

8:03: Notes from the Chair

- 5 minutes for presenting
- Discussion based instead of discussion based
- All constitutional amendments
 - Send out before the meeting
 - Voted on at the next senate meeting
 - Once a bill is on the floor and the chair sends it out to everyone, to change it, you have to motion to amend
 - Any changes once the bill is sent out must happen via amendment in senate

8:14: President's Address

- Thank you to those who helped with the Blood Drive
- Looking for a Spring Festival Chair
 - If you know someone, reach out to anyone in leadership
- Projects are still being worked on in senate
 - Service days, families programs, etc
 - "More than enough to work on"
- Presenting in senate
 - Share that anyone is more than welcome to come to senate and present
- BU won against Harvard

8:18: Samuels: What is the Spring Festival?

8:18: President: A series of events in April, ending with the Spring Formal.

8:19: Committee Updates

8:19: Mental Health Committee

- Tabling events with wellness kits and collecting data
- Valentine's day event:
 - 11:30-1:30 at the GSU
- Wednesday, Feb 16 at the HTC= Wellness fair
 - Students can meet with a referral coordinator for therapy
- NEDA awareness
- Post it notes in schools for words of encouragement

8:21: Rules

- Constitutional amendments
- Editing the constitution
- Committee by laws

8:21: FEAST

- Survey for spring break, thoughts/concerns for dining
- One week BU in april
 - Merch and prizes for those who do the challenge
- Takeovers on social media

- Meeting with dining

8:22: 16K

- Valentine's day event: partnering with SARP and it's on us
 - Informs us on red flags and it will be in the SARP office
 - Thursday after valentine's day at 6:30
- Women's day event for March
 - Sexual assault prevention on campus
- Survivor's bill of rights

8:23: Expect more

- White paper to send to JAC for student debt research
- Data on international student representation in student government
 - Only 1 response so they're doing it again
- Do more tabling in the GSU

8:24: ROC

- Clothing drive... plans to reach out to more places
 - Newbury center, creative development center, etc
- Student gov compensation update to come
- Goal: student involvement

8:25: Time elapses

8:25: Discussion opens

8:25: Niato: Arson?

MHC: CAS believes that sticky notes are a fire initiative.

8:26: Vice President: Can you give us an explanation as to what you're planning for one week BU?

FEAST: Tabling, one day will be earth day, recipes to see which will be the most popular, essays

8:27: Justice Keusch: will the recipes be different than what else is offered?

FEAST: We're not sure

8:28: Amending Bill 008

- Defining what branch leadership means
- Each branch is equally represented

8:29: Discussion opens

8:29: Niato: What are the implications of such an amendment?

Chief Justice: This bill is treading new ground on the leadership structure of this organization. It is formalizing procedures in the 3 branches meeting (these have been informal). It goes back to earlier issues in student government. The implications are that all of branch leadership is recognized when recognizing issues of policy.

Niato: I want to ask about the part: The 3 branch leaders reserve the right to vote on policy not outlined in this conversation. Does this give them the power to do... whatever they want?

Chief Justice: This is not meant to override the senate. The constitution and the by-laws already give huge responsibility to their respective branches. This wouldn't be us making policy that supersedes acts of the senate.

- Gives example of the allocations board issue over the summer
- "Issues beyond the scope of one particular branch"

8:34: Chair: There is another point that highlights, "secondary to..."

Justice Keusch: It is very limited to what leadership can do without senatorial voting policies.

8:35: Senator Shamsi: If the senate endorses something like the "it's on us" campaign, can the leaders then agree not to put their names on it?

Chief Justice and Justice Keusch: No, there is a distinction between student government endorsement and senate endorsement.

8:36: Noor: The bill mentions Dean B, who we've had trouble with him the past. How will you ensure this?

President: Dean B has to do this as an advisor to this club. Mention issues to us and we will mention it to him.

8:37: Senator Kapadia: What if branch leadership disagrees with senate's endorsement? Will the opinions be contradictory, then?

8:38: Justice Keusch: Yes, and that's the way it needs to be

8:39: Senator Shamsi: If this does not get passed, and student government endorses something, what happens?

Chief Justice: We won't come after you... but that's inaccurate

8:40: Senator Shamsi: is there any formal mechanism to which the executive board does this already?

Chief Justice: Endorsements specifically?

Shamsi: Yes.

Chief Justice: Something is passed by senate, then goes to executive board, and then that is enough to have the endorsement. Judicial has not been involved in this. This would change this in recognition that we are a part of this organization.

8:42: Shamsi: What mechanism would I, as a senator, do to get the entire student government's approval?

Justice Keusch: I don't see a situation where you would need to present to 3 branches.

Michael Ariano: If the senate is able to vote on something, and E-board votes, and judicial doesn't, it needs to be only endorsed by 2?

Chief Justice: No, they're overruled.

8:45: Senator Kapadia: Is there a way that the senate chair can not support the endorsement?

Chief Justice: When he signs off on the bill, that's him saying it was signed legitimately; His role is not to implement his own opinion. He should be voting based on how the senate has instructed him to do.

8:46: Niato: If this amendment would pass, the 3 heads of each branch would approve of it?

Justice Keusch: Any legislation would be handled normally. This is for endorsements.

Chair: It depends on the purview of each body. In the constitution, there are procedures

8:49: Niato: Why do you see a need for this bill?

Peow: This issue has been brought forth by the leaders

8:49: Majarwitz: Who owns our email? Point 2 may be a point of contradiction to this.

Chief Justice: Based on precedent from 2019/2020, the justices ruled that this email is controlled by the executive board and is under their ownership. This supersedes judicial opinion, as it is an amendment to the constitution.

8:51: Meyyappan: What if I want the affirmative approval of a branch?

Chief Justice: If $\frac{2}{3}$ branches support this, it overrules the single branch.

Chief Wong: Because it is going through a legislative process, this almost doesn't apply to that situation.

8:52: Senator Brumfield: What position is the judicial branch in necessarily to—

Chair: I am going to rule that dillatory. You can overrule that if you want.

Senator Brumfield: What action does the judiciary normally take for this outside of this purview?

Chief Justice: this is normally policy issues that transcends the issues of one branch

8:55: Senator Majarwitz: Motion to extend discussion by 3 minutes.

Senator Shamsi: Seconds

Senator Kapadia: Can we amend next week before voting?

Chair: Yes

Passes with 26 votes

Majarwitz: Yields time to Brumfield

Brumfield: Would rules be open to having this 3 branch rule only apply to internal structural matters to forgo any further confusion in regards to what is outlined?

Hernández: That may further complicate matters

Justice Keusch: It says secondary to other things outlined in the constitution, it only applies to internal matters

8:58: Senator Shamsi: If the judiciary is not elected, why do you think they are a co-equal representation of student government?

Hernández: Just because they are not elected does not mean they can't speak

Peow: They are voted on by the senate

Shamsi: Confirmed

8:59: Brumfield: I'd like to clarify that nobody says they are an inferior branch, but that this needs to be more specific and clear

9:00: Vice President: Would the email now be controlled by all 3 branches?

Justice Keusch: There hasn't been a formal decision

Chief Justice: We can talk about this in private... but amendments supersede judicial opinion

9:01: ROC Report

- Being a leader in student government requires a huge time commitment. So, it's not inclusive
- See chart in slides, explains data
- What do other schools do?

- Over 60 schools, 18 schools
- Only 2 do not compensate any of their student government positions
- Possible solutions
 - Housing/meal plan stipends
 - Stipend
 - Tuition Waivers
- Next Steps: Reach out to Dean B

9:05: Yewers: Have you spoken with anyone in admin about this?

Shamsi: Not yet. This is all of the prep going into it.

9:06: Majarwitz: How many of the schools have similar structures to our student government?

Shamsi: Honestly it's all different

Majarwitz: Do you think structure matters?

Shamsi: It does yes. We can have further discussions but one school pays staffers hourly

9:07: Werneck: I worry that people would be drawn for the wrong incentives

Shamsi: I don't see how that would be possible. The rigor of elections and the positions would outweigh this worry

9:09: Justice Donahue: Other schools have a 3 year buffer... do you think this should be done?

Shamsi: The sooner the better

9:09: Balboa: Would the money come from the university or stu gov?

Shamsi: It would never come from student government... it would come from admin

9:10: Brumfield: Would this be for everyone in leadership?

Shamsi: Other universities compensate for a lot of positions. It's hard to compare directly.

9:11: Mayyappan: Would this be applicable to individual college governments?

Shamsi: If it was up to me, I'd do it for all. But this is for overall student government

9:12: Ben Klein: Did you look at, for this schools, which students were low income?

Shamsi: No I didn't but that would be interesting to look at

9:13: Michael Arellano: Cites element of the constitution; This is coming from the university?

Shamsi: We would not be voting on this. But admin can

Arellano: So we would be voting to endorse?

Shamsi: I don't think there's a need to vote here

Chair: Clarification— no bill

9:14: President: Pre-covid, we were able to get housing in Stuvi. It's technically been done, but only for summer.

9:16: Clean Air Act Endorsement

- Response to issues of climate change
- Goal of 100% renewable energy in mass
- Using mass to be a leader in regards to fighting climate change
- Asking for endorsement; institutional legitimacy
- BU has already committed to 100%
- Urgency of bill being in committee: needs to be passed by July
- More than half already sponsor the bill
- 800 BU students have already signed on

9:21: Justice Keusch: Do you know how the bill did last week during joint roll 10?

9:22: Niato: Not sure but we think it will be passed

9:22: Motion to enter voting procedure

Chen: Seconds

9:23: passes with 36 votes

9:24: Niato: Motion to vote

Majarwitz: Seconds

9:24: passes with 36 votes

9:26: Passes with 36 votes in the affirmative

9:26: Majority Party IMPACT Initiative

- Here to present on why DEI is needed as a committee and for feedback
- Sustainability, affordability, and inclusivity
- Allowing students a consistent platform
 - Needs are changing; they can turn to the committee to share their thoughts
- This committee can provide tools for success that people may not know exist
- Roundtable discussions
- Check-In
 - Together department heads gave insight in how to implement IMPACT in their classes
 - Libraries for re-using books
 - Mid-semester evaluations
 - Textbooks
 - An anonymous google form for textbooks

9:31: Shamsi: Motion to extend time by 5 mins

9:32: Motion to extend

9:33: Passes; Resumes

9:33:

- This is not meant to supersede the ROC committee. At what point is representation not enough? And how can we amend this?
- This committee began as a space for “marginalized communities to come together”
- Intersectionality: This is an important issue when talking about DEI
 - We can bring clubs together and speak on these issues
- We have been reaching out to clubs on campus
 - List of clubs who are willing to be a part of this
 - Everyone can come to this roundtable; not just the e-board

9:38: Discussion period

Vice-Chair: How do you plan to work with the D&I Department?

IMPACT: We talked with the department initially and that's how this was established

Shirin: How will you ensure that every group is represented at the roundtable?

IMPACT: Efficiency is the key, and groups can come if they want to

Noor: Is there a list of all of the clubs?

IMPACT: Yes and we can give it to you

Majarwitz: Can you go back to the slides of the groups? I want to ask about the Nuclear Activist Initiative? I've heard from leadership that this wasn't handled properly

IMPACT: We do have future meetings but we want to apologize

9:43: Kapadia: Motion to amend speaking time to a minute

Noor: Seconds

9:44: Passes with 35 votes

9:44: Senator Kapadia: I am glad to see the Majority Party working on this. However, aesthetics cannot supersede action. This can hinder the efficiency of the committee.

9:46: Justice Wong: How are you going to offer a space for everyone when that innately hinders some ability to join?

IMPACT: These options give clubs the ability to come if they wish. This is for networking. If a group feels they do not have the representation they have, joining this committee is something to meet, collaborate, and learn about each other from

9:47: Balboa: Is this open just to students in these clubs?

IMPACT: No, and we will be working with other centers

9:49: shamsi: Are religions included?

IMPACT: Yes, we are reaching out to them. Any group that is oppressed is welcome to join

9:49: Kapadia: I'd like to finish my point— I feel like this will hinder DEI.

IMPACT: Combining these points will not hinder; it will do the opposite. They (class, gender, race, etc) all play into each other.

9:51: Majarwitz: How will you commit to meeting consistently on this issue? What are the next steps to achieve this and hold you all accountable?

IMPACT: We came to you as an update so we can get an update. This committee will be a reflection on all of us.

9:52: Kapadia: Motions for a 5 minute extension

Brumfield: Seconds

9:53: Kapadia: Did you hear individual issues from these groups? How will you bring this to senate?

IMPACT: Gives a specific example with a Bangladesh group; Outreach

9:55: Shamsi: Couldn't they just reach out to com in student gov?

IMPACT: We will hold ourselves accountable to reach out to these clubs each semester. Also, the implementation of these clubs is a part of the bill, too

IMPACT: This is a space to amplify the voice of smaller clubs

9:56: Kapadia: How do you plan to accommodate the specific community needs of all of these organizations?

IMPACT: We would want to talk to the clubs specifically about this. This question may be better answered when we know their needs better. We are always open to suggestions

9:59: Open forum

Vice President: Suggestions tab in stugov instagram– make suggestions before monday

Niato: Julia overtaking Michael

Chair: Introduces Chief of Staff, Deep

Majarwitz: Motion to adjourn

Noor: seconds

10:02: Passes with 32 votes

10:03: Meeting Adjourns