

Meeting Notes of the General Assembly

Wednesday, 4 November 2015

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
 1. Riley: Change “BSG was ineffective” to “BSG was successful”
 2. Kevin: Composting budget is \$90, not \$190
- IV. Public Comment Time- *Robo Tavel '16, Max Middleton '16, Justin Pearson '17*
 1. Justin Pearson– States that having Emily Server as VP of the SOOC is unconstitutional
 2. Max- Agrees with Justin Pearson and states that as the head of 3 student organizations on campus, the thought of working with someone who was not selected by the student body not sit well with him. [In regards to Emily Server being appointed VP of the SOOC.]
 3. Robo -States that he is confident that Emily will do a great job as VP of the SOOC but he is concerned with the constitution of the BSG. Robo says, “We have a constitution. It is there for a reason, so we should follow it”
 4. Daniel Mejia - States that Emily was selected to fill the SOOC position because Wylie Mao transferred in the summer and gave little notice before school started. BSG needed someone to fill the position quickly. BSG came up with a list of people who would fit the position temporarily, and were planning on having an election no matter what. BSG went through multiple rounds and names before they decided to appoint Emily Server. Daniel also states that although there wasn't an assembly, given the nature of the specific position, that that the best that the elective team could make at the moment.
 5. David Levine - States he remembers talking to Daniel on other potential people for the position. He states that this problem comes down to an issue of interpretation of the living constitution, but when the constitution does not explicitly say what to do, [and it didn't say what to do when a position

becomes vacant 3 weeks before school starts] BSG did their best to resolve the problem.

6. Max - Couldn't someone else do the job?
7. David - States BSG couldn't have an assembly because the vacancy happened during the summer, and they just needed someone to do the job of the SOOC until BSG was able to have an assembly.
8. Robo - States that as a former member of the BSG he feels that there could have been a more extensive process for filling the position. Robo also explains that what bothers him the most of this situation is that people want to run for BSG to understand how it works, but when something like this happens [Emily being appointed by members of the committee], there is a blind eye.
9. David - Explains again that because Wylie Mao gave notice to BSG 3 weeks before school started, and the immediacy of the situation, BSG followed their protocol because they needed someone to fill the position. David also states that Emily was not the first person that they chose. BSG initially wanted someone younger because all of the committee members are graduating (except Kevin).
10. Max -States that he is not accusing Daniel Mejia of impropriety, but notes that since Emily and him are friends, it can look that way to certain people.
11. Robo - States that he thinks BSG should have had an election instead of just appointing Emily.
12. Khelsea Gordon - States that moving forward the best thing that BSG can do is amend the constitution to explain what can be done if in the future, there is another vacancy in the situation that was experienced.
13. Nick - States that it would harm student organizations to elect another VP for the SOOC position, since the assembly has already started. He states that he believes Daniel Mejia-Cruz handled the situation well.
14. Lucia - States that she understands Robo's/ Max's point that "it doesn't look right" but that she hopes the student body has more faith in BSG's integrity.

15. Jack - States that from a logistical standpoint, it would be very inconvenient if BSG has to switch Emily out of her position. The concern of BSG is representing and running student body more efficiently.
16. Justin Pearson - States that it is important that an organization that has integrity follows its constitution. He states that BSG has gone through vacancies before and that the general assembly should have appointed one of its members.
17. David - Explains it would be very difficult for one person to hold 2 positions
18. Jack- States that there is no independent ruling body.
19. Chase Savage - Gives a scenario of Gov. Christie (of New Jersey) having to appoint a member because of a vacancy.
20. Max - States that does Chase scenario does not correlate with his issue of with BSG.
21. Robo - States the issue is not that Emily wont do a good job, [he thinks she will do a great job]. His issue is concerned with BSG living up to their constitution.

V. Introduction of Guests- *No guests*

VI. Old business- *Proposal 141519*

1. Daniel Mejia-Cruz - States that Michelle will send a link to everyone in the assembly. There will be a poll to vote for a candidate running for the SOOC position. The link will be sent tonight, you have 24 hours to vote.
2. Brian - Proposes if the assembly should amend before they vote?
3. Daniel Mejia - Explains that basically it would take a long time to make an amendment before the vote.
4. Jack - Asks if BSG votes to make this amendment to the constitution, and in the event that the amendment passes, does that mean that Emily will be revoked from her position?
5. Daniel – States that BSG we will move forward with a new set of amendments that will affect the future.
6. Daniel – Asks if there are any amendments to the proposal?
7. Emily Server leaves the room to not influence the voting in any way

8. Ana Bradley - Proposes a change
9. Jack – Proposes a change
10. Daniel '19 - States that that it should be made clear (in the proposal) that Emily wasn't appointed by the President.
11. Luke Von Maur - Clarifies that Emily was named in a list, it was discussed who would fit/ operate the position well and then the assembly voted.
12. Daniel Mejia - Clarifies/ reviews changes in proposal
13. **Proposal 141519** passes
14. Daniel Mejia- Opens floor for anyone interested in running for the SOOC position.
15. Emily Server – Explains why she should be elected: She states she was excited to be part of BSG again because it has always been a big part of her life, she did programming for a time and knows a lot of club leaders. As VP of the SOOC she has already chartered a lot of clubs and is very passionate about her job.
16. Ben Painer- States that Emily would do a better job but offers to run so that Emily isn't uncontested.

VII. Reports of Committees

1. Student Affairs- Luke Von Maur '16
 - Encourages assembly to attend 2 or 3 No Hate November events
 - Photo instillation reception in Smith Union next Monday (November 9, 20015)
2. Student Organizations Oversight Committee- Emily Server'16
 - SOOC met with two new groups, a sketch comedy club and a group for pro choice
 - SOOC charted a Model U.N club
3. Academic Affairs- Andrew Millar '16
 - No Hate November and Food For Thought
 - Hosting viewings in the library media commons (movies that can help students understand biases)
4. Facilities and Sustainability- Kevin Hernandez '18

- WSJ- goal is to get them on campus
 - We should minimize the use of paper cups on campus
 - Increase dialogue on campus about socio-economic status
5. Student Activities Funding Committee- David Levine '16
- SAFC has spent \$36,000 this year
 - Interested in seeing how this years spending compares to others
6. Executive Committee- Daniel Mejia-Cruz'16/ Michelle Kruk '16
- No Hate November
 - There have been great things said about last weeks meeting concerning the sailing teams cultural appropriation party and racial bias on campus.

VIII. Reports of Members

A. Class Councils

- 2019: Goal is to meet with other classes, fireside chat
- 2018: Chipotle and Music night, over 400 requests for class sweatshirts
- 2017: Starting orders for clothing, class events
- 2016: Process of designing class gear, planning senior night (some events are chem-free), trying to meet all class councils to get to know each other

B. Inter-House Council

- Halloween went well
- Executive Councils feel like they aren't the ones the facilitate the conversation about (race)

C. Entertainment Board

- No reports

D. Athletic Council

- Michelle spoke to council in regards to what No Hate November is about
- Reps understood that athletes need to be involved in more than just sports
- Tim Ryan sent an email to captains encouraging them to participate in no Hate November

E. Mckeen Center- *Absent*

F. Report of the President- Daniel Mejia-Cruz '16

- No reports
- IX. Report of the President - Daniel Mejia-Cruz '16
- Encourages assembly to meet with President Clayton Rose to introduce themselves
- X. Announcements
- No Announcements
- XI. Adjournment