



# BOWDOIN STUDENT GOVERNMENT

**Meeting of the General Assembly**  
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Daggett Lounge, Thorne Hall

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# Agenda

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Public Comment Time
- V. Introduction of Guests
- VI. Old Business
- VII. Reports of Committees
  - a. Student Affairs—*Luke Von Maur '16*
  - b. Student Organizations Oversight Committee—*Emily Serwer '16*
  - c. Academic Affairs—*Andrew Millar '16*
    - i. **Proposal to Vote:** Food for Thought – *Andrew Millar '16*
  - d. Facilities & Sustainability—*Kevin Hernandez '18*
  - e. Student Activities Funding Committee—*David Levine '16*
  - f. Executive Committee—*Daniel Mejia-Cruz '16 / Michelle Kruk '16*
    - i. **Proposal to Vote:** Amendment to the Bylaws – *Daniel Mejia-Cruz '16*
- VIII. Reports of Members
  - a. Class Councils
  - b. Inter-House Council
  - c. Entertainment Board
  - d. Athletic Council
  - e. McKeen Center
  - f. At-Large Representatives
- IX. Report of the President—*Daniel Mejia-Cruz '16*
- X. Announcements
- XI. Adjournment

# *Proposal to Vote*

## **Proposal 141523**

Proposed by: Executive Committee

Date: 11 November 2015

### **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

*Bowdoin Student Government, convened in General Assembly*

**WHEREAS**, Food for Thought is a lecture series that takes place in Hawthorne Longfellow Library in which students give a 15-20 minute lecture on a topic of personal interest;

**WHEREAS**, the Academic Affairs committee has collaborated with Library staff to continue Food for Thought;

**WHEREAS**, Food for Thought offers light snacks and refreshments to attendees;

**WHEREAS**, the Food for Thought lecture series has been a well-attended event in past years and has offered richness and humor to the intellectual life of the College;

### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**R****ESOLVED**, That the members of Bowdoin Student Government, convened in

General Assembly—

1. Approve the Academic Affairs Committee to spend \$80.00 for the purpose of advertising and providing snacks and refreshments for the Food for Thought lecture series for the remainder of the Fall 2015 semester.

**BY ORDER OF BOWDOIN STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

# *Proposal to Vote*

## **Proposal #141524**

Proposed by: Executive Committee and the Committee on Rules

Date: 11 November 2015

### **AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS**

*Bowdoin Student Government, convened in General Assembly*

**WHEREAS**, the BSG Assembly should strive to ensure a transparent and smooth functional system;

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee was forced to take necessary action in a situation not outlined by the Bylaws or the Constitution;

**WHEREAS**, the Executive Committee and the Assembly previously discussed codifying the action taken in the event of a recess resignation of the Executive Committee;

**WHEREAS**, the Committee on Rules was convened and has submitted language for an amendment to the Bylaws;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

***R*ESOLVED**, That the members of Bowdoin Student Government, convened in

General Assembly—

1. The proposal for changes to the BSG Bylaws is instituted after the second vote necessary for any amendments to the Bylaws.

2. The practice outlined in the amendment be made effective immediately and into the future, with no retroactive action made necessary or possible (i.e. let this not stand as an ex post facto bylaw).

**BY ORDER OF BOWDOIN STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

# Appendix A

## Article IV

### A.

- iii. **Unless the Assembly is in recess, when there is a vacancy** in the Executive Committee, the Assembly shall elect one of its members to fill the vacancy.
  - a. **In the event that the Office of the Vice President for the Treasury becomes vacant, voting rights and eligibility will be extended to all members of the SAFC.**
  - b. **In the event that the Office of the President becomes vacant, see Article IV (D).**
- iv. No person may fill more than one seat on the Assembly simultaneously, **excepting the Acting President.**

### D. Resignation of the President

- i. In the event that the President of the Bowdoin Student Government resigns while the Assembly is in session, a special election will be held.
  - a. The Vice President for Student Government Affairs will become Acting President until a new President is elected.
    - 1. The Acting President will still hold the office of the Vice President for Student Government Affairs.
    - 2. The Acting President, unless they are elected to a full term, will remain Vice President for Student Government Affairs upon the election of a new President.
  - b. This special election must be held no more than 3 weeks after the date of resignation
  - c. This election will be governed by all regular election rules as established in Article V of the Bowdoin Student Government Bylaws
- ii. In the event that a current member of the Bowdoin Student Government Assembly, including members of the Executive Committee, wins the special election, they will resign their current office upon assuming the Presidency.
  - a. This vacant office will be filled by the normal rules regarding vacancies as established in Article 4 (A) of the Bowdoin Student Government Bylaws (for Executive Committee Members) or Article 2 (3) of the Bowdoin Student Government Constitution (for non-Executive Committee Members)

### E. Recess Appointments

- i. A recess will be defined as any period when the Assembly is not in session.

- a. The assembly is defined as being out of session in the period between the last Assembly meeting of a spring semester and the first meeting of the following fall semester.
- ii. In the event of a resignation within the Executive Committee during this recess, the remaining members of the Executive Committee will, by unanimous agreement, appoint an Interim Vice President.
- iii. The Interim Vice President will have the full voting powers and fulfill all duties and responsibilities pertaining to that of the regular Vice Presidential position.
- iv. Pursuant to Article 4 (A) (iii) of the BSG Bylaws, the Interim Vice Presidential position will exist until an internal election within the Assembly is held, in which the Assembly will elect one of its members to fill the seat. This internal election must take place no later than the 4th meeting of the Bowdoin Student Government Assembly.
  - a. The same exception that applies to a vacancy in the Office of the Vice President for the Treasury will apply here.
- v. The Interim Vice President will be eligible to run in the internal election.
- vi. By 4/5 majority vote of the Assembly, the Assembly may decide to confirm the Interim Vice President as Vice President without a full internal election. The proposal for a confirmation as opposed to an election must come from a member outside the Executive Committee who is also not a member of the Interim Vice President's Committee.
- vii. All of the above rules do not apply to the President. In the case of a recess resignation of the President, Article IV (D) applies with the following modifications:
  - a. The special election will be held no more than 3 weeks after the start of the fall semester.
  - b. All members of the Executive Committee are eligible to run in the special election.