

Meeting of the General Assembly

16 November 2016

Daggett Lounge, Thorne Hall

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Missing: John Medina
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Public Comment Time - none
- V. Introduction of Guests
- VI. Old Business
 - a. Debriefing past week (post-election, No Hate November)
 - i. Victoria- Good turnout for No Hate November event “Sh*t People Say to POCs.” Smith Union talks have been received well; people have also requested that Bowdoin become a sanctuary campus
 - ii. Paloma: The BSG email was good and received well by students with different points of view
 - iii. Irfan: SAFC meeting – the Bowdoin College Republicans denounced Donald Trump at the beginning of the year. Some people still believed that it was a hostile environment – the anonymity in Smith Union talks disallowed for people themselves to be attacked but the anonymous opinions might be attacked.
 1. Harriet: At some point, people who have these opinions need to defend their stance. Irfan: The constant comments saying that

Trump supporters should speak up discouraged said people from actually speaking up.

- iv. Carlie – 8% of the people present at the SU talk were Trump supporters, so they were present but they did not feel comfortable talking.
- v. Evelyn: How do we get these conversations to happen? Irfan: Trump supporters are feeling defeated, but maybe holding smaller talks and discussions could help.
- vi. Kelsey: It's hard for someone to come out as a Trump supporter, because the responsibility then falls on them to represent all these opinions and defend them.
- vii. Ural: People thought SU meetings went great and BSG did everything they could. But the idea that a Trump supporter should host an event is might create a hostile environment, because our campus skews a lot to the left.
- viii. Irfan suggests a debate between two students (Hillary supporter and Trump supporter) and have people comment on the anonymous software.
Jack R: This might not be constructive if it's just two students.
 - 1. Victoria: Trump is our President-elect, we should focus on how to move on from here, but would be interested in hearing thoughts of Trump supporters.
 - 2. Jack A. talked to Trump supporter who didn't understand the goal of the SU talks; she didn't feel like she had to defend her decision.

- a. Kate: Create a coalition of liberals and conservatives on how to move forward from here, come together as a campus.
 - i. Reed: Some people aren't actual Trump supporters, but rather anti-Hillary. Creating this coalition is a good idea because it doesn't burden any one specific group.

VII. Reports of Committees

- a. Student Affairs—*Benjamin Painter '19*
 - i. Committee is working to provide free ice skate rental for students who can't afford this. But Student Activities declined for the Smith Union front desk. Leah: Perhaps try the front desk for Farley Field House.
- 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
 - i. 2020: Planning event on diversity and identity – talking to Deans and Multicultural groups. Sophomore-Freshman Ball
 - ii. 2019: Sophomore-Freshman Ball will be around January. Quarter zips are coming in

iii. 2018: Quarter zips and people are ordering now. Senior-junior Ball event.
Mr. Polar Bear (pageant contest for male students)

iv. 2017: Working on gear (blankets, hats, maybe vests). Working with juniors on the ball. Senior Week in May.

b. Multicultural Coalition

i. Victoria: A lot of talking within each organization. Events might be coming within coalition dealing with the election.

ii. Safety pins – symbolize solidarity with marginalized groups. Victoria will be tabling, and there are pamphlets. If you have time from 11:30-1, email Victoria. It's important to not just wear it, but also educate yourself on what an ally should be and do.

c. Inter-House Council

d. Entertainment Board

i. Maggie: Things are going well and Ivies planning still underway

e. Athletic Council

f. McKeen Center

i. Quincy: Food drive – email her for questions.

g. At-Large Representatives

i. Leah: Looked at BSG archives and found a proposal for statement of solidarity for the Vietnam War – sent to the White House.

ii. Kate: Workshop for catcalling under works. Idea: give out buttons for solidarity of kindness.

- iii. Ural: ASA and KSA put up poster in SU of Asian students holding signs describing microaggressions they have faced.
- iv. Evelyn – Sanctuary campus: A lot of US cities are declaring themselves sanctuary cities, and college campus are also doing this. Bowdoin has undocumented immigrants and it's important to create solidarity with these students.
 - 1. Harriet: Create more concrete demands; Bowdoin will not facilitate deportation of undocumented immigrants, but we should seek to provide legal support and retract online information amongst other things.
 - 2. Irfan: Declaring sanctuary campus is symbolic, but these colleges are creating a plan of action for students who are being deported – try to stall the process, legal counsel, financial support.
 - 3. Victoria: A committee should be created for making Bowdoin a sanctuary campus.
 - 4. Beatrice's GWS class has been working to make Bowdoin a sanctuary campus.
 - 5. Jack R: What does sanctuary campus mean? Harriet: Declaration that the college will not help in any way to deport undocumented students. Henry: The College also won't release student information to ICE.
 - a. Irfan: DACA – Dreamer's Act, undocumented students receive amnesty to pursue college education.

6. Jack R – reach out to student body for lawyers that could help undocumented students.

IX. Report of the President

X. Announcements

a. Theo Greene talk on predominant identities of spaces (gendered spaces, heteronormative spaces)

XI. Adjournment