



BOWDOIN STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Meeting of the General Assembly

Wednesday, 9 December 2015, 8:30pm

Daggett Lounge, Thorne Hall

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Public Comment Time
- V. Introduction of Guests
- VI. Old Business
- VII. Reports of Committees
 - a. Student Affairs—*Luke Von Maur '16*
 - b. Student Organizations Oversight Committee—*Emily Serwer '16*
 - c. Academic Affairs—*Andrew Millar '16*
 - d. Facilities & Sustainability—*Kevin Hernandez '18*
 - e. Student Activities Funding Committee—*David Levine '16*
 - f. Executive Committee—*Daniel Mejia-Cruz '16 / Michelle Kruk '16*
 - i. **Proposal to Vote:** Amendment to the Bylaws – *Daniel Mejia-Cruz '16*
 - ii. **Proposal to Vote:** Winter Weekend — *Daniel Mejia-Cruz '16*
- VIII. Reports of Members
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 - e. McKeen Center
 - f. At-Large Representatives
- IX. Report of the President—*Daniel Mejia-Cruz '16*
- X. Announcements
- XI. Adjournment

Proposal to Vote

Proposal #141524

Proposed by: Executive Committee and the Committee on Rules

Date: 11 November 2015

AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS

Bowdoin Student Government, convened in General Assembly

WHEREAS, the BSG Assembly should strive to ensure a transparent and smooth functional system;

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee was forced to take necessary action in a situation not outlined by the Bylaws or the Constitution;

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee and the Assembly previously discussed codifying the action taken in the event of a recess resignation of the Executive Committee;

WHEREAS, the Committee on Rules was convened and has submitted language for an amendment to the Bylaws;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

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

1. The proposal for changes to the BSG Bylaws is instituted after the second vote necessary for any amendments to the Bylaws.

2. The practice outlined in the amendment be made effective immediately and into the future, with no retroactive action made necessary or possible (i.e. let this not stand as an ex post facto bylaw).

BY ORDER OF BOWDOIN STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Proposal to Vote

Proposal 141528

Proposed by: Executive Committee

Date: 9 December 2015

WINTER WEEKEND

Bowdoin Student Government, convened in General Assembly

WHEREAS, Winter Weekend is an old tradition, revived and re-instituted in the winter of the 2012-2013 Academic Year by President Dani Chediak;

WHEREAS, Winter Weekend is constituted of several events that celebrates the winter and Bowdoin's environment in an otherwise bleak, sad, and icy time;

WHEREAS, Winter Weekend is a campus-bonding event that also celebrates Maine winters;

WHEREAS, the budget for the BSG has a line-item for Winter Weekend;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

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

1. Approve the expenditure of \$1,575 for the purposes of advertising, programming, and hosting a successful Winter Weekend.

2. Approve the Programming Director of the BSG to Chair an ad hoc committee for the purposes of planning the event.

BY ORDER OF BOWDOIN STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Appendix A

Article IV

- A.
- iii. **Unless the Assembly is in recess, when there is a vacancy** in the Executive Committee, the Assembly shall elect one of its members to fill the vacancy.
 - a. **In the event that the Office of the Vice President for the Treasury becomes vacant, voting rights and eligibility to run will be extended to all members of the SAFC.**
 - b. **In the event that the Office of the President becomes vacant, see Article IV (D).**
 - iv. No person may fill more than one seat on the Assembly simultaneously, **except the Acting President.**

D. Resignation of the President

- i. In the event that the President of the Bowdoin Student Government resigns while the Assembly is in session, a special election will be held.
 - a. The Vice President for Student Government Affairs will become Acting President until a new President is elected.
 - 1. The Acting President will still hold the office of the Vice President for Student Government Affairs.
 - 2. The Acting President, unless they are elected to a full term, will remain Vice President for Student Government Affairs upon the election of a new President.
 - b. This special election must be held no more than 3 weeks after the date of resignation.
 - c. This election will be governed by all regular election rules as established in Article V of the Bowdoin Student Government Bylaws.
- ii. In the event that a current member of the Bowdoin Student Government Assembly, including members of the Executive Committee, wins the special election, they will resign their current office upon assuming the Presidency.
 - a. This vacant office will be filled **according to the procedures outlined in** Article 4 (A) of the Bowdoin Student Government Bylaws (for Executive Committee Members) or Article 2 (3) of the Bowdoin Student Government Constitution (for non-Executive Committee Members).

E. Recess Appointments

- i. A recess will be defined as any period when the Assembly is not in session.
 - a. The assembly is defined as being out of session in the period between the last Assembly meeting of a spring semester and the first meeting of the following fall semester.
- ii. In the case of a recess resignation of the President, Article IV (D) applies with the following modifications:

- a. The special election will be held no more than 3 weeks after the start of the fall semester.
 - b. All members of the Executive Committee are eligible to run in the special election.
- iii. Excepting the resignation of the President, in the event of a resignation of a member of the Executive Committee during a recess, the remaining members of the Executive Committee will proceed with the following procedure:
 - a. The Executive Committee will inform the Student Body of the resignation.
 - b. The Executive Committee will announce the search process for an Interim Vice President and will invite all members of the Student Body to apply for the position of Interim Vice President
 - 1. The Class Representatives of the Sophomore and Junior Class Councils, elected in the Spring semester preceding the recess, are eligible to apply.
 - 2. The two At-Large Representatives, elected in the Spring semester preceding the recess, are eligible to apply.
 - c. The Executive Committee will review all applications received.
 - d. The Executive Committee will, by majority vote, determine who the Interim Vice President will be from the applicant pool. The President will serve as a tie-breaker.
 - e. The Executive Committee will announce the results to the Student Body immediately following the appointment of the Interim Vice President.
- iv. As a full member of the General Assembly, the Interim Vice President will have the full voting powers and fulfill all duties and responsibilities pertaining to that of the regular Vice Presidential position.
- v. Pursuant to Article 4 (A) (iii) of the BSG Bylaws, the Interim Vice Presidential position will exist until an internal election within the Assembly is held, in which the Assembly will elect one of its members to fill the seat. This internal election must take place no later than the 4th meeting of the Bowdoin Student Government Assembly.
 - a. The same exception that applies to a vacancy in the Office of the Vice President for the Treasury will apply here, see 4 (A) (iii) (a).