I. Call to order at 8:32 pm

II. Roll Call: Tommy, Ricardo, Sam Burnim, Michael, Chris, and Caitlin are absent

III. President’s Welcome: Derek reminds us all that it’s “all him” tonight, since Anirudh isn’t here. He thanks everyone for a great retreat – it was really productive. He also thanks Nate for coming out on Saturday. For those who missed it, Derek informs that, during the retreat, the BSG members discussed group ideas and assigned people to a committee. He recommends that all the VPs meet with their committees after the meeting to get to know each other. There’s not that much this meeting, so he says we’ll start with the old and move to the new.

IV. Public Comment Time There is no public present. Derek tells people to invite their friends to come.

V. Guests

VI. Old Business

a. Movie Tickets
   • Chase reminds the BSG that they saw this last time. BSG buys these for the students every year for a discounted rate from Regal. This proposal is for 200 – he hopes we can improve it.
   • Derek opens the floor up for discussion. He does correct the statement(s) made last time by telling everyone that this is in fact not a line item [10 bucks says that this answer will change next meeting], but since we do sell them to the students, some of the money spent will be made back.
   • Dani proposes to “up” the proposal to $500 so that this proposal won’t come back for a while.
   • Chase says that he’s got a handle on it for now – but they’ll talk about it for next proposal.
   • There is a motion to vote – all for, none abstaining or opposed. [MOVIE TICKETS FTW]

b. Newspapers
   • Chase again reminds everyone that this proposal, seen last week, is to provide newspapers to the student body. The proposal is for $8,300, but that monetary sum is never fully used (for example, last year we only used $7,900). This is to buy all the newspapers in Thorne, Moulton, and Smith.
   • Allen wonders if, after we pay, there is a way to manipulate how many of each type of paper we receive.
   • Chase says yes.
   • There is a motion to vote and this proposal is unanimously passed.

VII. Committee Reports

a. Student Organizations Oversight Committee
   i. Proposal: Chartering Status Change
      • Dani presents a new proposal concerning a request of charter statuses. She explains that charter 1 groups have access to SAFC funding, whereas charter 2 does not. She explains that two groups wanted to change from charter 2 to charter 1. The SOOC has already semi-
approved this, but Dani explains that since the SOOC gets its power from the BSG, she wants the BSG to approve it as well.

- (Instead of discussing this proposal-by-proposal, Dani explains all of the proposals and they will all be discussed together).

ii. **Proposal: New Charter**

- Dani says that there is a new organization, called the Bowdoin Globalist, which wants to be granted a charter 1 charter. She explains how they usually wait until the entire committee is formed before chartering new organizations, but it would be a big disadvantage to wait until then when working on a publication. Therefore, the SOOC did approve the Bowdoin Globalist as charter 1.

iii. **Proposal: Re-chartering**

- The last proposal that Dani brings forward is the list of re-chartered organizations. The SOOC does this at the beginning of every year, where they ask new student leaders to take charge of the club to make sure that the club is a presence on campus. Dani explains that there are a few pending charters, and that she is planning to cut off the availability to recharger in about two weeks.

- In regards to the charter status proposal, Sam wonders how spirituality circle is different from other religious organizations.

- Dani says that this club is not about any religion is particular, but more about spirituality in general. For example, they'll be going on a retreat and discussing astrology, et. al.

- Sam asks Dani who the leader of the club is.

- Dani responds, “Coral Sandler.”

- Sam is concerned with its upgrade to charter 1. He wonders why such a club would need access to money.

- Dani explains how Spirituality Club intends on bringing in speakers and therefore would need access to SAFC funding.

- Sam, still fixated on the charter status proposal, is curious as to what the difference is between the Bowdoin College Consulting Group and the CPC.

- Dani explains how this group will be student run and will discuss things learned at the CPC. Additionally, it will be an avenue to network with alumni on a direct student-to-alumni basis with no CPC middleman. Dani says that this club will be students educating students.

- Sam, incessant, angrily questions Dani as to why the CPC doesn’t do this.

- Dani retorts that this club will allow for students to do this on their own time – not on the CPC’s. She gives the example of the Bowdoin Finance Society as a similar type of club.

- Not letting this go, Sam asks Dani why they can’t be charter 2.

- They used to be charter 2, she replies, but they had this cool idea of having conference calls with alums that would require some sort of funding.

- Derek, attempting to put an end to Sam’s rapid fire, says that anything that seems like it is being run by the CPC and is not student organized
wouldn’t be granted a charter by the SOOC – i.e. they have done their research.

- Grace wonders why the Bowdoin Globalist isn’t beginning as charter 2 before moving to charter 1 like other new clubs.
- Dani says that if that happened, they couldn’t publish while being charter 1, and therefore it wouldn’t make any sense for them to be a club at all.
- Ami asks Dani if the normal progression of clubs goes from a “trail” charter 2 to charter 1 once the club has “matured.”
- Not necessarily, Dani says. When making a proposal, the club leaders will put in a tentative budget. Upon this budget, the SOOC will determine if the club ought to be granted charter 1 or charter 2 status.
- Sam inquires if that is what the Libertarian signs he has been seeing around campus has to do with.
- Dani explains that the Libertarians want to become an organization, so they need to garner student support (what the signs are designed to do). This way, when they come to the SOOC, they’ll have had some informal meetings and had a chance to gain some concrete membership.
- Just for clarification, Tessa wonders if this is something that BSG always did or...
- Derek confirms that this practice of the SOOC bringing their own committee work to the BSG for approval is a change from last year.
- Exasperated, Tessa asks if we are always going to go over this.
- Dani says that we are just testing it out this meeting. After all, the SOOC does get its power from this body...[but subcommittees have their purposes...]
- Derek elaborates, saying that this is usually the SOOC’s job, and that the decisions on the proposals are already pretty set (though the BSG does have the power to veto those decisions). [So the point of this debate is...?]
- Cautiously, Tessa asks Dani if this is a list of all the clubs being re-chartered this year.
- Dani replies that they are the clubs being re-chartered as of two weeks ago when this was composed.
- Tessa is only wondering because she doesn’t see Improv on there...
- Dani says that it’s possible that Improv hasn’t been re-chartered yet and to see her after the meeting.
- Derek calls an end to the discussion (5 minute rule) [finally!]
- Sam moves to strike consulting club from the newly-changed charter status clubs.
- Tessa believes that they should be allowed to be a charter 1 group, especially if they have intentions on going to the SAFC soon. It is her hope, though, that the SOOC makes sure they’re spending their money appropriately and not on covert CPC programming.
When informed that the Bowdoin College Consulting Group will be meeting monthly, Jordan wonders if this is sufficient for the club to be able to access SAFC funding.

Dani says that it really doesn’t matter how often a club meets – the SOOC doesn’t keep track. As long as there are people interested in the organization in question, that’s enough.

Money-man Brain asks Dani if, on their charter, they had listed anything past the conference calling money.

Dani answers no.

Jack, head in his hands, informs everyone that this is the exact same conversation that the SOOC had in committee. He feels that we are setting a bad precedent, opening up what subcommittee decisions are to the entire BSG assembly.

Megan says, “Thank you, Jack!” [“Not you, we named the monkey ‘Jack.’” 10 points for the first person who comes up to me and tells me what movie that’s from. I’ll start keeping tally. It’ll be a game to see who actually reads the minutes :)]

Derek says that they were just trying this out. The authority of the SOOC does come from this body, and the reason for this is to make sure that the SOOC doesn’t show any unfounded biases towards which clubs to and to not charter.

Brain suggests perhaps preceding all of these proposals with a brief on what was discussed at the SOOC subcommittee meeting.

Derek again announces that we are out of time.

Brian motions to vote on everything tonight without amendments.

All three proposals are unanimously passed.

b. BSG Affairs Committee: Since Anirudh isn’t here, Derek fills us in. He says that Anirudh has been working on the BSG website with Allen and Ellis (our webmaster). He also recognizes the three new BSGAC members.

c. Student Affairs Committee: Allen recognizes his new SAC members and says that they will get together after this to plan a meeting time. Tomorrow, he’ll be speaking with Dean Amaez about the planned Week of Diversity and about Multiculturalism in general on campus.

d. Student Activities Funding Committee: The SAFC, Brain informs, has been conducting business as usual. There is too much to comment on.

e. Academic Affairs Committee: Jordan recognizes his new committee. They’ve been talking about things.

f. Facilities Committee: Chase says that there’s nothing new, though they have started to engage in small talk with dining on sustainability [judging by his face, it apparently was a little rough]. The FC will be meeting on Friday to start discussing new projects.

VIII. Member Reports

a. Class Representatives

• 2012: Grace says that they’ll be having biweekly meetings. They will be discussing senior sweats and senior nights occurring other places than at Joshua’s.

• 2013: Amy announces that pies are a go for Thursday, and afterwards her council will begin to plan their pub night.
• 2014: Abbie says that the sophomores held a sample meeting to help the class of 2015 get pumped. They’ve been working on organizing a caramel apples event and a Mr. Polar Bear pageant, and their treasurer interviewed new COO reps on Sunday.
• 2015: Daniel says that they’ll be sending out an application soon next week to find their own COO rep.

b. IHC Representatives: Max and the IHC have been working on a website for all houses.
c. E-Board Representative: Chris is not here [as per usual], but Chase says that next weekend there will be Kreayshawn and Surfer Blood.
d. Athletics Representative: Max recaps the success of Yellow Shirt Day and explains that Bowdoin will be sending some students to Tufts on Sunday for a NESCAC governing board to revamp the principles and rules of the conference.

IX. President’s Report: Derek is happy that committees have been chosen. He informs everyone that the BSG will be participating in a community integration program called “Community Read.” Over winter break, all Brunswick and Topsham high school students, Bowdoin students, and community members will [ideally] be reading the same book. Then, upon returning to campus, we will break up into groups of mixed populations and discuss. If someone wants to serve as a representative on the book-choosing committee, Derek says to talk to him. Dani throws in that people should email her or Derek about any ideas for the Orbit in general.

X. Adjournment at 9:00 pm