

Call to order: 8:10

Daniel Daponte: Hearing regarding the recruitment of Questrom

- Remained vacant for 7 weeks
  - Raised concerns regarding their recruitment process
  - We found areas for improvement for both sides
- Senators are officers of student government
  - “You serve students and students only”
  - It is the role of the senate chair to make sure you guys are accommodate in every way possible

Senate Chair:

- Thank you for your involvement thus far
  - You are all how senate should have been handled in the past
- As a branch we’ve done a decent amount of work, but it hasn’t been enough
  - We’ve passed 6 pieces of legislation
    - It’s not our job for someone else to come up with an idea and for us to put “a rubber stamp on the issue”
    - We need to put forward more “substantive and more substantial things”
- We need to pass resolutions that are “our own work and actually affect the lives of students”
- It’s my job to make sure you have the resources to make yourself comfortable
  - If you don’t know how to start an initiative, then come to our (Chair and Vice-Chair’s) office hours
- You are the voice of students. If you have questions, reach out to senate committees
- Hopefully after today, the legislative goals that are outlined by leadership
- Addressing actual policy issues at the University level
  - We shouldn’t stop focusing on initiatives, but the majority of our work should not be entirely composed of this
- Lack of community within BU; What can we do to change this?
- You’ve all been given a position to bring about positive change on campus
  - What will you do with it?
  - If you can’t dedicate more time than these senate meetings, reconsider your position. Is it better for someone else to have this opportunity?
- We’ll have your back on things

Madam President:

- If you’re looking to table, reach out to Aimee!
- After something is passed in senate, keep working
- Senate letters:
  - This will be sent out to everyone
- Be intentional. Be respectful. Think of those who would have to go out of their way to insert themselves.
  - Think of the way you carry yourself.

8:36: BIG UPDATES:

- 3 initiatives
  - Mental Health Care Day
    - Mental Health has not been getting better since the pandemic. Calling upon insitutions to create 3 mental health care days
  - DEI Training
  - Free Menstrual Product Initiative
    - Currently doing research
    - Other state schools have done this
- Mayoral Forum went great!
- BIG GA bi-weekly via zoom
  - Tomorrow at 8
  - Impeaching Bently

8:41: Questions?

- Newell: There was a menstrual product initiative at BU that was successful. Do you want to see it?
  - A: Yes! BU inspired this work

8:43: Unmod

9:17: End of Unmod

9:18: Presentation by Neha

- Progress Tracker
- Encouraging collaboration
  - If you don't have something to work on, you can find a passion
- Improving project efficiency
  - No 2 groups of people working on the same project
  - Our legacy-- all the things we've worked on and accomplished
- Event, new proposal, etc etc
  - Descriptions/Purpose
  - Looking for
    - Someone with a particular skill set
  - The point person
    - The leader of the project, the person responsible for updating the document
  - Collaborators
  - Answering questions
    - What are you doing? What are your future steps? Road blocks?
  - Current working documents
    - Optional. If you have a drafted proposal

9:24: Time elapses

9:24 Motion to increase time by 6 minutes

- Motion passes

9:25: Continues

- Contact with admin
- A lot of the time, we work on projects other student government members have done
  - Work smarter, not harder
  - Shows that we are a cohesive organization and we know our history
- You can find this in the shared senate drive

9:27: Floor opens to questions

9:28: Kapadia: Is there a plan to make this public to students?

A: If we took out some of the details, we can make it something accessible on the student government website. I can work on this.

9:28: Mayyapan: Does a project need to go through a set of people before being put on the project tracker?

A: No, any ideas can be added. The main idea of it is, even if something is “a seed”, it is a way for people to get involved.

9:29: Majarwitz: Who will monitor this?

A: Neha and the Legislative Leadership.

9:30: Open forum

Kapadia: I talked with a few other senators about an issue in student government: We don't reach out to students other than who we normally do. We're not breaking past the 2500 mark when engaging the student body. If you have any ideas on how to better engage students, please reach out.

Aznavoorian: Lately, tabling has been canceled and this needs to be fixed. This is a great way to reach out to the general student body.

VP: We cancelled tabling for a few separate reasons. 1. Availability wasn't lining up. 2. We don't have enough merch yet, but it is on the way.

For tabling, we would love to have all of you. I will put a link in the slack.

President: The rules with tabling changed. It is 5 tabling events per a “certain period of time”

Aznavoorian: Virtual ID initiative. If you're tech savvy, reach out! BU Bus initiative with terriers united

Ilana Keusch: Leadership Conference to create E-Board slates. We would love to see all of you there! Eventbrite link in the SSC Instagram.

Photonics, 6-8 on November 18

9:41: Motion to adjourn

Passes

9:41: Meeting Ends

