



# BOWDOIN STUDENT GOVERNMENT

## **Meeting of the General Assembly**

Wednesday, 3 May 2017, 8:30pm

Daggett Lounge

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# *Proposal to Vote*

## **Proposal 141543**

Proposed by: Evelyn Sanchez Gonzalez

Date: April 12, 2017

### **FACULTY DIVERSITY**

*Bowdoin Student Government, convened in General Assembly*

**WHEREAS**, having a more racially diverse faculty will lead to a more diverse learning experience;

**WHEREAS**, the Bowdoin Student Government supports an inclusive learning environment;

**WHEREAS**, Bowdoin has already taken steps to increase the student body diversity;

**WHEREAS**, the faculty diversity does not match the student diversity;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

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

1. To encourage the Bowdoin Administration, specifically Faculty and the Dean of Academic Affairs, to continue and expand racially diversifying the Faculty.

**BY ORDER OF BOWDOIN STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

# *Proposal to Vote*

## **Proposal 141546**

Proposed by: Joe Lace and Quincy Leech

Date: April 12, 2017

### **BOWDOIN HELLO**

*Bowdoin Student Government, convened in General Assembly*

**WHEREAS**, as student leaders of Bowdoin, members of the Assembly should strive to be leaders in the Bowdoin community;

**WHEREAS**, the Bowdoin Hello has fallen out of favor;

**WHEREAS**, members of the Assembly demonstrated a desire for genuine human connection;

**WHEREAS**, precedent exists in regards to mandating member action in accordance with the Mission of the College;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

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

1. Shall render a genuine Bowdoin Hello when passing another person on a Bowdoin thoroughfare.
  - a. May it be noted that this does not fit the definition of an awkward interaction; rather, it stands as a baseline expectation of amicable collegiality.

**BY ORDER OF BOWDOIN STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

# *Proposal to Vote*

## **Proposal 141547**

Proposed by: Joe Lace and Quincy Leech

Date: April 12, 2017

### **BOWDOIN HELLO**

*Bowdoin Student Government, convened in General Assembly*

**WHEREAS**, legislative precedent has relevance in navigating day-to-day Assembly matters;

**WHEREAS**, proper daily legislative function requires an understanding of past legislative function;

**WHEREAS**, the Assembly has much to learn from the successes and failures of Assemblies past;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

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

1. Allow the Executive Committee to appoint at least two (2) BSG Historians per academic year who are tasked with inquiry into the history of the BSG based on individual interest in the position.
2. When compelled, report their findings before the assembly using the format outlined in Appendix A;
3. Maintain primary role of Student Body Representative, with Historian serving as a secondary and jovial benefit to participation in the BSG.

**BY ORDER OF BOWDOIN STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

# *Proposal to Vote*

## **Proposal 141548**

Proposed by: Ian Culnane and Spencer Shagoury

Date: April 19, 2017

### **NON-BSG MEMBER PROPOSAL RIGHT**

*Bowdoin Student Government, convened in General Assembly*

**WHEREAS**, civic engagement among the student body in Bowdoin Student government is lacking;

**WHEREAS**, coming to the Bowdoin Student Government should be easy;

**WHEREAS**, creating an easy process to introduce legislation promotes civic engagement;

**WHEREAS**, peer institutions have adopted similar measures;

**WHEREAS**, easy access, even if underutilized promotes transparency and civic engagements;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

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

1. Propose a revision to Article 1, section D, subsection III, letter B of the Bylaws to revise it to read any Bowdoin Student may introduce legislation to be included for discussion; requires no second or vote.

**BY ORDER OF BOWDOIN STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

# *Proposal to Vote*

## **Proposal 141549**

Proposed by: Henry Bredar

Date: May 3, 2017

### **WITHHOLDING VOTE COUNTS FOR FIRST-YEAR CLASS COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

*Bowdoin Student Government, convened in General Assembly*

**WHEREAS**, First-Year students are adjusting to Bowdoin campus life;

**WHEREAS**, First-Years vote on their class council in the first few weeks of their time at Bowdoin;

**WHEREAS**, the publication of class council vote tallies can show extreme range in totals;

**WHEREAS**, it is not necessary to publish First-Year election tallies to the entire class;

**WHEREAS**, the publication of vote tallies can hurt a student's transition to Bowdoin campus life;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

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

1. Propose an addition to the bylaws in Article III, section D. Proposition would read, "The BSG will withhold the vote tallies of the First-Year class council elections from campus publication. Vote tallies will be published to all candidates who ran for the class council, but they will not be published to the entire campus with hopes of not harming students' transition to life at the College." This addition would be Article III, Section D, bylaw vii.

**BY ORDER OF BOWDOIN STUDENT GOVERNMENT**