Bowdoin Student Government
6 October 2010
Daggett Lounge

I. Call to Order at 8:34 pm
   a. Anirudh says your welcome for the binders and that he’ll hole-punch all agendas in the future.
   b. A rule is instituted to say names before speaking due to secretary position “auditioners”

II. Roll Call: Jonathan is absent

III. President’s Welcome: John reports that we have a pretty clean plate tonight and that the meeting shouldn’t be too long. He extends a welcome to the freshman BSG reps, Hongbei and Abigail. *Room applauds* He also says hello to the hopeful secretaries. “Thanks for coming to spend the night with us.” *Laughter*

IV. Public Comment Time No new public comments

V. Old Business

VI. New Business
   a. T-Shirts for Pakistan Relief Week
      ▪ Anirudh points everyone’s attention to the back of the packet handed out.
      ▪ Mariya takes the floor. She represents the Pakistani Relief Fund which is currently asking a ton of organizations to help sponsor them through donating money for t-shirts and other resources. She would like the BSG to donate $300 to order 200 t-shirts (which will cost $950) to raise awareness for the cause. On a closing note, she reported that there was a flood in Pakistan in July and remarks on how shameful it was that there was little media coverage on it (in the US especially). This is really sad since there are a lot of people affected by it. She has a week of activities planned for everyone to participate and wants BSG to take a part in it.
      ▪ Anirudh takes a monetary standpoint. 300 t-shirts will cost $1555. Residential life is donating $250, Dean’s office $150, and the McKeen center $200. His proposal is that BSG donate $300 from the programming budget of $2800. This money is spent through programming throughout the year.
      ▪ Young inquires how the group will get the rest of the money.
      ▪ Mariya says she’ll continue to solicit funds from places such as the house coalition, the Class of 2013, and any other resources people can give her
      ▪ Tommy asks what the programming budget is usually used for
      ▪ John replies that it varies from year to year. Last year it was used to get a printer for West, but in years past it’s been used to obtain busses to athletic games (like the Bowdoin-Colby Hockey game at Colby), and other things that are determined yearly. Anirudh chimes in saying that $1000-1500 goes to help with Ivy’s week
      ▪ Jordan asks if any money was spent with the Common Good Day shirts.
      ▪ John reports that the BSG was thanked without having contributed
      ▪ Jordan asks what will be on the relief shirts.
      ▪ Mariya says the design would be simple, with a signature “B” on the front followed by “for” and the Pakistani flag with a sub-motto.
      ▪ Matt asks if she had considered selling the fundraiser to shave off a couple of bucks.
      ▪ Mariya responds that people might not want to buy t-shirts and that would defeat the purpose of raising spirit and awareness for the cause. If there are 300 t-shirts to sell, there will be some left over; however if the shirts are free all the printing and money to get the shirts won’t be in vain since they’ll fly off the shelves like hot-cakes.
Emma directs a question to Mariya asking what other fund-raising is being done to actually go towards the cause.

Mariya informs that there will be an entire week of fundraising with many opportunities to collect donations. Pamphlets and activities lists will be placed in all students’ mailboxes in Smith. Some examples of activities include a gelato night with a live singer, a coffee house on campus in the Café, and a bazaar (mall) happening on Saturday on campus selling cultural items. At all of these events there will be a donation box available for donation collection.

Allen speaks. He asks if Mariya has a goal for fundraising and to where the funds will be allocated.

Mariya says the funds will be transferred to the organization the committee is working with, but that there is no actual goal. She mumbles something about having the organization match as much as is raised (but the acoustics in the room stink, and it was rather hard to hear. Apologies).

Danny wonders how the shirts will be distributed. Will it be given out to anyone who comes and picks one up or will they only be available at the aforementioned events?

Mariya fields the question in saying it all depends on the timing. She hopes that the shirts will be able to be handed out at one of the last events (probably pub night), but if worse comes to worst, she’d just have to resort to people stopping by and picking up the shirts.

Danny asks for another breakdown of prices for the shirts.

Anirudh responds affirmatively with: 200 shirts would be $970, 250 for $1212.50, and 300 for $1455.

Mariya says that she saw the last number and was fearful, so as of now has reduced the number of t-shirts wanted to 200.

Danny wants to see if she’s looked anywhere else for alternative prices.

Mariya responds that they looked into Champs and other places, but the time frame was not favorable and the prices were not within a doable range, also, Winter People is well-known on the Bowdoin campus.

Peggy is confused as to how the Haitian Alliance gave out free t-shirts last year without lobbying for funds.

Mariya laments that ResLife paid for all of it last year, and this year they won’t do it. D:<

John calls for a vote: 2/3 majority needed

- All in favor of allocating up to $300 for the Pakistan Relief Week
  - Everyone except Matt, Danny, and Emma
- Opposed: Matt and Danny
- Emma abstains because she doesn’t believe there’s enough discussion on it
- THE PROPOSAL PASSES

b. Printing on Campus

John proclaims that many people submitted this as something to talk about, and that it is “the talk of the campus.” This is a big issue and we should devote time to talking about it. He points out that this is a little different, since there no proposal on the table, but the situation is that there is currently a system in place for the semester that must be looked at and evaluated. The IT and financial office comprise the Bowdoin Printing Group. He advises the council to talk about the “printer problem.”

Matt gives everyone an overview of the issue upon which the plan was based. He says that individuals were using printing for clubs to printing. He suggests that to rectify this problem without penalizing the other students, there should be
unlimited printing from BlackBoard. He says that Salmon and others from the treasurer’s and IT office will come and talk to BSG.

- Becca notes that the paper that was given to them should be more public (such that most people fall under the $60 limit and that a lot of our peer schools have stricter restrictions. The thing that was really disconcerting for her was that the committee was unresponsive and she thinks they should have talked to the BSG before implementing the policy.
- Georgia requests clarification on the refund portion of the policy
- John speculates on this answer. He says that if you swipe through and there’s a toner malfunction, one can get the librarian to sign the paper and the fee will be waved. Another scenario would be if something printed from a color printer came out in black and white. A student could only use the librarian “out” once.
- Young points out that many people don’t know how to use the printer (i.e. they don’t know how to do double-sided printing, etc). He asks if there will be a class or some kind of organization to deal with printing.
- John remarks that students on the committee that sit in the library don’t have training to use the printers. They are just told to sit there and study and do whatever. *Laughter*
- Tommy, who works upstairs at the circulation desk, throws his two-cents in and says that they don’t know how to print, and if asked a question about such, he’ll walk away. He wants to get someone that knows how to work the printers onto this committee (in the BSG).
- John says that one of his goals it to bring an IT person here
- Tommy (an English and Sociology major) wants to know how it was discovered that 80% of students don’t hit the $60 mark.
- John enlightens us that when the printing was free last semester, “Big Brother” was tracking everyone.
- Emma expresses concern that 80% is not an acceptable percentage. She brings to light that the reason for the implementation of this policy was environmental, not monetary, and therefore 95% would be a more acceptable percentage.
- Matt does some quick math and informs the committee that this percentage would result in 250/300 students being charged for going over printing.
- Jordan wonders if under the current policy if more money is allotted to the honors students under the honors budget
- John says this was not considered in the plan, and that departments /should/ have more money for honors students, though this is not actually the case as it varies by department
- Gillian suggests riding it out for a semester. She’s not quite sure if it’s going to be an issue at all. She is also confounded by the reaction of the student body – we all pay for books each year anyway, and those people who pay less for books (English majors) get more printings anyway.
- Anirudh suggests that perhaps if most of the readings through the semester were compiled and students could purchase it with the books, then maybe all the hullabaloo would subside.
- Tessa revives the problem that not many people know how to print double sided for less money
- John informs the committee that the prices for printing are 8 cents for double sided and 5 cents for single sided papers, so every 2 pages you save 2 cents per double-sided sheet. Apparently $60 would result in 1500 double-sided sheets.
- Allen is quizzical of the fact that papers printed by English majors would cost the same as books for Science majors.
- John, to quell the uproar that would most likely ensue, notes that sometimes textbooks for the sciences can cost anywhere from $700-1000, and that textbook prices are ludicrous.
Jordan says that he’d talked to Judy Montgomery (part of the administration of the library) about the printing policy and about communications with the IT department. Judy said that no one is even coming close to completing the $60 at this point. Jordan also agreed with Jillian that the percentage should be adjusted and the plan should be figured out better.

Danny makes the good point that flimsy printed papers are likely to be thrown out and/or destroyed, but we as students keep better care of books. Perhaps more value would be placed on the material if it were compiled at the beginning of the semester.

John states an interesting tidbit of information that that students on financial aid receive a provision for books, but not for printing.

Amanda chooses not to comment.

Kyle remarks that he can’t see printing costs making or breaking a college budget. With the current situation, 60 extra dollars can result in 3000 papers – most people pay more for a cell phone per month.

John asks if people in lab classes print out fewer slides.

Danny says that he thinks that since the plan is not really a financial thing for post people, it sends the wrong message that sustainability is more important than academics here. He sees that people feel they are being penalized for doing all their readings.

Tommy says that he sees the conversation shifting from outrageous to “doable,” so now how do we get the student body to come to the same realization. Is that even our responsibility?

John says that we didn’t create this, but we do represent the students. We should figure out how to make them less pissed if there’s a reason not to be, and that we should be the ones to personally do it.

Young again asks if any person has yet reached the 60 dollar allocation.

Jordan says no.

Amanda is concerned that the focus of this conversation is on money, and that she thinks we should be focusing on making the printing system more usable, such as making sure that there is periodic checking of paper and toner, having the lab techs trained, fix the Moulton printer, et. al. But we also need to wait until the end of semester to see it.

Rebecca says that people are pissed that this was implemented and did not run it by BSG, but what they don’t realize is that $60 is more than sufficient to cover all printing.

Leah asks if you don’t spend all the money, will it carry over.

John replies that it carries over Fall to Spring semester, but not over to other years.

Matt asks that if you run over, would it be able to come out of the next semester’s funds? The general consensus is no.

Anirudh redirects the conversation to how to get students to notice all the information that will quell the anger amongst students.

Emma notes that mass emails are not effective. She suggests posters with quick-reading bullet points with the information also being published in a quick, easy-to-read format in the papers (such as the Curia).

Becca generously states that she would willingly sacrifice some of her own money to print fliers to post around campus.

Young creatively suggests that we make a price tag with the information and attach it to printers to spread word.

Danny agrees with this idea and says that when he’s waiting for something to print, he reads the things around him. If a poster was by the printers / printing stations saying why the change isn’t a bad thing, people will read it.
• Gillian insightfully recalls that VAC and West only print single-sided, and recommends that that be looked into, either by fixing the printers or only charging the double-sided fee.
• Leah asks if any other efforts by the printing groups have been put forth, such as using eco-font, or saving paper from being eaten by the printers due to malfunctions.
• Tessa suggests to look into, for now, spreading the information. She says that course packets could be an option, but it’s VERY expensive.
• John remarks that it becomes close to the price of a regular text book due to the rights fees and binding fees added to the printing fee.
• Danny said that to print all his readings at the beginning of the semester, it took a good 3–4 hours to staple and print, which is a drain of students’ valuable time.
• Amanda says her education class’s course packet of 70 pages cost $110.
• John enlightens the committee by informing us that faculty, staff and department coordinators don’t have allocations at moment.
• Anirudh asks if the professors have to pay for the copyrights if they just print and bind it for you.
• John says no, but it’s probably not completely legal…
• Tommy says that no professor should have to do this for us, and that we should do it ourselves (nor would all professors be willing to do so for us).
• Danny asks how the system is actually saving us paper.
• John says that the idea is to cut down on some of needless wasteful printing. People had been printing more drafts or something. Additionally, the people at the top end of the spectrum were printing A LOT more – like the Bowdoin film society. They’d have a few hundred posters every week. Now, theoretically, the situation is under control, for if any club wants to spend all that, the SAFC looks and allocates funds accordingly.
• Emma says that there also used to be a lot of papers piled up in the printers at the end of the day that were never picked up.
• Amanda says that now she sees people printing two pages per sheet, and that shows that people are making a conscious effort, thus accomplishing the goal of making students more aware.
• John congratulates everyone on a great discussion, and that he and Isa will bring up everything with IT and definitely talk about the situation with West and VAC very soon. He’ll keep us posted!

• **Impromptu review of committees:**
  o Facilities committee
    ▪ Leah
    ▪ Jonathan
    ▪ Sam
    ▪ Tessa
  o SOFC
    ▪ Peggy
    ▪ Tommy
    ▪ Abigail
    ▪ Danny
    ▪ Andrew
  o BSG affairs
    ▪ Allen
    ▪ Hongbei
    ▪ Alex
  o Student affairs
    ▪ Becca
    ▪ Matt
VII. Committee Reports
a. BSG Affairs Committee: Anirudh reports that they finished up with the new election of freshman people. He thanked secretaries *claps* and reports of an easy week with binder and placard preparation etc. He would like to meet with secretaries after meeting and then also meet with committee after the meeting. However, they need to get a BSG rep from 2011.
b. Student Activities Funding Committee: Kyle doesn’t know what transpired this week due to a medical school interview. Over break he and the committee will review everything and look at SAFC rules and will report them to the BSG in about a week or two.
c. Student Affairs Committee: Cahnwoon says that he is going to get the agenda going for his committee at their next meeting. He’d been working on orientation and student website, along with an open discussion board which he wants to work into the course review. Additionally, he wants to implement a discussion series for student affair issues.
d. Student Organizations Committee: Amanda says that 12 clubs are waiting on her and her committee to meet to hear proposals. Then they will have retreat to pick category to pick clubs for the year.
e. Academic Affairs Committee: Jordan wants to direct this year’s work towards peer advising with things like self-scheduled exams and academic programming.
f. Facilities Committee: Iso says that 109 students have signed up for the movie, and that it should be here for people when they get back from fall break. He is trying to add course review tab onto the Blackboard site. He’s also lobbying for the construction of sidewalks on Mayflower Street so it’s less unbelievable creepy.

VIII. Member Reports
a. Class Representatives
i. 2014: Did meet yesterday and talked with Melody. She told us what they did and gave us some pointers. First official meeting tomorrow. John wants to talk to them afterwards. He’s not creepy *laughter.*
ii. 2013: Leah reports that they are focusing on upcoming event, the Mr. Polar Bear Pageant. It will be for sophomore boys, but anyone can come to watch from 8-10 in Kregski. There will be a guest panel of judges. Competitions include a dance, interview, and talent section (with Carla of course doing it). They are looking into judges and a class gift for this year.
iii. 2012: Tommy says all members are present and are ready. Junior sweats and other stuff are being looked into for a junior class gift. He reaffirms us that he loves the seniors. They are also beginning to plan the Junior/Senior ball amongst their talk of parties and fundraisers.
iv. 2011: Andrew says the council met last week, and they are currently working on getting senior sweatshirts. They’ve contemplated designs, issued the email, and are looking for feedback. They have also looked ahead to developing senior night. They are trying to get a “Steedogs” (?) night, and Portland nights later on down the road. They are making due with not a complete group (seeing as they are missing a BSG representative and want a COO in there as well.
b. IHC Representatives Georgia reports that every house besides MAC has had a campus wide (almost off SoPro) and that there have been a number of ChemFree
events in all houses. They want to plan a safety dance (BeMassive, VHC) to promote safe dating / a safe sexual environment and that attendance to the party would mark a person as pledging to work towards that on Bowdoin’s campus. It will be safety themed and held at Baxter.

c. **E-Board Representative:** not here, did host Fab Four on campus. Even though it ended early it was awesome.

d. **Athletics Representative:** also being worked out. Homecoming was this weekend.

**IX. President’s Report:** John says he’ll keep it brief. He went to council meeting Monday night, and it was among most exciting experiences of his life *sarcasm*. Great meeting guys!

a. Jordan chimes in, saying the library is recruiting students to create a student library advisory group (SLAG). They are looking for 6 students (from every grade group and gender) with ideas on how to improve library. They will meet once a semester. Interested? Shoot him an email.

b. Leave placards, take binders. Have a great fall break. No meeting next Wednesday because committees won’t have time to meet still. Enjoy fall break

**X. Adjournment** at 9:29pm