Godown Student Government  
20 October 2010  
Dagget Lounge

I. Call to order at 8:35 pm
II. Roll Call: Kyle, Tommy, Peggy, Lyne, Tessa, and Gillian are absent

III. President’s Welcome: John welcomes everyone to another meeting. He expresses excitement that Randy has come to speak with the BSG. Without further adieu, he hands the floor over to Randy. But before Randy has a chance to begin, John interrupts just a tad to inform the council that Randy usually graces us with his presence once a semester and that after the talk the floor will be open for questions.

IV. Public Comment Time
V. Guests

a. Randy Nichols – Director of Safety and Security: Randy informs us that it’s nice to be at the meeting and asks if the Orient is here, because then he has to be animated. *sporadic laughs* He restates how great it is to be at the BSG meeting and how he likes working with John. He has been at Bowdoin for five years, and he says it has been an amazing experience. He is now “beginning” his 6th class even though he’s been in the public safety field for 34 years, which is very cool. But he reaffirms that the five years he’s spent at Bowdoin have been the best five years of his career. Don’t get him wrong, he loved the state police, and even through the various promotions, which were all very rewarding, nothing was as rewarding as his work here. He takes pride in his work (AWWWWWW). He loves the relationship he has with the students and thanks the BSG for all its support that the security department and he personally have received. Naturally, he also thanks the students themselves. Without their cooperation, relationship, and trust, Bowdoin would be a far less safe place.

- John opens the floor to questions for Randy and begins with his own question on the topic of alcohol. The two had been talking earlier today, and John wants some clarification on the current alcohol situation and transports.

- Randy reports that there have been eleven transports during this academic year (since September). Last year, he reminds us, that last year there was a total of 26 transports. He states that we’re probably on that same pace right now, so he’s not too alarmed with the statistics (so to speak). Certainly, he and the rest of Bowdoin Security (BSEC) would prefer not to have any transports, but the fact of the matter is that people are going to need care when they abuse alcohol. He states how thankful he is for the calls that BSEC gets when students need help – because 9 times out of 10 the students will know about a potential health situation before security; in short, without the students, those in danger might not get the treatment they need. While some students might be able to get through the night without intervention, other times they might not be able to. Yes, a number of health/wellness checks do not result in transportation to the hospital, but it’s worth checking just to make sure that the sick student is okay. Most of the time, the intoxicated student will stay on campus to remain under the care of a sober, responsible friend (or RA, proctor, or roommate). From there, BSEC’s goal is to go back to the room and do periodic checks during the course of the night to make sure the intoxicated person is not getting progressively worse (they can usually tell how it’s going after the first check-up). Randy reminds us that BSEC
doesn’t send students to the hospital lightly, but if the person needs to be checked out, they won’t hesitate to take the appropriate course of action. Randy and BSEC hate to see students go to the hospital for any reason, but hey, “If I needed to go, I’d go.” Randy tells us to put things in perspective: we have a very good safety record here, let’s not get lost in the shuffle. He reminds us that compared to other colleges, we’re awesome. He even admits that if we only had one transport he wouldn’t be that thrilled, because that would be an indication that some students might have needed help, but no one called it in. The vast majority of transports, according to Randy, have been relatively minor in the sense that the students haven’t had to be admitted. At most, they’ve had to stay under the supervision of the emergency room staff with fluids while receiving fluids and continually having their vitals checked. The students remained under the hospital’s supervision from anywhere from 3-8 hours and were then picked up by BSEC brought back to campus as good as new.

- John again re-opens the floor to questions.
- Sam references a story recently in the Orient about the Brunswick Police Department (BPD) opening a new police station and how this has caused some riff in the community. He asks Randy if he knows anything about it and if he thinks it’s a good idea.
- Randy reports that the location they’ve picked is on the intersection of Stanley and Pleasant Streets, but beyond that he doesn’t know that much about the situation. He supposes that it’s like any public building that will use tax money to be built and is subject to controversy. To his understanding there was a petition signed by members of the community to object to the anticipated location of the new police station. He knows it delayed the process a little bit, but it’s being worked out. He is actually set to meet with the police department chief this coming Friday (with whom he supposedly meets 3 or 4 times a year).
- Craig poses a question about the neighbor reaction to students living in off-campus housing.
- Randy says he sees pockets of the neighbors being fed up with students in that neighborhood noise complaints are up a bit this year. He says that the neighbors have gotten a bit touchy (mainly on Cleveland Street, in which the off-campus housing is in the middle of a neighborhood situation). He says the Cleveland Street neighbors are very vocal and have little tolerance, making it very difficult for anyone to live in the situation. He says, “If I lived there, they’d probably call on me too.” *Sporadic, nervous laughter* However, he informs the committee that most of the complaints around town are a result of students walking along the streets and being louder than they should be at 2:00/2:30 in the morning.
- Craig wonders if it is against the law to make noise in the neighborhood.
- Randy says it most definitely is, since it classifies as “disorderly conduct.”
- Craig asks if that’s the actual definition of “disorderly conduct.”
- Randy responds, “Yes.” He states that if the police are called and it is a first offence, it is required by law that they give the perpetrators a warning. And that, as long as those being rowdy quiet down and listen, the BPD will let them go on their way. However, if it becomes a habitual occurrence, the BPD no longer has to issue warnings. Regardless, not only do the neighbors complain to the BPD, but Randy usually gets the call on his safety radio (or was it cell phone?). He wants to
have a good relationship with the neighbors, but when he comes out to work on Monday and gets calls from neighbors over the weekend, it just makes his week more difficult (D:). Randy drives home the message that we as students need to respect the neighbors by remaining fairly quiet. Regular conversation is fine, but yelling and screaming across campus, by Randy’s book, is unacceptable. In this case, Randy agrees with the neighbors.

- Jordan wishes to bring the conversation back to the “depressing” (no pun intended) alcohol topic. He poses a hypothetical situation in which a student utilizes a wellness check but was not transported to the hospital. He asks what the repercussions are for this student.

- Randy diplomatically responds that it depends on the situation. He states that his philosophy concerns the health and safety of the student in question, though the report that the BSEC writes up does eventually end up at the dean’s office. Then the dean will usually follow up with the student, who may require counseling or have something else going on in his/her life that the dean should be aware of. As for serious repercussions, the main philosophy of the institution is to take care of a student when he/she needs help.

- John mentions the eleven transports – he asks if those are all strictly alcohol related, as in there are no injury transports contained within that statistic.

- Randy definitively says that the delivered statistic only includes alcohol.

- John follows-up by inquiring if any of the eleven transports were a result of mixing alcohol and medicines.

- Randy states that some of the eleven were a mix of medication and hard alcohol. He tells an anecdote about one person who should have had absolutely no alcohol (based on the medication he was on) and he had a reaction even though not a lot of alcohol involved. The result was a medical issue. Other than that one, Randy supposes that there might have been a few other reactions between medications and alcohol. Another fun-fact he reveals is that virtually all of the alcohol-related transports involved hard alcohol (with the possible exception of one). Randy reveals that he knows that hard alcohol exists in great quantities on campus, but he’s more concerned with the abuse of the alcohol more than its presence on campus. He says, “I’m more concerned about the 21-year-old drinking irresponsibly than the 20-year-old (who cannot drink legally) but is drinking in a responsible way.” He also emphasizes that when BSEC sees safe alcohol consumption, they use a great deal of discretion and they try to use a great deal of common sense, because their bottom line is safety. Randy says that he lectures his staff and that they are getting sick of him saying it, “Our job is to do for people, not to people.” He says that even though he was with the state police, he believes in using the power one has been given for the good of the person instead of using it to “get” the person.

- Georgia references an instance in which a male student was asked to leave the school after a transport and has since not been back to Bowdoin. She wants to know if Randy has a say in any of this and requests clarification on the event.

- Randy, keeping confidentiality, cannot give specifics, but he can tell us a little about the situation. He says the incident occurred before classes started and it was a very dangerous situation: one of the closest calls BSEC has had in the five years Randy’s been with Bowdoin. The student in question was actually admitted
to the hospital for 17/18 hours before he was stable enough and it was safe enough to release him. While the ultimate result was that the student is no longer at Bowdoin for the time being, the reason was much larger than that one incident that one night. Randy enlightened us that the episode contained a bright-side: it showcased the awesomeness of the Bowdoin students. The male student had gone to an off-campus house highly inebriated and alone. The students living there, smartly, didn’t let him in the house because of his mental state, but at the same time they didn’t just let him tough it alone – they attempted to walk the person home. They all didn’t get too far when he collapsed and the student escorts called security. Immediately an ambulance was summoned to the scene of the medical emergency because the student needed to be transported. Randy sends out his thanks to the students for preventing a would-be tragedy.

• Greg picks Randy’s brain in asking him if there’s been a cultural shift or change to cause the rise in transports. He informs the BSG of a grant that was given (approximately two years ago) to the BPD in order to aid in the crack-down of underage drinking. He wonders if this grant could have resulted in a negative effect that lead to more pre-gaming with hard alcohol, or maybe it could have just been bad luck.
• Randy doesn’t think it had much of an effect since pre-gaming had been at Bowdoin even before his time here, though he does find it uncanny that as the increased transports correlate with the increased enforcements. He notes that there are other factors at play here, being that these past two freshman classes have been larger than any other classes by a long-shot. Additionally, the student pool that results in the most transports is comprised of first-years and sophomores.
• Greg inquires if there has been an overall rise in the percentage of students on campus that have been transported.
• Randy restates that more than half of all transports last year were first-years, but he doesn’t know the actual percentage numbers. He attempts to provide some explanation for the increase in transports. He said it could just be a bad year, simple as that. He (idealistically) says that we may very well end the year with only 15 transports, but he wouldn’t be the farm on it. *Laughter* But naturally, he doesn’t have the answers. Randy wisely reminds us that people make choices that get themselves into these precarious situations. He knows that it doesn’t matter how many speakers come to the school, or what the BPD and BSEC say – transports and drinking are already going to take place, and a certain number of students will always end up in the hospital.
• Greg and his mother have been meaning to ask Randy this next question for a while. I’m sure Greg’s excited to finally ask it. He says that he’s observed that many stores (Rite Aid, Hannafords) have fully stocked liquor aisles and he asks Randy if he’s ever just wanted to clear said aisles.
• Randy produces the shocking statistic that Brunswick has 50 licensed establishments legally allowed to sell alcoholic beverages. He says it doesn’t matter if there weren’t any – students would go to Topsham to get their booze.
• Sam chimes in with the fact that New York drug and grocery stores cannot sell alcohol.
• Randy agrees that it would be great if the alcohol wasn’t so available, but comes to the conclusion that students would find it somewhere. But he takes this opportunity to drive home the point of his message. He only wants students to think twice, and if they are to drink he wishes that they do so safely. The BSEC cannot prevent you and it is not their job – people make choices far out of their sight. He only requests that students be safe about it. He says that students know it’s against the law if they’re underage, but drinking safely decreases one’s chances of having a trip to the hospital, receiving a write-up from security, or being arrested by the BPD.

• Isa changes the topic from the depressing alcohol debate. He asks that the gate the people walk across to get to Pine Street not be locked at night (as it is now) so students don’t have to walk across the graveyard.

• Randy replies with the standard: “It’s policy,” but also rebuts with the fact that there are also issues with walking across a dark field at night on a path that’s not lit. He remembers that they did light the path for Ivy’s week last year, thus students were permitted to walk through a formerly “off-limits” pathway. He also points out other options for travel, such as the van running until three in the morning. He also reminds the members of the BSG that if anyone were to need a ride after the shuttle has ceased to run, he/she could always call BSEC.

• Isa then tells Randy of the need for a makeshift path to walk on down Belmont street (where there is no sidewalk), proposing a glow-in-the-dark path of paint so cars can see people and not kill them. *Some LOL’s spread throughout*

• Randy said he’d have to runt that idea by a couple of people, but they’re all pretty cool and if it’s a safety concern he’s sure that they’ll comply.

• Isa speaks again in requesting that there can in any way, shape, or form be more shuttles for student transport without “destroying the environment.”

• Randy reports that on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10:00pm until 3:00am the BSEC runs as many shuttles as they can with their current staffing (3 vans). He says that the number has already been increased within the last couple of years and he doesn’t see any room for increase in the near future, seeing as van drivers sometimes drive nonstop for eight hours. Sometimes they may expand the vans during times like Senior Week or when there are mass exoduses to the Sea Dog or Joshua’s tavern, but there are usually 2 shuttles running. Randy complements Isa on his good questions and suggestions.

• Amanda inquires as to Randy’s feelings on SuperSnacks.

• Randy believes they’ve been quite good. He attempts to set the record straight by assuring us the College will never drop SuperSnacks (SS) and that he would never want the college to drop it. He thinks SS is integral to the safety equation here on campus. When Isa asks why, he says that it’s a place where people can go after a night of drinking and get real food for real people. Thus, it contributes the level of safety. Sure, he says, some vomiting does occur, but he asks us to think about it. Bowdoin is home to over 1,700 people, odds are someone’s going to vomit if the entire campus has been partying. *Laughter* When you really look at it, he says, it doesn’t happen all that often. *Uproarious laughter* He says that we’re pretty good and that the odds are in our favor. Additionally, Randy finds SS a social place to go that contributes to the spirit and fun of Bowdoin that everyone enjoys.
Again he declares that SS is very much a key reason as to why Bowdoin is such a safe place.

- Jordan switches up the pace by bringing up the recent assault on campus. He wonders if BSEC has made any developments or increased any precautions.
- Randy debriefs us: the event occurred about a month ago in front of Cole’s tower. A female student was jumped from behind and ever since BSEC has done much investigating and BPD did a report. While the report is still ongoing, BSEC has spoken to a number of students on campus and talked to possible witnesses as well. They have spoken to some students that fit the assailant’s description and were in the proximity of the attack. BSEC has even cleared some students from suspicion. One of the main problems BSEC has faced in this investigation is that there appear to be no witnesses other than the victim herself. Additionally, she only saw a limited portion of her attacker in that she did not get a frontal view — she only saw him from behind. What makes this lack of witnesses even more surprising is that the assault in question occurred at 12:15 in the morning in front of the very-busy Coles tower. BSEC has looked at hours and hours of video footage and found some people who they did talk to due to similarities to the attacker. BSEC has also been checking dorm swipe records and even talked to students entering Chamberlin Hall around the time of the attack. While no real progress of capturing the assailant have been made, the case is still open and BSEC is actively investigating (Randy, in fact, is interviewing a student this Friday as a possible witness). Fortunately, Randy says there have been no repeats of this. Robbery appears not to have been a motive and it is unclear whether this was a random attack or targeted. It could also have been a practical joke or an attempted sexual assault. He urges anyone with any tidbit of information to please come forward if he/she hasn’t done so already. The only precautions that Randy and BSEC have taken have been to inform the community so students will be more vigilant. He says that incidents like these remind us that things like this can happen within the Bowdoin community even though Bowdoin’s a safe place and Brunswick’s a safe town. He says it’s best to walk in pairs when possible, be alert, keep your eyes open, and call security / use a shuttle van if anyone ever feels uncomfortable. Most importantly, Randy tells us not to be afraid and not to live in fear. He tells students to be confident and realize that Bowdoin is a safe place. He urges us to go about our normal activity with a little heightened awareness (which is a good reminder). He lets us know that since he’s been with the College he’s only witnessed two such incidents: one during his first year where a professor was mugged and robbed out on Park Road walking home from H-L Library, and this one.

- John asks the group if there are any more questions
- Isa asks if we should just stay away from “that area over there past sundown,” motioning to the area outside the lounge. *laughter*
- Randy reveals that as he was walking over to the meeting, he noticed a black pole light that was out between Chamberlin and Cole’s tower. He said that he immediately texted in a work order under the priority heading to fix the light.
- Isa is enthralled (as are we all) by the fact that Randy can text in work orders. He also asks if a blue-light could be installed somewhere near Elm Street or going out towards Elm Street or by the off-campus college bookstore.
• Randy scrunches his face in thinking and says that he thinks there’s already one there, but that’s not a bad idea if there is no blue-light already installed. He tells us of the working plans to put one by the Buck Fitness Center and Druckenmiller Hall.

• John again asks for questions. Seeing none, he thanks Randy for coming and shows him out. *Applause*

VI. Old Business
VII. New Business
a. Newspaper Proposal
• Anirudh tells Isa to “take it away.”
• Isa shows everyone the back of the packet where the proposal is. He says that this is long overdue. He says this is a contract that we do every year in order to get the USA Today, The Boston Globe, The New York Times et al. He informs us that prices will vary by how many papers are used per day (sometimes $300 sometimes $500). After students are done reading them, they should return them (after hopefully not spilling coffee on them).
• Greg expresses his opinion that the BSG shouldn’t pay for it
• Isa fully agrees
• Greg believes that they could find people outside the student body to fund it, seeing as it is pretty “un-green.” He wonders how many of the students utilize the papers and suggests a poll. After procuring the results of the poll, if it’s a large enough percentage he says BSG should definitely fund it. He notes that the papers are always gone by lunch, and he knows that some professors take them. He therefore proposes an amendment to wait to do a poll of the student body.
• Anirudh puts his foot down and declares that BSG will not vote on this contract tonight.
• Isa lets the BSG know that it budgets money for this every year, so this is not going to break the bank. He also says that he notices a lot of people reading the paper at the dining halls during breakfast.
• Sam suggests just not giving papers and seeing what happens.
• Isa replies that the only problem is the company distributor has provided Bowdoin with papers every week and we have yet to pay them OR sign a contract.
• John decides to hold off on this until next week even though Isa reports that the distributor has contacted us with a request.
• Alex not only agrees with everything Greg said, but he also wishes to include another question in the poll about the types of papers the College receives. He, personally, provides a cogent argument as to why the Wall Street Journal should be included in the bundle (and puts down USA Today).
• Isa says sometimes people send him ridiculous requests that he has to ignore.
• John doesn’t think it’s unreasonable for the poll to have a few extra choices. He also points out that the main reason for having USA Today is because we are utilizing their service – they are the distributors that bring us the other papers as well.
• Leah arises from the depths and agrees that the papers are indeed utilized (since they are almost all gone by lunchtime), but she, like so many others, cannot vouch for who is using them.
• John asks the BSG if anyone uses the papers in Smith Union.
- Isa says she’s seen professors grab papers from there.
- John was asking about the students, though.
- Anirudh admits that he didn’t know there were even papers in the Union; he only thought they could be found in the dining halls. He suggests adding another question to the “mystical poll” that asks the population where they got their papers from.
- Greg wants to see the paper system working with the library (who also has newspapers every day)
- John tells Greg that even the library gets its papers from the Dining hall in addition to other exclusive subscriptions.
- Greg suggests that perhaps the library system could be utilized, with the papers in a “soap on a rope” kind of deal so they couldn’t get lost.
- Isa exclaims that he didn’t think those big things would be good for the dining halls because it would restrict eating and reading. *He said it in a funnier way so that there was laughter. Trust me on this one*
- Greg thinks we should brainstorm more ideas to keep the papers where they need to be and not be stolen.
- Matt wonders if students know that they aren’t supposed to take the papers.
- Isa says that there’s a sticker on the rack.
- Leah is perturbed. She wants to do her crossword puzzle – but then she has to give it back?!
- Greg revisits the issue of recycling the newspapers, when in actuality they are sent back to the company.
- Anirudh lets us know that the College gets money back for returning the papers.
- John dictates that the Facilities Committee will create a poll and send it out by the end of this week (Friday).
- After asking him to speak a little louder, Chanwoong speaks passive-aggressively. He asks what would happen if we poll the student body and they wish to swap out an existing paper for a new one.
- Isa says we’d pay for the ones we’ve gotten and then rework the contract for the new paper.
- John wants more data by next time to reconsider this issue.

b. Discussion about Fall Break Scheduling
- John wants this to be really quick because nothing needs to be decided today. He states that the Orient suggested instead of having separate breaks of a couple of days (fall and Thanksgiving breaks) that it might be good to consolidate those few-day breaks into a longer one. He poses the question of whether it is worthwhile or not to have a committee to get more info on this topic.
- Isa lets his voice be heard and asks if everyone remembers how tired they felt before fall break. He is very much against this consolidation.
- Greg thinks academically and focuses our attention on the timing of the breaks as they coincide with tests. He says he feels like midterms start at fall break and go through all the way until finals. *Laughter* He also comes to the realization that the placement of the midterms usually coincides with the Credit/D/Fail deadline. He wonders if new legislation could be passed so all midterms have to be before fall break so that fall break makes more sense.
Matt says that you can’t tell teachers when to give tests since tests usually make sense after certain material is presented. He says the professors are getting paid to teach, so they should be able to decide when to give tests.

Greg thinks it’s *expletive here*

John quickly jumps in and says that the college sets policies about finals that are fairly stringent and, other than that, professors have a bit of leeway. He doesn’t see that changing anytime soon since it’s rare that the faculty will impose restrictions on themselves (since something like this would run by the academic board, which in turn is composed of faculty members).

Danni points out that the seed has been planted in people’s minds so it’s worth discussing further.

John says a committee should have it for further investigation – Academic Affairs will take this one.

Leah points out that as long as we’re switching breaks around, we could take 2 days off of winter break and add it to Thanksgiving.

John says that they schedule breaks as such so as to try and keep it even as far as class days are concerned.

Greg suggests beginning the school year two days earlier then.

John says that if we’re humoring a 5 day break we need to talk about it further

Alex believes that with Thanksgiving so close to the end of classes anyway, not many people would care about the extended vacation.

John now officially hands the situation over to Jordan’s committee and instructs them to have a report to them in two weeks with data collected. He wants them to look at other suggestions, look at what other schools are dong, and anything else they can think of.

Danni also throws around the idea that two extra days don’t have to be added to Thanksgiving but could be cool to have random three-day weekends throughout the year.

John states that this can be on the table along with the proposal to push back fall break

Sam had been talking to Kyle earlier today *laughter and sporadic mumbling* and he says that we should talk to Bernie Hershberger director of the counseling service on campus to see the mental health issues that would be affected by altering the break schedule.

John turns to Jordan and changes his deadline to three weeks before making a presentation to the BSG. *Laughter*

Greg also suggests that Jordan speak with the Dean of First-years to discuss how altering fall break would impact them with regards to homesickness.

Anirudh reports that he spoke with his proctees who told him they didn’t want BSG “taking away” their fall break

John quickly announces that BSG will not take away any breaks from anyone and asks the Orient to note this. (xD)

c. Questions for the J-Board Visit

John informs us that next week representatives from the J-Board (Edward Gottfried and Laura Lee) as well as a representative from the sexual-assault misconduct board (Meadow Davis) will be present so the BSG may ask any questions they have regarding their form/function etc. He just wants to give them
a heads-up on what types of questions the BSG will be asking, so Anirudh (and I) will record them. Obviously, John reminds us that we don’t have to give them all our questions, but he just wants to give them an inclination as to the types of questions they’ll be asked.

- Greg kicks it off by asking what other college’s J-Boards do and what we’ve done in the past. He states that the other schools’ J-Boards have a bit more transparency than ours and that not many people on campus know what happens concerning the J-Board. This way, he states, more people know what’s “against the rules.” He anticipates that Laura Lee will preach as to the privacy of people that appear before the J-Board must be protected, but he holds his ground that the students deserve more information because the J-Board report is quite empty.

- Isa wonders if Davis’s group (Sexual-assault Misconduct Board – SAMB) is a part of J-Board

- John replies that the two are completely separate entities, but that the two do occasionally intertwine. He states that when sexual assaults come before both the J-Board AND SAMB.

- Amanda wants Meadow to talk about the line where things are actually referred to the J-Board, as in what leaves the dean’s office.

- John says thanks for the heads up on all the questions, but now the meeting will move onward.

VIII. Committee Reports

a. BSG Affairs Committee: Anirudh reports that his committee had an excellent discussion this week and that Greg, the class of 2011 representative is /almost/ officially confirmed. Oh and of course we have a new secretary (me), whom he thinks we should have welcomed in the beginning. *Yes, Anirudh, I will add into the report that there were “claps for Megan” :P* Also at the meeting the committee reviewed outreach procedure as well as assigned a Student Digest Liaison. They are currently working on website updates and are collaborating on a joint project with the University of St. Louis and other student governments (John, you are aware of this). Once he has some official data, he’ll present it to the BSG.

b. SAFC: Since Kyle wasn’t here, Megan (that’s me!) will report on SAFC meetings. *thanks for the heads-up, Kyle ____.* This week the SAFC worked on editing the rule-books for clarity and consistency with former precedents set. Also, the weekly Monday meetings occurred and we granted many clubs the funding they requested for the events (while making sure everything was indeed legitimate. Amanda interjects and informs the BSG that SAFC has a hard and fast rule that they will not fund t-shirts. She says that as part of Coming-Out Week the BQSA has arranged for ResLife, Varsity Sports, SafeSpace, and BMASV to procure yellow “Gay, Fine by Me” t-shirts for free, but when they requested money from the SAFC for t-shirts, they couldn’t fund it. She says that if the BSG is interested in funding it, just tell her and she can contact them. She informs us that the shirts are $5.25 each. John says thanks for the info.

c. Student Affairs Committee: Chanwoong tells that the SAC had their first meeting this week and set their main agendas. The first topic of discussion would be orientation in general, including house orientation, international students’ orientation, and general college orientation. The second topic would concern student-related issues. The SAC’s third topic for discussion would be about the dining halls. He explains that nothing is settled down yet, but he wants the SAC to start discussion. Finally the fourth topic for SAC to discuss is revamping the website. He wants to combine all the
information available to students in one place (i.e. include what clubs and sports teams are doing, etc).

d. **Student Organizations Committee**: Amanda says the SOC didn’t meet this week, but they did meet last week (thanks for reminding her, John :D). She says that this week the SOC will start chartering, so if any of your friends want to start clubs tell them to come before the SOC. John asks Amanda about the calendar. She says that she and Allen Delong had a meeting for campus and club leaders to add their events to a Google calendar (username: bowdoinorgs, password: studentactivities). Additionally, the department heads of places like the Dean’s office and Women’s Resource Center will be adding to the calendar on Monday. John says the main point of this is so leaders can see what other campus organizations are doing so there is little overlapping in events.

e. **Academic Affairs Committee**: Jordan informs the BGG that the AAC met for the first time this past Sunday. They organized a “Take Your Professor to Lunch Day/Week” and held a discussion of lab credit and how that should work. They also have been talking about peer advising and will now add the new issue of break scheduling into the mix. Sam asks if maybe the AAC could look into adding a J-term like so many other colleges have. John points out that scheduling is a huge topic tonight and reminds all BSG members that while each of them is assigned to a committee, they can always attend another committee’s meetings in addition to their assigned one if a topic interests you.

f. **Facilities Committee**: Isa and his committee met last night and proudly informed us of his idea to transport students to the midnight-showing of the new Harry Potter movie. *Everyone in the room gets super excited* Sam also says that FC’s been talking with the Democrats to see if they need help with campaigning and John says he should talk with the Republicans too. The FC claims to have sent out an email today about movie tickets, and Jordan asks if he’s verified that there is indeed a midnight showing. Isa says there is and firmly asks ResLife to not steal his idea!

IX. **Member Reports**

a. **Class Representatives** (One sentence or less)
   - 2011: Andrew tells us the senior class council has been engaged in ordering sweatshirts, planning senior night / week, talking with 2012 over a junior/senior ball.
   - 2012: There are no junior class representatives present but Anirudh is sure they are being productive.
   - 2013: Leah publicizes the Mr. Polar Bear Pageant in Kresge at 8 pm tomorrow. The presentation will include a group choreographed dance and judges include Randy, Ellen Delong, Christine, Sarah Seams, Patty Udet, and many more.
   - 2014: Abby tells that the first-year council is orchestrating a pumpkin carving event for the freshman class. *Met with many d’awwwwwww’s*

b. **IHC Representatives**: The IHC is organizing a Trick-or-Treat for the Brunswick community with college houses. In other news, Mac House is off so-pro *Yay!* and they are having a Halloween party next Friday. Georgia also has an annoying request – why is the page of the packets so spaced out? Emma asks if a table of contents is **really necessary** for a two-page packet. John says that the BSG will discuss packet preparation then. *Laughter*
c. **E Board Representatives:** Jonathan tells that they are bringing in a chair-maker for parents weekend, and the White Pandas are coming over. He forgets the dates but Amanda asks if November 6th sounds correct and he says it probably is.

d. **Athletics Report:** John is still working on getting an athletic representative, but there are a lot of sports events going on this [parents’] weekend, including rugby Saturday, lots of games verses Trinity College.

X. **President’s Report:** John tells us that there were 30 students that attended the recent event with the Brunswick Explorer (great turn out in his opinion). He said he met with IT and talked about printing. He says they really appreciate the input and will start focusing on training people in library with regards to printing. He also says they will work on getting the information of how this new policy was arrived at out to students by putting up more sheets around campus (like the ones that the BSG got last meeting).

XI. **Adjournment** at 9:47pm