

Meeting of the General Assembly

26 October 2016

Daggett Lounge, Thorne Hall

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Missing: John Medina, Leah Matari, Kate Berkley
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Public Comment Time - none
- V. Introduction of Guests
 - a. Randy Nichols, Director of Safety and Security
 - i. Halloween Weekend – higher security concern due to people dressing up and overdrinking. Weather on Saturday and Friday will be rainy, be cautious.
 - ii. Year review – going well overall; only 4 transports this semester. High-profile incidents – navy confronting students with knife. No one got hurt. Navy-Security discussions – personnel not allowed on campus. Guest are allowed, but host has to be responsible for guest.
 - iii. Off-campus housing. 200+ students living off campus. Randy – “too much vitality” in neighborhood. More interactions with BPD. Some summonses for students for disorderly conduct. Be aware of neighbors and keep volume reasonable.
 - iv. Security Alert – Car converter incident. Stranger attempted to steal a converter from a student’s car in Stowe Inn. UMaine has had the same

incidents. These activities might be happening around colleges in Maine. Honda cars are mostly targeted.

v. Sexual harassment incidents last year (Mayflower). The perpetrator was jailed.

vi. Security is working with Carly and Facilities on the lighting issues.

Possible installation: small lighting blocks around campus. There has been a lot of lighting work recently. Lighting around campus is in really good shape – almost every light on campus is working every night. Randy: because of good lighting, crimes tend to go down, and people feel safer. Some dark spots are inevitable.

vii. Reed: (owns Honda minivan) should students just check under their car to see if the convertor was stolen? Randy – Start car and if there is a loud sounds, then the convertor is not there. .

viii. Maggie: what is security's role in student summons to the court? Randy – students are responsible for their conduct. The police will contact security and they write a security report that goes to the deans. Security can go over what the court process is, what the violation is and any questions that the student may have. Security also informs them on their rights and the laws. Off-campus students can talk to Randy to stay informed on their rights, and what the police have a right to do. Try to meet as many off-campus houses. Carlisle House – Randy has met students living there and in his office. Security cannot patrol those off-campus areas. They can go if invited. Security gives the police the option to have security mediate a

situation with an off-campus student. Randy encourages students to call security because they are there to help.

- ix. Evelyn: If an off-campus house calls security, will they take names down?

Randy: Security has to write security report. If called off-campus for a wellness check, security can't do it but will call the police for them.

Security can't go to places that the college doesn't own.

- x. Jacob: The police has been called more to college house, why? Randy:

The police need to respond to transports of underage drinkers. They rarely cite students. The police go to check that the situation is okay. The police went into Reed house for a noise complain, but where invited in. Police have the jurisdiction to go into a private home if they see a violation of the law occurring – if they see an assault in a private property, they have the right to go in. Otherwise, they can only go up until the threshold of the house. For noise complaint on campus, the police calls security. Police need permission to go into college-owned houses.

- xi. Ben – Considering the police has been called to Reed so often, will that affect the relationship between the police and the college? Randy- He has good relationships with officers. Personally know them, they respect the college, and trusts that the colleges will deal with situations and violations properly. Randy has background with Maine State Police

- xii. Harriet: (Lived in Reed) She notes that there was unpredictability in the way new versus old officers treated situations, and asks how do police officers know about the way that the college deals with safe alcohol

consumption. Randy- he approves the way that police officers handle the situations. He reviews security reports for consistency and looks for actions and behaviors of officers as Randy would want. They want to maintain actions of police within the philosophy of safety and security: “every officer knows backwards and forwards.” Security does hold students accountable, and every student will be treated fairly and as equally as he would want to be treated. The severity of warning, interaction depends on how risky and dangerous the violation was. His job is to keep camps safe and that all students survive their whole time here. Students will know when they need to call – rely on their sensibilities for safe judgement.

VI. Old Business

- a. Discussion of Cultural Appropriation from last year. Watch videos and go over articles on the subject. The Assembly broke up into three groups. **Executive Session for the remainder of the meeting.**

VII. Reports of Committees

- a. Student Affairs—*Benjamin Painter '19*
- b. Student Organizations Oversight Committee—*Kelsey Scarlett '17*
- c. Academic Affairs—*Evelyn Sanches Gonzalez '17*
- d. Facilities & Sustainability—*Caroline Rutan '19*
- e. Student Activities Funding Committee—*Irfan Alam '18*
- f. Executive Committee—*Harriet Fisher '17 / Reed Fernandez '17*

VIII. Reports of Members

- a. Class Councils
- b. Multicultural Coalition
- c. Inter-House Council
- d. Entertainment Board
- e. Athletic Council
- f. McKeen Center
- g. At-Large Representatives
 - i. Proposal to Vote: Off Campus Safety and Town Relation – Jacob Russell ‘17

IX. Report of the President

X. Announcements

XI. Adjournment