

Meeting Notes of the General Assembly  
Wednesday, 18 November 2015

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Roll Call**

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**IV. Public Comment Time**

- **Justin Pearson:**
  - Zach Duperry did a good job with the Bowdoin Safe walk.
  - When there's a vacancy there needs to be a change in the constitution, therefore the bylaws will always be trumped by the constitution. In order for the bylaws to change, the constitution needs to be amended first.
  - A campaign for posters is a good idea for the multicultural chair
- **Daniel Mejia Cruz:**
  - The proposal to introduce a new seat [Multicultural Representative] was written last year by Keke and Charlotte to include a chair for under represented students.
  - It would be a voting seat.
  - A constitutional amendment needs to be passed. 1/3 of the student body needs to vote, 2/3 of those who vote, need to vote yes.
  - \$50 budget for campaigning.
- **Chloe:**
  - When is the person going to be appointed? There is a sense of urgency on campus, it is better to appoint someone sooner rather than later.
- **Daniel:**
  - We will be voting December 2<sup>nd</sup>. From Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> to 9 the referendum will be held online. We allowed people last year to opt out reminder emails to vote. I think we are not going to allow that this year.
- **Marcella:**
  - There is a diverse leadership group in the BSG. Dani and Michelle are doing a great job supporting students of color. This [multicultural chair] is very important to me and other students of color on campus.
- **Daniel:**
  - Goes over *Proposal 141526*

- **Andrew:**
  - There is typically a position dedicated to multicultural life and diversity in other campuses. It is necessary in our student government and it is something that will long lasting effect.
- **Student:**
  - How would we make sure that this person goes to the meetings? There are certain representatives of interest groups that don't show up.
- **Michelle:**
  - The person elected would be a person that is engaged with interests groups, and probably wouldn't run for the position if they aren't passionate about it.
- **Daniel Mejia:**
  - Imagine for one moment what it would seem like if a proposal like this does not pass. Talk to people and engage in discussions, if this doesn't pass, it is the student body saying that there is no need for a multicultural position. And that says a lot about our campus.
- **Michelle:**
  - If this potentially doesn't pass, this isn't all doom gloom. We need to get people to vote for this. If there isn't enough people who vote, this wont pass by default. It matters that people participate in this referendum.
- **Ben Painter:**
  - Are we allowed to extend the twenty-four hour voting period? If we don't get enough votes it might be that a lot of people did not see the campaign.
- **Michelle:**
  - The argument that people don't know it is happening might be BS
- **Student:**
  - It might be helpful to use other forms of diversity – like sexual diversity
- **Andrew:**
  - We should have a response as an assembly but since this is so urgent right now we are going to focus on multicultural representation.
- **Emily:**

- This doesn't mean that one representative is more important than the other.

**V. Introduction of Guests- No guests**

**VI. Old business-**

- *Executive committee proposal*
  - David Levine: The changes in the bylaws are not unconstitutional, they are clarifying.
  - Daniel Mejia: There needs to be a couple of small changes, but they can be made in the spring.
  - Student: Proposes change of language in page 15
  - Edits approved.

**VII. Reports of Committees**

- Student Affairs-** Luke Von Maur '16
  - Half way through no hate November
  - Uncommon hour with Professor Purnell on Friday.
  - There was a discussion last night, but there wasn't a great turn out
- Student Organizations Oversight Committee -** Emily Server '16
  - Poker club
  - Students need more clubs that are for stress relief
  - *The Globalist* launched a website and it is awesome
- Academic Affairs -** Andrew Millar '16
  - Michelle spoke at this weeks Food for Thought. There will be an email to get nominations for the next Food for Thought
  - Going to table in smith for text books
- Facilities and Sustainability –** Kevin Hernandez '18
  - Kevin: Met with pub to reduce use of pub boxes, and thinking of new ways to increase conversations about social class.

- **Proposal to Vote: College House Security- Jacob Russell '16**

- **Jacob:**

- Purpose of Proposal is to increase security in the college houses.
- Want to start in college houses because that's the group that he represents.
- Safety on our campus is a number 1 priority, in light of recent events.

- **Student:**
    - Should both assault incidents, [Potter Street and Mayflower] be included in the proposal?
  - ***Discussion on whether or not to include language of sexual assault in proposal in regards to Potter Street Incident.***
  - **Michelle:**
    - Other places on campus need lighting
  - **Kevin:**
    - Had a meeting last week with Randy Nichols in regards to lighting across campus. Campus lighting is assessed periodically, and new lighting will be added to Brunswick Apartments, the quad, and Mayflower Apartments.
  - **Kevin:**
    - There was a walk around campus (to detect places that need more lighting) but no one showed up because it was raining.
  - **Michelle:**
    - Can we institutionalize the safe walk
  - **Ben:**
    - We can get an app or get a program that pays students to walk others.
  - **Michelle:**
    - The students should get trained. But what does that say about campus if I need a male body guard to walk with me
- e. **Student Activities Funding Committee-** David Levine '16
- There wont be a meeting because of Thanksgiving break
  - Nov.30<sup>th</sup> will be the second to last meeting
  - Reconciliation process with student activities to see how we are doing compared to last year
- f. **Executive Committee-** Daniel Mejia-Cruz'16/ Michelle Kruk '16
- *Proposal to Vote: Amendment to the Bylaws- Daniel Mejia-Cruz '16*
  - *Proposal to vote: Multicultural Representative- Daniel Mejia- Cruz '16*

## VIII. Reports of Members

### a. Class Councils

- 2019: Absent
- 2018: Successful music and chipotle night.
- 2017: ¼ zip sweater orders are in, half the class ordered

- 2016: No senior night, planning junior senior ball, would like Bowdoin Shuttle to be more available junior senior ball

**b. Inter- House Council:**

- People are worried about not being able to control who can enter houses (during campus wide parties)
- This week's campus wide at Ladd House will door duty seriously
- It is disappointing a lot of people aren't in today's meeting.

**c. Entertainment Board: *Absent***

**d. Athletic Council:**

- Met with president Rose and Tim Ryan to see how the athletic department can be more involved on campus.
- \$450 for Bowdoin v. Colby Hockey Game rally towels, orders will be placed tomorrow (11.20)
- Michelle: SLAYYY Savage, SLAYYY

**e. McKeen Center: *Absent***

**f. At- Large Representatives:**

- Michelle: Brunswick Police is willing to come to campus to teach self defense classes
- Jujitsu classes are going to be available as a self defense course

**IX. Report of the President- Daniel Mejia- Cruz '16**

- Lucia Gibbard's seat is not vacant, she just had to go home temporarily.

**X. Announcements**

**XI. Adjournment**