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Wednesday, 29 March 2017, 8:30pm
Daggett Lounge, Thorne Hall

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Proposal 141542
Proposed by: Reed Fernandez
Date: March 29, 2017

BYE BYE ROBERT’S RULES

Bowdoin Student Government, convened in General Assembly

WHEREAS, in past, meetings of the General Assembly have been run in an inefficient and, at time, unnecessary stilted fashion;

WHEREAS, the Bylaws have been widely ignored through this year’s meetings of the General Assembly with no immediate issues;

WHEREAS, allowing the Chair to hold de-facto powers to determine parliamentary procedure free of the Bylaws allows for the possibility of future abuses;

WHEREAS, the provisions allowing for Executive Action give the President largely unchecked power to veto legislation submitted by members of the assembly;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, That the members of Bowdoin Student Government, convened in General Assembly—

1. Propose the following amendments to the Bylaws
   a. In section C.viii.b. the words “5/6 majority” will be amended to read “2/3 majority.
   b. A new section will be added between section B and section C which will read “The Assembly shall be governed by whatever procedure the chair sees fit. Any member of the Assembly may make a motion to invoke the Rules of Order outlined in section D [note this is adjusted to reflect the updated numbering] at any time. This motion requires a second but does not require a vote. In order to vote or submit legislation the rules of order must be in effect.” This section will be section C and the numbering of the other sections will be adjusted accordingly.

BY ORDER OF BOWDOIN STUDENT GOVERNMENT