Meeting of the General Assembly

30 November 2016

Daggett Lounge, Thorne Hall

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

   a. Missing: Henry Bredar, Andrew Blunt, Kate Berkley

III. Approval of Minutes

IV. Public Comment Time - none

V. Introduction of Guests

   a. Dean Levy, advisor of the Judicial Board and Chair of the Judicial Board.
      
      i. 24 cases that went forward – 22 were academic and 2 that were social.

      Only 2 social code violations was a good sign. The Dean’s office deals
      with a lot of social code violations,

VI. Old Business

VII. Reports of Committees

   a. Student Affairs—Benjamin Painter ’19

      i. No Hate November went well. No development on ice skates rental idea.

   b. Student Organizations Oversight Committee—Kelsey Scarlett ’17

      i. TEDx club chartered

      ii. Maggie: Relation to Uncommon Hour (since it’s similar to TED Talks)?

      Would we get rid of Uncommon Hour? Kelsey: They specialized what
      they will be talking about, and only certain people were chosen for the
      club. Certain talks will make it to the TEDx talk.
c. Academic Affairs—*Evelyn Sanches Gonzalez ‘17*

i. Met with Dean Scanlon. They made some changes to BCQs and wants BSG to provide feedback for these changes before the end of classes.

ii. Food for Though next week with Caroline Montague

iii. Group of different professors who engage with environmental/social justice issues invited BSG to a meeting this Friday on the first floor of Adams. Important because we need to know how to address these issues. Professors are interested in relating their coursework to issues that affect us.

d. Facilities & Sustainability—*Caroline Rutan ‘19*

i. Public transportation project still underway. Working with software to update live polling.

e. Student Activities Funding Committee—*Irfan Alam ‘18*

f. Executive Committee—*Harriet Fisher ’17 / Reed Fernandez ‘17*

i. Reed: Kate’s idea of coalition of students with different political views will take off after Winter Break.

ii. Harriet: Sanctuary campus – sent link to google doc. Meeting with President Rose and Dean Amaez.

iii. Harriet: Met with Dean Scanlon to talk about faculty member’s response to events like the election. Email Harriet for ideas.

iv. Harriet: Reminder of Theo Greene talk

VIII. Reports of Members

a. Class Councils
i. 2020: Planning first year-sophomore ball

ii. 2019: Set a date for the ball, second Saturday of second semester.

Sweatshirts here

iii. 2018: Junior-senior ball this weekend

iv. 2017: Junior senior ball. Gelato – if we get enough points with Gelato Fiasco, they can have a gelato flavor. Showing movie on the pub on Sunday – Bridesmaids. Monday handing out Frosty’s

b. Multicultural Coalition

i. Friday Dec. 9 – deserts for finals at the Outing Club.

ii. Asian Student Association photo shoot has gone viral on Facebook.

c. Inter-House Council

i. Finding ways to put less pressure on the selection committee

d. Entertainment Board

i. Email will be sent talking about how Ivies will be inside on Saturday – not the fault of eboard or student activities.

e. McKeen Center

i. Election-Climate talk Thursday at 8

ii. Application for leading Common Good Day

f. At-Large Representatives

i. Joe Lace ‘17 is the new at-large representative. He notes a general air of productivity in BSG this year.

ii. Ural: Discussions on class – host dad held sections on class during orientation in his college. Draw ideas from him. Harriet: What is the cost
of a Bowdoin student talk (the costs that come after the ticket price of Bowdoin, a.k.a past tuition and fees).

iii. Kate: Peer Health advisor meetings – race became more of an open conversation, but class is still not talked about. Buttons of kindness are cheap – you give them to someone who has done something nice.

iv. Victoria: on class discussions: cash free campus – like providing free movies to not burden students who can’t afford. Allen: bring him any ideas for activities that could be free. Dean Amaez creating an ad hoc committee working on class issues. Kelsey: New club that was chartered that’s focused on being first-gen, low-income students. Started as Questbridge, but it’s open to other students now.

v. Ben: Tampon committee? Annie: meeting with Jeff, in charge of facilities, and talk about installing permanent baskets. After first two months, Bowdoin will start paying.

vi. Leah: Talks have really died down, but we should work towards bringing this conversation back to the foreground. Harriet: Reed is working on the coalition, but it might be a little late in the semester. Reed: It’s hard to bring people together. Carlie: To go forth carefully with this, be creative in the ways we try to engage people to come to these talks. Jacob: At some point, people have to explain why they chose who they did. We should invite people’s opinion, but not force it. Erin: Focusing the conversation past the election, but more on how to move forward.
1. Jack A: the election is over, but there is still a lot happening based on the reelection, and cabinet appointments, but there are only 2 weeks left of classes.

2. Harriet: Focus on how we can reach out to President Rose and create specific demands for how the college can react to post-election.

vii. Quincy: IGD Letter. These are the things that the college should talk about with dealing on race and class amongst other things.

IX. Report of the President

X. Announcements

XI. Adjournment