I. **Call to order** at 8:32 pm

II. **Roll Call**: Tommy, Jack, Michael, Hongbei, Sam Vitello, Tessa, David Bruce, and Chris Lord are absent.

III. **President’s Welcome**: Derek thanks everyone. He hopes everyone got the email he sent. Unfortunately, the faculty has voted against the proposition for extending Thanksgiving break...and the vote was not that close: about 40 against and about 20 for. Ultimately, it was the 5:00 rule that came up (the rule stipulates that all major proposals must be voted on by 5:00pm). The main question that came up regarded the sciences. In terms of Monday lab, they wondered what would happen with this new extension of break. Additionally, the theater and music departments also were worried about the loss of a possible performance weekend when students were actually ready to perform. Derek reports that he was able to addend the meeting, but he wasn’t permitted to speak and therefore couldn’t address these concerns at the meeting. He says that the faculty explored starting the year earlier, or even incorporating the week-long break into a different month (which was not exactly what the student body had in mind). Derek announces that the BSG will propose this idea again, and also reports that the calendar or the recording committee will propose the extension again as well. Derek acknowledges our unfortunate defeat, but he says that it’s not over, and by no means is the proposition dead. He advises everyone to tread lightly for a while and go back with full force a little bit later.

IV. **Public Comment Time**

V. **Guests**

VI. **Old Business**

a. **CFL Light Bulbs**

   - Chase presented this proposal last week. He gives a re-cap. Over the last few years, Bowdoin has had a commitment to sustainability, and therefore the Facilities Committee is requesting $200 for the purchase of CFL light bulbs. He explains that even though the price per bulb has gone up, the committee decided to keep the lump sum the same as previous years. He also announces that he’s open to the friendly amendment proposed last time that stipulates they’ll hand out the light bulbs AFTER winter break.

   - Dani asks if Sustainable Bowdoin is reliant on us to give them the light bulbs to hand out.

   - Chase says yes.

   - Brian wonders if they ran out of bulbs last year or if there’s a stock-pile floating around.

   - Tessa replies that last year they ran out in less than a week of tabling last time.

   - There is a motion to vote. All in favor aside from the two who are opposed. The motion passes.

VII. **Committee Reports**

a. **BSG Affairs Committee**:

   - Anirudh reports that the year is winding down. There are three candidates running for the position of BSG Representative for the class of ’14 this weekend. Next semester, we’ll have a new member of BSG! Yayy.
• Derek asks if Anirudh has tested out the poll site.
• Anirudh responds that the election website is now up and running again.
• Derek explains that the reason for his inquiry is that BSG’s server (somewhere in the depths of Hubbard’s basement) went down this past weekend, so our website and election site were down temporarily. Derek reports that they’re working on moving the servers and revamping the website scheme. He promises to fill everyone in at a later date.

b. Academic Affairs Committee
• Jordan says they’re working on something concerning printing allocations and will start the Thanksgiving Break proposal again soon.

c. Student Organizations Oversight Committee
• Dani reports that Club Hockey is now a Charter 1 organization because they want to join a league. The SOOC were worried about ice-time, but there was no requirement that the team host games on campus, so they got the go-ahead from the SAFC to increase Club Hockey’s charter status. Dani reminds everyone that she’s part of the Student Web Advisory Team (SWAT) and is working to revolutionize the way the SOOC works to make the process more efficient and streamline management for the SOOC and club leaders.
• Derek asks everyone to keep their eyes out for underclassmen who want to help with web development / the Orbit since SWAT is looking for new, younger members.

d. Student Activities Funding Committee
• Brian went over the finances again and reports that we’re in pretty good shape for the coming semester.

e. Student Affairs Committee
• Allen Wong says that the SAC is going to continue to discuss the Campus Conversation program with professors, figuring out logistics etc. Also, he points out that everyone should have received an email from President Mills about a “community read.” He reminds everyone that there’s no one forcing us to participate, but it would be great to see everyone involved on campus. Also, he and Ellis are working to make a new website designed to engage students more in what BSG does.

f. Facilities Committee
• Chase says that the airport shuttle will be coming up to transport students home from break.

VIII. Member Reports
a. Athletics Representative
i. Proposal: Pink in the Rink
• Kaitlin brings forth a proposal from Bowdoin’s Women’s Ice Hockey team. They are having a fundraiser called “Pink in the Rink” to raise awareness and money for breast cancer. She compares it to the NFL’s program during October where all the players wear pink gear. Last year, they took donations and gave a pink ribbon for the donors to sport, but it was thrown together quickly. Nonetheless, they raised $1,175 to donate to the hospital. This year, they are asking BSG to allocate $1,500 towards T-shirts that they will be selling at home games to contribute to the Pink in the Rink program.
Anirudh answers the question before anyone asks it: he says we do have a line item called “T-shirts,” so we do have the funding for this. Typically, this line item is used for the type of T-shirts Kaitlin mentioned.

Derek asks the amount we have in this line budget.

Brian responds that we have $1,500 in the budget for t's.

Kaitlin reminds everyone that BSG usually funds Polar Bear Nation T-Shirts with that money, so we should keep that in mind.

Derek asks Kaitlin what the timing is this year for the Polar Bear Nation T-shirts.

Kaitlin assumes it’ll be the same as last year – sometime in February.

Chase recommends we cut this by half so we have some money to give to Polar Bear Nation.

As always, Dani reiterates her point that she doesn’t like the BSG being a second avenue for funding. She wonders why athletics can’t fund it.

Kaitlin replies that the hockey team first went to Student Activities, and she only just heard of this through the Athletic Council.

Allen Wong says that he had a discussion with someone and, to his understanding, this would be in place of the Polar Bear Nation shirts.

Kaitlin says the council hasn’t discussed that yet.

Chris wonders where the money goes from the sales of the Polar Bear Nation shirts.

Anirudh says they’re given out for free.

Amy wonders if the shirts are being sold for profit or just for the fundraiser.

Allen says that shirts will be given out for free to entice people to stay for the event.

Tessa wants to see how much Athletics is willing to contribute before the BSG makes a decision.

Max says their next meeting with Athletics is Monday.

Derek says we couldn’t vote on it tonight anyway. BSG could do a vote the first meeting in January, but it would be very close to the date of their fundraiser.

Again, Dani doesn’t want to see the BSG as a second avenue for funding. She says Athletics should pay for the shirts. After all, they did give every fall team shirts through a fund consisting of alum donations.

Anirudh has a question for Dani. Why is there no club for Polar Bear Nation anymore?

Dani says no one re-chartered them.

Anirudh thinks that maybe we should re-charter them, this way they can go to the SAFC and the BSG is no longer the second avenue. He sees this as alleviating the problem.

Brian explains that there’s a clause in the SAFC guidelines that they cannot fund individual items that people can take away and not return (i.e. T-shirts).

Dani also argues that she’s unable to charter a club for a singular purpose.

Anirudh thinks that, budget-wise, this line-item’s purpose is to fund Polar Bear Nation T-shirts, not to fund a charity event. He registers his opinion.
• Derek still wants to know if Polar Bear Nation is happening.
• Dani disputes Anirudh and states that the reason clubs have operating budgets is so they can change what they do with the money provided for them. It is long established that clubs / the BSG get to have these budgets so they can alter the distribution of their funds. She says we can change what these line items are for.
• Brian says that, historically, BSG has funded other t-shirts for Relay of Life, Common Good Day, etc. So he doesn’t think it’s out of the realm of possibility to spend a little on another event.
• Dani agrees with Brain. She also points out that the price quote is from Custom Ink, which is not a Bowdoin-approved vendor for T-shirts. So as it stands right now, BSG can’t spend money on this. Bowdoin has approved vendors to ensure that the companies are sweatshop-free, organic, etc.
• Derek decides that he’ll get the relevant information and have the BSG vote via email next week (possibly). He then asks for people to shout out questions they want asked:
  o Will Athletics fund this?
  o What’s the actual quote (not from Custom Ink)?
  o What’s happening with Polar Bear Nation?
  o If we’re funding that much money, will BSG get its name on the shirt?
• Derek says that we’ll vote via email and get this done by New Year’s.

b. Class Representatives
• 2012: Grace thinks that the first senior night was a success! There will be another one February 2nd at Seadog again. The senior council is working on the same things: sweats and Jr./Sr. Ball.
• 2013: Amy and the junior council are also working on the Jr./Sr. ball. They have also pledged some money to fund a speaker coming to campus in the spring. She can’t remember the name, but Dani knows that his name is Kimmel. He’s a speaker on issues of masculinity. Other contributors to the project are BMASV, VDay, and SafeSpace.
• 2014: Abbie says there’s nothing new; the sophomores are working on a carnival, Mr. Polar Bear, and half-zips. They’re excited for a new BSG rep to join them!
• 2015: Hannah reports that the freshmen are going to be holding their Secret Polar Bear event this Sunday. They’ve procured a whopping nine people other than council members to sign up. Yeah! Daniel says that they’re also hosting a cookie event in Burnett. Everyone’s invited.

c. IHC Representative: Max announces that Baxter won the inter-house dodge ball tournament.

d. E-Board Representative: Chris Lord is MIA.

IX. President’s Report: Derek thanks everyone for a great semester. There’s still a lot to get through and a lot on the table. We’ll end this year and hit the ground running next semester. To make things run better, he wants some input. There’s an end of the semester survey at the back of everyone’s packet that everyone should fill out before they leave today. He asks everyone to specify their committee so he knows where certain ideas are coming from. Have a good break!

X. Adjournment at 8:57 pm