

Meeting of the General Assembly

15 February 2017

Daggett Lounge, Thorne Hall

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Missing: Spencer Shagoury, Annie Glenn
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Public Comment Time - none
- V. Introduction of Guests
 - a. Dean Levy – Executive Session
 - b. Keisha Payson, Sustainability Coordinator
 - i. Climate Action Plan
 1. May 2008, Berry Mills stated the commitment to a carbon neutral campus. In 2009, the Climate Action Plan was created (on website). Both a social justice and environment issue. Set carbon neutral mission by 2020. This was a lofty goal, but they wanted to decrease carbon emissions. So actual goal became 28% reduction goal for 2020. 50% of gas emissions come from heating. Soon, there won't be fossil fuels used to power heating, reducing emissions. So far the college has seen 19% reduction.
 2. Attempting to get hybrid minivans to be included in the Bowdoin fleet of vehicles in order to reduce emissions.
 3. 25 Eco Reps hired – Bethany Taylor coordinates these students.

4. Waste Reduction: 2016 highest waste reduction – 50%. A third of waste goes to landfill. 42% was recycled – zero sort cycling helped. 8% of waste is composted. Compost out in Brunswick Apartments.
5. Pallet recycling, composting, and reusable containers have been ways that Bowdoin has been reducing waste. Students can help by using reusable containers

ii. Two Projects

1. Green Living Commitment – checklist designed to encourage environmentalist and healthy habits. You go up levels, and can go into raffles to win prizes.
2. International Polar Bear Day – Monday 27th of February. Kick off to 8 weeks of energy savings practices from this date until Green Day. All residence halls participate.

iii. Ben: How do you see your relationship with BSG? Payson: BSG can help provide funding for prizes in energy saving competitions or advertise events that the office is hosting.

iv. Evelyn: What's on the Green Living Commitment checklist? Payne: Examples - "Do you use recycling bin in dorm?" "Do you turn off your lights before going to class?" and then randomly assigned points and after certain points, you go up a level. Some are stretch goals, some challenge people to change habits.

- v. Ian: Would you ever mandate a reduction of meat consumption? Payne:
This has been attempted before and it didn't go well, it made national news. Dining might not want to try again. Dining provides a lot of vegetarian options.
- vi. Payne: Transportation – encourage alternative forms of transportation that can reduce CO2, like ride board.
- vii. Payne: scope 3 emissions is very limited, this isn't being tracked by most colleges. Just tracking what's going on Bowdoin. More staff people are needed to account for scope 3.

VI. Old Business

VII. Reports of Committees

a. Student Affairs—*Benjamin Painter '19*

- i. Ben: Committee has been talking about how social life is moving off campus; this is a matter of inclusivity – off campus parties are inherently exclusive. College House parties then feel less cool and freshman feel excluded. Event to help with this issue: Quinby/Baxter/Ladd best party competition. Many organizations are participating. Groups plan party together, pregame together and make the best party. Social House parties can be fun, inclusive environments. Voting software for which party was the best.

1. Beatrice: why those houses? Ben: wanted to centralize the parties but all college houses are participating.
2. Irfan: reaching out to multicultural groups.

ii. Nate: What's exclusive about off-campus? Ben: the "cooler" parties are off-campus, it tends to be the same group of people who are invited, excluding people from this growing Bowdoin social scene. Reed: while off-campus, consumption of hard alcohol can't be monitored.

b. Student Organizations Oversight Committee—*Kelsey Scarlett '17*

c. Academic Affairs—*Evelyn Sanches Gonzalez '17*

i. Evelyn: Social Hours between professors and students and other staff from 5-7PM in the Pub on Fridays, drinks available to 21+.

d. Facilities & Sustainability—*Caroline Rutan '19*

e. Student Activities Funding Committee—*Irfan Alam '18*

f. Executive Committee—*Harriet Fisher '17 / Reed Fernandez '17*

VIII. Reports of Members

a. Class Councils

b. Multicultural Coalition

c. Inter-House Council

d. Entertainment Board

e. McKeen Center

f. At-Large Representatives

i. Ural: Santoro is happy to be on this panel. She wants BSG to take credit but also be the ones reaching out to professors to participate. Reed: wanted to hear back from McKee center if they wanted to help with the event.

IX. Report of the President

X. Announcements

- a. Ian: Good chance of getting IPTV next year. Computer next to printer for last minute changes. The college has drones that the students can use. There are also rooms that you can use to skype.

XI. Adjournment