

Meeting Start: 8:15

- 8:18: Roll Call
- President's Address:
 - Cinema at Central this Saturday, BU Central, 6 pm
 - Town Hall on Student Health Services -- two weeks from now, social media post to come

8:22: Presentation on SR 006

- Union worker unable to come
- Is to support the local SEIU 509
 - Represents all salary workers at BU
 - BU has not honored certain aspects of the current contract
 - Some demands:
 - 1. Meaningful job security
 - 2. Tools
 - 3. More equitable campus
 - Automatic renewal after 10 yrs of service unless there is demonstrated issue
 - They are paid 56% less than what a full time BU professor teaches, even though they teach more
- "This is our fight too"
 - Professors have to borrow students' laptops to do their presentations in class
 - This is a student issue
 - Professors being able to decide if they can record their lectures
 - In direct alignment with the interests of the learners supporter act
- We can release an open letter, distribute our own petition, social media initiatives
- The full list of demands are in the resolution itself
 - "It's important as BU senators that we don't look at just our constituents, but at our BU community as well. This includes lecturers"

8:28: Q&A

Rahmani and Brumfield

Shamsi: Who is doing the open letter?

A: An open letter would include me, Vivian, Hessann, etc. A social media campaign would be on the BU student government page with infographics approved by the union

Kapadia: What is the most concrete step that is going to be taken once this is likely passed? Will Stugov have a seat in future meetings with the union? Will we have an active decision making process?

A: We want this to be geared towards the lecturers' interests. We will release an open letter within the passage of this resolution. I find it easy to see continued action with them.

Balboa: How will you improve job security?

A: Renewing appointments automatically after 10 yrs. I wouldn't say that we as student government necessarily have the power to impact those negotiations. We can amplify the demands though

Mayyapan: Will this cause any economic slowdown? What authority do we have to ask this?

A: This has all come from the union. It presents a significant disadvantage for all of these people. Despite this being a common practice, this does not make it fair.

8:33: Q&A elapses

Motion to extend Q&A by 2 minutes

8:35: 40 votes in the affirmative; Q&A is extended by 2 minutes

(same questions as above)

A: Despite this being a common practice, this does not make it fair.

8:36: Motion to enter voting procedure

8:37: Passes with 42 votes

8:37: Motion to vote

8:38: Passes with 39 votes

8:38: Vote on SR 006

8:39: Passes with 38 votes

8:40: Motion to postpone BIG updates

8:41: Passes with 38 votes

8:43 Amendmending Resolution 004

- Changes
 - Definition of Constituency: all undergraduate students belonging to college or party
 - Single branch membership
 - Concerning the filling of senate seats

8:45 Q & A

Nieto: how does the definition of constituents apply to at large parties

- Party platform

8:46 End of Q & A

8:46 Motion to Move into Voting Procedure

- 40 votes in the affirmative (passes)

8:47 Motion to Vote

- 40 votes in the affirmative (passes)

8:48 Voting on Amending Resolution 004

- 39 votes in the affirmative (passes)

8:49 Amending Resolution 005

- Last year the constitution was consolidated
- Problem: structure of legislative branch in Article I needs to be updated and clarified
- For long term success for Legislative Branch
- Changes based on past experience and from other people
- Changes:
 - Article I defines structure of senate and how seats are allocated
 - Senate will largely look the same and is not drastically different
 - Each college will have 2 seats
 - Ensures each college is represented well
 - Seats based on census every 5 years
 - 1 senator for 300 students (due to stabilizing trend)
 - 45 senate seats
 - Overall structure reflects Executive Branch (follows similar layout)

8:54 Q & A

Shamsi: How are the remaining seats going to be divided after the allocated seats?

- Proportional representation (percentage)
- Similar to what it is now
- Ensures every college has representation that students can handle as well as proportional representation
- Chair can have emergency census if needed
 - First census would be done over winter break

Aznavorian: When would these changes take effect?

- Next year

Balboa: Why do you think senate needs to be restructured?

- Alleviate burden for senators of smaller colleges
- Population of BU has been stabilize so it is important to define the senate structure

8:59 Q & A ends

8:59 Motion to enter voting procedure

- Passes

9:00 Motion to vote on Amending Bill 005

- 36 votes in the affirmative (passes)

9:00 Voting on Amending Bill 005

- 39 votes in the affirmative (passes)

9:01 Majority Party Collab with BU "Q"

- Invite senators to work with Majority Party
- Majority Party Initiatives
 - Sustainability
 - Creating long lasting change for the LGBTQ+ community on campus
 - Affordability
 - Working with “Q”
 - Inclusivity
 - Working with “Q”
- BU created a task force to work on issues to support LGBTQ+ community on campus
 - That reported focused on faculty and staff because they believed that another group focused on students
 - QR code for resources for students put together by “Q”
- Recommendations
 - Rename Silber Way and Yawkey Center for Student Services
 - LGBTQIA+ center staffed with professionals for all of the BU community
 - Expand gender-affirming health care coverage
- BU “Q” Survey Responses
 - Issues with Gender Affirming products affects people of all class years

9:07 Motion to extend presentation by 5 minutes

- Passes

9:08 Continuing Presentation for Majority Party Collab with BU “Q”

- BU “Q” Survey Responses
 - BU “Q” had no funding to support initiative to get products people want
 - Main barrier of getting products is financial struggles
- BU “Q” Initiatives
 - Provision of gender affirming products
 - Particularity for trans and gender nonconforming products who have financial struggles
 - Research has shown this can help save lives
 - Creating more accessible gender-neutral housing
 - Barriers:
 - first year students cannot access it---have to speak to housing and out themselves
 - Housing staff goes through no gender inclusivity training
 - No priority given to people who need to access it for housing
 - System only notes people’s legal sex
 - LGBTQ+ student center
- “Q” told that it is not sustainable for them to disseminate these products because of high turnover rate
 - “Q” puts in work they should not have to
 - Burden on students
 - 15+ hours a week

9:13 Q & A

Shamsi: Can you talk more about the names of Silber Way and Yawkey?

- Silber is previous president of BU and was not tolerant and was oppressive
 - Same with Yawkey
- Silber is the reason why we don't have a LGBTQ+ center
 - Banned all LGBTQ+ clubs

Balboa: What is the provision of the gender affirming products going to be?

- Anonymous and free
- Similar to Condom fairy
- Prioritize privacy and comfort

Majarwitz: Diversity and Inclusion has grants. Have you considered it?

- Applied for BUILD lab grant
- Did not apply because amount was not enough

Senate Chair: Has "Q" reached out to DOS and what was the pushback?

- We have worked with DOS
- Not super positive responses
 - Said it was favoritism to disseminate products

9:19 Motion to extend Q & A by 5 minutes

- Passes

9:20 Continuing Q & A on Majority Party Collab with "Q"

9:22 End of Q & A

9:22 International Student Vaccines

- Internal students facing unfair policies regarding COVID vaccine
 - If you do not have WHO or FDA approved vaccines, you must still quarantine
- Found out CVS in west campus or Healthway vaccine clinic were not offering international students WHO or FDA approved vaccines
- Government policy you can still get FDA or WHO vaccine 28 days after original vaccine
- Director has started communication with CVS and Healthway
 - CVS is not giving second vaccine dose
- After November 1, if students are still receiving pushback, reach out to senators

9:26 Q & A

Aznavoorian: What are the next steps if there is push back?

- Federal government requires it
- Were able to get in contact with Director of CVS in MA to make sure most if not all CVS pharmacies give international students vaccines
- Report back to the director if there are students still experiencing issues

Aznavoorian: Can BU set up a special clinic for international students?

- CVS is giving almost all of the vaccines
- Expect More can look into if they are doing a clinic for the winter

Kapadia: Are you planning on giving this information out to international students

- Posted it on BU Student Government instagram

- Report to various student organizations representing international students

Kapadia: Would you be open to getting a mass message sent out through Patient Connect or Healthway?

- Can talk to the director of Healthway

9:31 End of Q & A

9:32 Open Forum

- How do we feel about letters?
- Please fill out retreat form
- Please speak to Vice Chair with courtesy and respect
- This week is Anita's Body Acceptance Week
 - Stop by Wednesday in the Stu Gov office to pick up wellness kits and more
- Cinema @ Central is 11/6
- SARP is doing a take back the night event on 11/5
 - March from west campus to Marsh
 - There will be a speaker
- Fill out senator Shamsi's survey
 - In slack and email

9:34 Motion to Adjourn

- Passes