

## Meeting of the General Assembly

19 April 2017

Kanbar 107

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
  - a. Missing: Quincy Leech, Tessa Westfall, Henry Bredar, Riley O’Connell, Paloma Tisaire
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Public Comment Time
  - a. Kat: Housing lottery - thought of living Smith House, but didn’t know anything about it. Never been inside upperclassmen housing or knows where they are. Requests pictures online of the inside and outside of upperclass housing for students to know how it looks.
    - i. Carly: I’ll do it.
    - ii. Katie: specifically wants pictures of the inside of the houses
    - iii. Leah: make an open house for upper class housing.
      1. Kat: they did have it, but wasn’t able to make it.
- V. Introduction of Guests
- VI. Old Business
- VII. Reports of Committees
  - a. Student Affairs—*Benjamin Painter ’19*
    1. Ben: Brainstorming initiatives for next year last committee meeting. Kate wants to do event on class with Brunswick

community, but also aware of not putting town or individuals on display.

2. Ben, on next year: restructuring for Diversity VP. How to make a more efficient representative.

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

- i. Kelsey: Re-chartering process, clubs coming in this week - at the latest, two weeks from now.

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

- i. Evelyn: two events - mental health panel in Baxter, nice space. Food 4 Thought with Irfan and Lizzi
- ii. Evelyn: May 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> event (wellness week) - library, dogs, meditation, Ben co-leading with Bernie, pizza, wellness packs.

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

- i. Carly: didn't meet last week, meeting today

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

- i. Irfan: mandatory financial training for clubs, as they are given a lot of money, and at time don't know how to handle that much money

1. Leah: Dean Foster mentioned that the BOC was being led by someone new, is their budget shifting?

- a. Irfan: Part funding from Bowdoin grant, a lot of external money, and SAFC; new leadership won't affect budget.

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

- i. Harriet: thank you notes for people who have helped throughout the year

ii. Harriet: Discussions/Talks on Class

1. Ural: got the feeling that there were a lot of people who wanted to talk about class, but haven't had the opportunity to do so. Bowdoin doesn't do enough to enroll people who come from low socioeconomic backgrounds. Bowdoin doesn't put resources to search out for low income students. More programming for class next year.
2. Harriet: They were two really awesome events

iii. Harriet: there's an event for incoming students 8-9PM Friday that are interested in BSG. Leah and Ural are going.

1. Leah: Chem-free event at Russworm/Howell.

iv. Proposal from Ian and Spencer: Civic Engagement

1. Revision to article one, so that any student can come forward with proposal
  - a. Ben: put a position in BSG that would mediate proposals from students and to help them through the process.
  - b. Harriet: it should be someone's explicit responsibility to help non-BSG students to make a proposal.
  - c. Spencer: things need to be ironed out, just wanting to get people's thoughts on the initial idea. Maybe if we keep it simple at first, and then make amendments after
  - d. Kelsey: have someone to explicitly help someone, to give better insight on BSG logistics so we don't have to reject a

proposal for formatting or things that just would not be feasible at all.

e. Harriet: maybe have trainings in beginning of year to write proposals

f. Spencer: have someone that explicitly helps someone when people with proposals walk in to a meeting.

g. Harriet: fix and vote on it for two weeks.

v. Harriet: no meeting for ivies, then a few meetings, and then turn over power

vi. Harriet: get people to vote.

1. Carly: are we tabling to get people to vote?

a. Reed: I'll do it.

## VIII. Reports of Members

### a. Class Councils

i. 2020: Event this Sunday, BBQ at Cram Alumni House

ii. 2019: Handing out ivies visors this Friday

iii. 2018: More fanny packs, handing them out tomorrow

iv. 2017: senior week, finished handing out senior week

1. Ben: what is senior week?

a. Spencer: Week after finals, before graduation.

### b. Multicultural Coalition

i. Victoria: Freedom Friday went great; it was on exclusivity amongst POC coalition. Today was panda bear tales on Asian masculinity. This Friday,

last Asian Heritage month, slam poet. Elections are coming up for MC Representative.

- c. Inter-House Council
  - d. Athletics Council
    - i. Reed: Polar Bear Nation unofficial, spring semester sports have been doing well, women's rugby has tournament this week. A lot of events in Farley this weekend.
  - e. Entertainment Board
    - i. Maggie: handing out short sleeve and long sleeve Ivies t-shirts.
  - f. McKeen Center
  - g. At-Large Representatives
- IX. Report of the President
- X. Announcements
- XI. Adjournment