

Meeting of the General Assembly

19 October 2016

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I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

a. Missing: Jack Arnholz

III. Approval of Minutes

IV. Public Comment Time

V. Introduction of Guests

a. Melissa Quinby, *Interim Dean of First Year Students*

i. Ural questions whether it is possible to have an extra day or more free time for freshman orientation – Melissa says making orientation schedule is flexible, but an extra day is not possible

ii. John and Victoria ask if it's possible to have a similar race program from first year orientation for upperclassmen. Melissa says that would be in part with Multicultural life – Deans aren't in charge of programming

VI. Reports of Committees

a. Student Affairs—*Benjamin Painter '19*

i. No Hate November – Ben – Founded 4 years ago to stand in solidarity with other students who have faced bias on campus or home.

1. Guest: Aasif Mandvi, correspondent on Daily Show

2. Events: Transgender issues talk coordinated with Bowdoin Outing Club; Trans Day of Remembrance; Mental Health Talk; Black Lives Matter program; Panel on Microaggression
- b. Student Organizations Oversight Committee—*Kelsey Scarlett '17*
 - i. First meeting for club proposals on Thursdays
 - ii. Working on club collaboration program with Sylvia Serban, Associate Director of Student Activities
- c. Academic Affairs—*Evelyn Sanches Gonzalez '17*
 - i. AA Committee met last night on conversations with faculty members on making the faculty more diverse and the obstacles with that. Committee will be making a video on why students want faculty of color. Meeting with ACIC (Advisory Committee for an Inclusive Committee) to discuss inclusivity issues; email Professor Perkinson for more students from BSG to be included in meeting: Ben, Jacob, Katie, Nate, Ramya
 - ii. Committee will be getting more information from Dean's office on recruiting data (funding).
 - iii. Committee discussed making Arabic a department
- d. Facilities & Sustainability—*Caroline Rutan '19*
 - i. Committee wants to advertise the services that BSG provides; create a campaign explaining what the services are. Put a permanent poster in Smith
 - ii. Committee talking to security about lighting
 - iii. Carlie will send out survey of what areas need more lighting

- e. Student Activities Funding Committee—*Irfan Alam '18*
 - i. BSG Comment Box in front desk of Smith, website link also available
 - ii. Irfan is talking to Matt Orlando about picnic tables outside Moulton
- f. Executive Committee—*Harriet Fisher '17 / Reed Fernandez '17*
 - i. Annie is leading committee on tampon initiative
 - ii. Exec team had breakfast with President Rose; open to helping in any efforts of BSG financially and in mindset
 - 1. Harriet – if we bring forth documents to President Rose (petitions). he will look at them and consider them seriously

VII. Reports of Members

- a. Class Councils
 - i. 2020: Carnival event- great turnout
 - ii. 2019: Nothing
 - iii. 2018: Two events before December – One includes doing bubble soccer game, juniors vs. seniors.
 - iv. 2017: Sitting down with student activities and junior class for senior-junior ball
 - 1. Sea Dog Karaoke next week
- b. Multicultural Coalition
 - i. Victoria: Denice Frohman at 7 (Wednesday night)
 - ii. Victoria is pushing organizations to do No Hate November events
- c. Inter-House Council
 - i. Tessa: Opening trick or treating to Brunswick committee

- ii. Tessa: Working with multicultural life and security to navigate police presence
- d. Entertainment Board
 - i. Maggie: Fall Concert went well; next planning event is Ivies
- e. Athletic Council
 - i. Reeder: Meeting with Tim Ryan – conversation on inclusion in athletic department (in recruiting)
- f. McKeen Center
 - i. Quincy: Debate party at helm
 - ii. Quincy: Van staffing on election day 7am-8pm to drive people
 - iii. Quincy: ASB application deadline coming up
- g. At-Large Representatives
 - i. **Proposal to Vote:** College House Security
 - 1. Reframe to focus on reaching out to town and BPD and working on that angle. Carlie: Focus on campus for now. Jacob: we can still talk to BPD for safety of off-campus students; discussed BSG having more presence with working on the police to make student-town relationships more positive. Events and situations off-campus this year have led to poor BPD-student relationship.
 - 2. Reeder: College Houses are navigating relationship with BPD and suggests talking more to the town manager as the town manager deals more with neighbors and the people students interact with

3. Amendments: Delete the first paragraph; take out “living” in third paragraph; to reach out to town manager instead of town officials; Change the committee to be off-campus safety and town relations. Take out sections that deal with lighting. Reason for creating the ad hoc committee is to involve people from different committees and people not in BSG.

4. Move to next week agenda

ii. Katie – email students about incidents that have happened to them (catcalling). Address this issue to BPD or perhaps do a workshop on how to deal with comments, how to react in productive ways. Annie – passively pass notecards to catcallers telling them why that’s wrong.

Harriet: Can be tied with Jacob’s proposal – because it deals with relations to town

iii. Ural: Co-presidents of music collective maybe doing a concert for no hate November on any issues. Do collaboration with Bates and Colby to bring student bands to help with concert.

VIII. Report of the President

IX. Announcements

a. Reeder: Yellow Shirt Day on Thursday

X. Adjournment