The following minutes are from a Bowdoin Student Government meeting that took place on September 27, 2006:

Bowdoin College
Meeting of the Bowdoin College Student Government

27 September 2006

I. Call to Order: 8:08 with the first use of the gavel

II. Roll Call: (cue doors, dramatic music) Lynzie McGregor absent

III. DeRay requests that member review last week’s minutes to make sure that they accurately reflect the meeting
   a. voice vote to approve minutes: approval passes

IV. Reports
   a. President: DeRay
      i. is excited about the rising committees
      ii. refers to the constitution on page 2/2 section D.1 about running respectful meetings, it defers presidential power to appropriate committees
      iii. emphasizes that minutes from the previous meeting will always be voted on
   b. Treasurer: Becca
      i. talks about the diversity fund and $5000 SAFC funds for religious and cultural groups that will be bringing on performers
   1. Hillell is planning to bring 2 comedians with a peace program
      ii. The organiz garden has no student head, so funding for that is on hold
   c. IHC President: Alex
      i. The leadership council is working on homecoming, parent’s weekend and invitational
d. Classes
   i. Bryce says that class officers met several times and talked about class pictures
   ii. Alicia says that they are discussing ideas of class parties to help introduce people and pub night for a social event
   iii. Ben mentions the pub night and exhibits the sunglasses

e. IHC Representative
   i. Erma says that designs for sweatshirts are finalized and ordered and that parent’s weekend stickers ordered tomorrow
   ii. Emily brings up parent’s weekend “classy tailgate” and mentioned pub night in the next 2-3 weeks, also that homecoming is being discussed
   iii. Torri interjects that the decision is final from council: against t-shirts from houses
   iv. House Representatives:

1. Avery reports that things at Howell and Mac are going well

2. Emily says that plans for the Howell music “conglomeration” are going well, that the “Quinby fiasco” is fine, and that they have discussed better communication between proctors and associated houses

3. Kristin mentions the competing parties at Baxter and Ladd as well as the Monday faculty dinner at Ladd

f. Community Service Council Representative: Emily K
   i. Applications for Common Good Day grant due tomorrow
   ii. Student groups still active in recruiting participation

Interjection: DeRay clarifies that Sophia was not absent last week, merely late. Movement to change the minutes to accurately reflect her attendance passes.

V. Committee Reports
   a. Academic Affairs: Burgess
      i. Must decide when dean Judd should come in to have a Q&A session
   b. Student Organizations: Stephanie
      i. SOOC is running differently this year, we have redefined what it means to have charter reviewed—using feedback in constructive way to offer better
advice for clubs

ii. Working on getting 5 chair people together

c. Facilities: William
   i. Shuttle business finally getting settled; night taxis will start tomorrow (9/28) and authentic shuttle begins next weekend
   ii. New gateway is opening tomorrow, there will be a poster in smith union
   iii. Meeting with dining about behavior during Super Snack

d. Bowdoin Student Government Affairs: Dustin
   i. Pleased with 1st committee meeting last night: worked on accumulated material, covered retreat, how events get funded (when to vote, when to refer to smaller group), and the rules of order
   ii. Run through rules of order: 6 parts
      1. biggest change is in the first section—debates have a predetermined time limit, can be extended with a majority vote for 5 minute periods
      2. is abstaining from vote a non-vote or a polite no? decided that it is as if the vote were not counted at all (more yes’s than no’s win the vote)
      3. while proposals are being discussed, amendments can be suggested and applied with a majority vote, despite the sponsor’s absence
      4. three distinct kinds of documents: proposals are debated and voted on, matters of discussion merely questions for consideration, and operational procedures are already constitutional but are being expanded or outlined
   iii. Mike: started with $27, 200 and now have $27, 050
      1. we owe $500 in bills going toward leadership development, and we have already allocated $9,650 dollars, mostly for shuttle.
      2. at the meeting’s end we will have $16,802 if everything passes
      3. (Dustin) also remember the $8000 for newspapers in $200 chunks (DeRay) it’s important to remember that much of our money is already allocated when we get it
e. Student Affairs: Carolyn
   i. there was a meeting last night, big things are planned for Parents Weekend and Homecoming
      1. Mitch Davis was emailed about Parent’s Weekend, he emailed Jeff Ward that it’s a great idea to take photos with polar bear
      ii. the date for nametag day is November 9
      iii. Homecoming plans involve signs and talking w/communications, also maybe tattoos and foam Bowdoin footballs…or other…balls…
      iv. Met w/Stacy Jones about REO to start planning

VI. Old Business
a. Retreat: DeRay asks for feedback
   i. Torri: it was incredible overall but repetitive in terms of the
name games and the overview of the packet  
ii. Sam daunting for people like class reps with schedule of 10 hours on Sunday (Sam is corrected that 10 hrs was a special case and that it was in most cases only 8 hrs)  
iii. Clark: it was a problem getting e-mails only 4 days before the retreat  
iv. Alicia: we had very little information entering the retreat  
v. (General reminiscing, including references to wrong keys)  

VII. New Business  
a. Movie Tickets Funding: Will: adds service to the shuttle that provides discounted movie ticket when shuttle ticket to Regal Cinema is bought (must purchase the minimum amount of bulk tickets)  
§ Dustin: Are we losing money? (Will responds in the negative)  
§ Carolyn: Do they expire? (Will responds that they will last at least this year and we expect that they will be used)  
§ Sophia: Will the driver have them? (Negative—they are available for purchase when the students buys the shuttle ticket)  
§ Becca: Do you have to use the shuttle to take advantage of the offer? (cynical state, hesitant no—but the idea is to familiarize students with the shuttle)  
§ Torri: Is the purpose to make money back? (We could drop the movie ticket price as low as five dollars)  
§ (General confusion because of the ambiguity of which “ticket” is refered to when—this disbands by stressing the point that the issue at hand is whether or not to buy the first “test batch”)  
§ Carolyn moves to mote, Emily G seconds  

Vote Passes by show of hands: All in favor with the exception of Mike, who abstains due to his doubts that the tickets will be used.  
b. Light Bulbs Funding: Will: same as last year’s program with Sustainable Bowdoin: Free light bulbs at Smith Union for anyone to pick up. School committees were pleased last year—the project raises awareness and initiatives  
§ Carolyn: Will we table the event (Affirmative)  
§ Sophie: Is Sustainable Bowdoin funding? (Affirmative, same as last year)  
§ Becca: Will they be available to everyone?/Kata: Some freshman dorms have already received them. (Everyone is welcome to a light bulb) Torri hasn’t been able to obtain of one yet  
§ Alex: How many bulbs? (lots—enough to fill half of the space in the center of the tables)  
§ Charlie: Why can’t Sustainable Bowdoin provide $400 instead of $200? (they don’t have extensive funding)  
§ DeRay: awesome, okay, move to vote  

Vote Passes unanimously  

DeRay clarifies that when the time runs out he will move to vote unless there is a contrary movement to extend debate  

c. Shuttle Service Funding: Will: $9000 with Brunswick taxi (flat rate)  
§ Becca: How much was the service used? (Utilization increased toward the end of the year and in times when the service was advertised. Judging by the interest shown this year, it will be more popular than ever)
§ Bryce: Reminds group that it is possible to be dropped off at many locations along one route by reminding the driver (He speaks the truth—the driver will also record names and locations so that he can pick up later)
§ Emily: Confusion with sometimes paying, sometimes not paying for taxi (This should be cleared up, drivers sometimes take advantage of drunk kids, etc.) Will the routes change” (This is a possibility but it will have to go through the contract)
§ DeRay: time’s up on this issue
**Vote Passes** with endorsement from all save Ben who wonders how much the service is used

d. Parent’s Weekend Funding: Carolyn: we are going to buy paper for printing photos and cardboard sleeves so that they are protected
§ Emily: Are the pictures free? (Yes, there is no cost to the student)
§ Burgess: How many will this supply? (Indefinite, probably around 200)
§ DeRay mentions the idea of cosponsoring (That will be looked into)
§ Dustin: Do we have to pay the polar bear? (We have to be the polar bear. No one’s using the costume, we just have to ask Bernie)
§ Sophia: Are we using your digital camera? (Negative—IT’s camera and printer. We will talk about rotations for staffing the stand on Friday by polar bear statue and Saturday at games depending on printing ability at Farley (early) and Whittier (later)
§ Deray: move to vote on funding request parents weekend
**Vote Passes** unanimously

e. Darfur Resolution: Clark: Last year Darfur action committee appointed by the President to look at investing decided not to invest; To further campus awareness about Darfur-type situations, looking into creating standing committee to convene in extreme situation to investigate Crimes Against Humanity (last year it took 8 months to create committee, it was April by the time one convened)
§ DeRay suggests the group take a minute to understand the wording (Clark points out that the bottom is the “meat” and the top is background)
§ Ben questions the creation of a “Bowdoin Police Task Force” and wonders if it would not be more effective for the committees to arise with the situations (It would be latent except for it conditions deemed extreme and would have faculty, administration, etc. to be able to make proposals. Details about the meetings are up to the committee)
§ Kristin supports the idea as an appropriate was to reach out to other communities and show that we are committed to large issues at Bowdoin
§ Alicia wonder if Amnesty International and other globally-minded clubs can’t take care of this (Clark reminds that those organization are student-run and can take action but have no bearing on the administration. In this case, there would be a large endowment and company investments that the committee to sway appropriation of.)
§ Alex is concerned about regular use of the committee, especially in this situation were the body would be fluid, with ever-changing membership (Like any group on campus, leadership and duties are open to change)
§ Emily wonders how we can make the statement about not taking political, economic, or religious stances (It is more to indicate that we shouldn’t haphazardly make moral or political stands, but when there are situations of international consensus, Bowdoin has an obligation. Overall, it indicates that the committee should exercise restraint)
Sophia mentions that the phrase about terrible things is ambiguous and that lots of awful things are happening. She would be more comfortable saying that the committee forms when students petition to take action.

DeRay indicates that the time limit is up, Torri motions to extend, *extension is approved* by voice vote

Carolyn agrees and like Sophia is worried that there are many similar situations that merely have less media coverage. She also wonders about the moral investments policy (Clark defers to Dustin, who explains that the policy applies to the first degree. He gives an example about investing in gun-maker vs. gun-transporter.) Carolyn responds that the school should make a more comprehensive investment policy.

Sam asks how this will be carried out without support from the administration (Like the Bias Incident Group, there is support from faculty, board, trustees, etc., except for Barry, who personally does not care for the idea) DeRay: the idea that we endorse it should hopefully add weight

Ben does see the need for a permanent standing committee and thinks that the name should be less shocking

DeRay mentions the time limit and refers to a quote about “generally refraining from institutions that advocate issues…” Dustin motions to extend the vote *extension is approved*, but opposed by Carolyn, Becca, and Kata

Emily is confused about the concrete, practical steps (Clark indicates that this is one step to raise awareness and voice support) Emily likes Sophia’s idea as it is a tangible link to the student body

Dustin outlines two points (1) the nature of this decision is whether or not to state a sentiment of support (2) as Torri said, it’s basically a system in place that will be able to form with a triad of the wire

Emily K is unclear of the goal would be to identify companies for divestment (it would be to identify situations where divestment needs to be considered, among other things)

Kristin: our place is to voice support for a prospective group that would convene to be ready to react

DeRay: debate limit up again, Torri motions to continue discussion, supported by Avery, Torri, Bryce, Ben, Emily, Erma, Dustin; opposed by Charlie, Emily K, Burgess, Kata, Becca, Sophia, Emily H, Alicia, Kristin, Alex, Carolyn, Stef, Sam, Mike; Clark abstains because he presented the bill and feels out of place

-Sophia moves to table until next week so that the resolution can be revised and further prepared

-Emily wants to see the president’s opposition

-Torri points out that is the proposal is changed, it may conflict with what the committee prepared (Erma agrees that we can’t ask for details without the committee)

-DeRay: the motion is to table; Support: Emily K, Sophia, Bryce, Ben, Mike; Opposed: Charlie, Burgess, Kata, Becca, Clark, Avery, Torri, Emily H, Alicia, Kristin, Alex, Will, Carolyn, Emily G, Stef, Erma, Sam, Dustin

-Sam moves to vote as written
Vote Passes by show of hands, supported by Emily K, Burgess, Kata, Clark, Avery, Tori, Bryce, Alicia, Kristin, Alex, Will, Emily G, Stef, Erma, Sam, Dustin; opposed by Charlie, Becca, Sophia, Emily H, Ben, Carolyn, Mike

VIII.  Announcement, Comments, Discussion
a.  Ben supports separation of power and thinks that the point of student government is to get people involved
§  Sam thinks that with the new system you can’t run for two at the same time (Ben, regardless, shouldn’t hold two position at once)
§  DeRay: the language is that you can’t be in the same election
§  Torri thinks that elections shouldn’t be when students are abroad
§  Sophia thinks that we are all here because we are active and represent different things
§  Alec thinks that if the students opt to elect the same person for more than one role, it’s up to them to decide
§  Emily G wants to keep the debate realistic and reminds the group that this is a college
§  Clark: If elected to a position, and you represent a specific constituency, when do you stop representing them? It becomes a conflict of interests…
§  Will: It becomes a problem if one influential person prevents others from running, also if put in a position to choose which is more important
§  Burgess goes back and forth but thinks that the distinction between serving in a governmental body and as the heads of clubs becomes unclear
§  Dustin thinks that more voices are always better and that as far as the conflict of interests, it is really only a problem from the institutional level
§  DeRay indicates time limit; Torri motions to extend discussion, supported by Sophia, Bryce, Alicia, Ben; opposed by Charlie, Emily K, Burgess, Kata, Becca, Clark, Avery, Torri, Emily H, Kristin, Alex, Will, Carolyn, Emily G, Stef, Erma, Mike, Dustin

§  Emily G adamantly maintains that she thinks BSG is “so legit” and mentions the “Bowdoin Bubble”
§  DeRay wants everyone to understand the procedures and that matters for discussion should be submitted to Dustin to put on the agenda

Adjournment at 9:35