major concern for year
  - Strongest BSG ever this year
  - Dress code: casual but neat
  - NESCAC conference call
  - Guests may speak at meetings in the future
  - Must approve the agenda

- Treasurer (Becca)
  - Explanation of SAFC
  - SAFC has already met with several organizations (Frisbee, Masque & Gown, Yoga, Swing Club, Finance, Af-Am, etc.)

- IHC President (Alex)
  - Strong house system this year
  - Presidents have been working together
  - Leadership Council going well

- Classes
  - 2010 (Alicia and Bryce)
    - Haven’t met yet
  - 2009 (Sam and Ben)
    - Planning well underway, met 3-4 times already
    - Parents Weekend planning
    - Pub night upcoming
  - 2008 (Clark and Erma)
    - Has had a meeting
    - Pub night planned
    - Working on sweatshirts and stickers
    - Community service project?
  - 2007 (Emily and Torri)
- Planning for homecoming
- Parents Weekend work
- Looking toward Senior Week

- IHC Reps
  - Review of which representative will cover which House
    - Emily – Quinby and Howell
    - Avery – Helmreich and MacMillan
    - Kristen – Ladd and Baxter

- Community Service Rep
  - Provide connection to CSRC
  - Hopefully garner involvement

- ResLife Rep
  - Looking forward to being the connection between BSG and ResLife

- A-Board Rep
  - Absent

Committees

- Student Organizations (Steph)
  - Student activities fair a success
  - Leadership training sessions – cooperative group
  - Will review charter process this year

- Facilities (Will)
  - Shuttle off to a rough start
  - Will be purchasing movie tickets for info desk
  - New website student gateway will be launching Friday
  - Randy Nichols still very excited about snap bands (fun new colors!)
  - Randy also pushing a laptop security program
  - Working on security/access in Coles
  - Fresh Track music provider
  - Held parking town hall

- BSG Affairs (Dustin)
  - Recent activity has been around elections and appointments
  - Met with Alan Delong
  - Work on BSG and class officer retreats
- Fleshing out the budget

- **Student Affairs (Carolyn)**
  - Examining the connection between Howard University and Bowdoin (founder graduated from Bowdoin)
  - Re-O will be coming
  - “Polar Pics” for Parents Weekend (pictures of family and child with polar bear statue)
  - Sustainable Bowdoin fluorescent light bulb sale
  - Nametag Day!

- **Academic Affairs (Burgess)**
  - Meetings with Dean Judd
  - Reexamination of the major/minor system
  - Looking at the advisor program
  - CEP meetings

**Old Business**

- **Student Activities Fair (Steph)**
  - Success
  - Over 100 clubs in attendance
  - Helpful in gathering info

- **Elections and Appointments (Dustin)**
  - Some things went better, some worse
  - Information session and refining timing difficult
  - Less people applied for at-large appointments
  - Work on timing in reopening race? (Torri)

**New Business**

- To be considered – issues
  - Facilities – more ramps for buildings (Lyndsey)
  - More communication between BSG and the student body – maybe open meetings and forums? (Ben)
  - We do open public comment time when it’s wanted (Dustin)
  - More printers (Emily G)

- Taking positions: discussion
Focus on issues as they pertain to or are being addressed through Bowdoin (Kristen)

But larger positions important too (Torri)

Agree with Kristen (Carolyn)

Should have positions on school-related issues; we are a “school body” (Charlie)

Case by case basis necessary, since voting is tricky (Ben)

Is there pressure for us to take a stand on anything? (Alex)

There could be pressure on us at any moment (Dustin)

Example: No On 1 (DeRay)

Support community action more than pure issue (Avery)

Take positions on things we can change – ABIG (Sam)

Important – what we’re giving money for (Lyndsey)

SAFC is unbiased as a whole (Becca)

No point in labeling Bowdoin as for or against something (Alicia)

If we decide on a position, can we sent it to the student body for a vote? (Torri)

Where do we define “community?” (DeRay)

Agree with voting on issues affecting Bowdoin students – but what doesn’t affect students? (Steph)

Problem with voting system – “13-12 split” compromising

ABIG the only time we heard “BSG buzz” around campus – it did generate discussion (Emily G)

Remember who we are and why we’re here – how do we decide that our politics are valid? (Avery)

Agree (Alex)

Leadership Development

Retreat Sunday at the Coastal Studies Center

Will return to campus by 5:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned: 9:04 p.m.