

8:08: Call to order

8:09: Senator Mid Semester Check in

- Leadership Leads the room
- Senator

8:24: Resume

8:26: President's Address

- Social Advocacy Director
 - City Affairs Director
- New applications opening

Student Health Services This Wednesday, 5 pm Photonics Room 211

Wellbeing challenge

BUILD Lab 6-7:30 PM this Thursday

Balboa: How long do cabinet positions stay in place for?

A: Generally, a year.

Alessandro (Rules): When will chosen candidates start serving their duties?

A: Transition this semester, but as quick as possible

Follow Up: Where do we find the form to forward to people?

A: It will be on the instagram tomorrow

8:30: Committee Updates

16,000 Strong:

- FRIES: Event was successful
 - Talked to over 200 students on November 1
- Survivor Bill of Rights
 - Came out of the UMass Amherst Student Government Senate
 - Timelines
 - Guaranteed timelines by BU
 - Guarantees cases are actually closed, as they've been pushed beyond graduates
 - No Ws on transcripts
 - No scholarships at risk
- We would love to have senators come
 - Thursday Nights at 7:30, School of Theology

ROC:

- Meetings on Thursdays 7:45, School of Theology
- Students on hiring committees
 - Working with Wheelock, meeting scheduled with Dean Holt

- Disparity in advising within CAS specifically
 - Brought up with Dean Jarvi, aware of the issue
 - Hiring more advisors
 - Follow up to come
- Formal Clothing Drive
 - Formal clothing can be an issue for low income students
 - Will be discussed for the following semester
 - Work to make it more inclusive
 - Senators, bring your formal clothes that you'd like to get rid on Monday, the 29
- Student Compensation
 - Adele did all of the data
 - Data all available [on the slides](#)

Rules:

- 4 Updates to the senate bylaws
 - Going to present one on November 29
 - We have implemented a section for resignations, removals, and vacancies
 - Defined what it means to faithfully represent your constituents
 - We've described each senate committee's responsibilities
- We would appreciate senators joining our committees

Feast:

- Monthly meetings with senators
 - Relay ideas
- We would love more senators to come to meetings
- Release feedback surveys for the students
- Increasing transparency in the dining hall in options

Expect More:

- Unfair treatment with non-WHO approved vaccines
 - Reached out to Healthway
 - Reached out to CVS
 - Now, international students are able to get vaccines!
- BUS Stop initiatives
- National Student Debt Paper

Mental Health Committee:

- LGBTQ Wellness Fair
 - BU Not having an official LGBTQ resources
 - No centralized website
 - November 17, This wednesday
 - 17 LGBTQ+ organizations tabling
 - Mental health, sexual health, resources, wellness resources for trans people and queer people of color
 - Built your own self care station

- Therapists
- Giving away free gender affirming products
 - To low income students

8:45: Time elapses

8:45: Motion to extend time by 10 min

8:46: Motion passes

8:46: Resumes

- Allies welcome
 - Learn about resources and learn how to be more visible
- Proactive resources
 - Meditation, Yoga
 - Partnered with a local yoga studio
 - Opening more studios, looking to give students discounts
 - Planning to continue dialogue and put together a team to advertise this to students
 - QR code for Down Under University Ambassadors
 - 1-2 Saturdays in Jan/Feb. Walk around and do advertising stuff
 - Social Media and Marketing Team, post on your social media
 - Month of free yoga in return
- Data Report
 - Data done by Hope
 - Data available on [the slides](#)
 - Planning to send to admin with a list of recommendations
 - Over 1,500+ responses
 - 60% are negative; 21% are positive; 14% have both; 5% are neutral
- 2 more events:
 - Monday, December 6 11-1 pm Compliments on Campus
 - You Before School
 - Collecting data, hot chocolate event
- Initiative Update
 - The Trigger Warning/Content Warning Document
 - Meeting with assistant director of mental health promotion
 - Reorienting to: Trauma Informed Teaching Approached
 - Aware of the effects of trauma on both the mind and the body
 - Defensive teaching strategy
 - Currently working on a “crash course guide” to send to teachers
 - Shifted focus to the Trauma Informed Teaching Document

8:54: Floor opens to 3 min Q&A

Vice President: For ROC, what is the sample size you got?

A: 58-60

- Unmod for 5 seconds (Striked from Agenda)

8:56: Grow Your Future Presentation

- Presenters had an assignment to create a work of art
 - Using "every effort to make it a reality"
- 5,000 Square Feet
- The piece promotes sustainable architecture
 - Motivate to sustainable action in their everyday lives
- The potential for students here should not be overlooked in the fight for climate change
- Message to reach current and prospective students
 - Sight is across from the admissions center, right where students tour
- Sense of vibrancy
- Contemporary and forward thinking mindset: sculpture
- Work will work to unite us in recovering from the pandemic
- Materials:
 - Synthetic grass used of recycled materials
 - Paint
- Other aspects not yet included, waiting for the facilities to "approve the project"
 - Price of \$5,500-\$6,500
- We got \$500 for the project from a contest, and we have applied for many other grants
 - Many other places the presenters still plan to apply to
- We've done a lot of research through surveys, meetings, sponsorships, interviews
- Official sponsorship of environmental organizations
- From Senate:
 - Presenters will come back
 - Would love StuGov support
 - StuGov is "crucial"
 - Looking for funding
 - There is always additional costs that come
 - This is where senate would come in

9:05: Floor opens to any questions

Senator Majarwitz: Will there be more of an effort to plant more on campus alongside this? I see more art than sustainability right now.

A: The point of the project is to motivate more action. This is "just a piece of art".

Chief of Staff to the President: Is it just paint? Or are you making it out of viney plants?

A: It's made out of turf (sustainable) and paint.

Senator Balboa: What do the facilities costs entail?

A: It could vary by thousands. Initially, they told us it would be a few thousand. Then, zero. We will have a more precise idea of this when facilities review this and get the cost down.

Senator Aznavoorian: Do you know how much money you'll need from Student Government?

A: Anything would be great, but \$1,000-\$2,000. Our grants are not for sure just yet.

9:10: Question period has expired

9:10: Brumfield: Motion to extend q&a by 5 min

9:11: Passes

Resumes

Senator Brumfield: This is an interesting idea. And I get the artistic interpretation and reintroduce this on campus. But my primary concern: How do we avoid the administration personally "co-opting" the intent of this project?

A: We had about 20 direct interviews. Some had great ideas relating to the subject. We can't know what people will say, but we also have a second sight design if this plan does not work. It's a different sight by the Booth Theatre. We have lower cost options, back up plans, and every month we are talking to more people.

Deputy Chief Justice: This is so cool. Do you know how long the turf is going to last, and who will manage upkeep?

A: The turf company feels pretty good about this. They have no doubt that they can do it and that it will last. I would say that we don't know beyond 10 years. Turf has a quality of "existing and not changing"

Senator Aznavoorian: Is there a way to lower the cost? What about using actual grass?

9:17: Time elapses

9:17: Senator Aznavoorian: Motion to extend by 1 min

9:17: Motion passes

9:17: Resumes

A: In the winter, there are no more green plants. High cost of a water system. It is also much more difficult to maintain. Our goal was beyond just sustainability, if you want to add real plants, there are much better places to do so.

9:19: Budget Updates

- Tracking expenses and purchase requests
- Many graphs
- See the data in [the slides](#)
- Exact breakdown of transactions per department and organization
 - Events spent the most amount
- Everything sent to everyone
- We have a lot of money that we are not using

- It will go to savings, but we prefer to use it!
- Transactions must go through Shahaf or Shashi
- Try to use the money as much as possible
- Transaction breakdown
- Issues in the past
 - SAO; Every purchase request goes through them
 - They've been declining a lot of purchase requests... they are very picky
 - We are working to resolve this
 - When it is declined, we have to resubmit
 - Purchase request template
 - Mimics the structure of ENGAGE
 - Spending remainings
 - We have \$24,000 remaining

9:25: q&a period opens

9:25: closes

9:25: Virtual ID Initiative

- Why do we need it?
 - Convenience
 - More sanitary
 - Touching points when swiping an ID
 - Eliminates the issue of losing your ID
 - Don't need to bring your wallet everywhere
 - Fiscally
 - \$40 for 1 replacement, \$50 after
 - No fee waiver
- A lot of other top institutions have this already
 - Over 100+ already have it
 - MIT has one software for Charlie Cards, COVID tests, Student IDS
- Explains an example of how it would operate
- Makes it easier to reload dining points, convenience points
- Add debit card to the app
- Current Status:
 - Originally proposed by students in previous years
 - Hoping to restart this initiative
 - We've reached out to the terrier card office for a meeting and a demo
- Software company: BU is already a client
- Purpose of the presentation is to receive feedback
 - Creating a thorough presentation

9:31: q&a period

Balboa: What happens if your phone dies?

A: Same protocol as your green badge.

Q: Is this mandatory?

(Ruled dillatory)

Majarwitz: Is this the same database BU is already working with?

A: Yes

Astimbay: Do we have the proper name of the students on their IDs?

(Rules dillatory)

Shamsi: Is the MIT Charlie Card on the same app as their IDs?

A: Yes

Kapadia: A potential issue: All of the swipe-in entrances on Bay State are manual swipes.

Would this virtual ID encompass these, or would they just be large residences?

A: We would aim it at major points of contact first (these are prioritized) like dining halls, the gym, etc. It would take years to fully implement.

Majarwitz: When will you present the resolution?

A: It's gonna be based on the Terrier Card Office. Our resolution will be dependent on what they say, so it may be in a few weeks, or next semester.

9:35: Google G Suite Update

- Resolution from last year
- Umbrella for a lot of google services provided by BU
- Prices increased from zero to a lot
- BU could have switched to a competitor, but this would have been very difficult
 - Teaching faculty is difficult
 - Potential costs
 - A lot of data loss
- There was an important role here for students stepped in
 - We passed a resolution in the senate in April
 - Thanks to this, we were successful
- BU negotiated down from \$900,000 to \$170,000
- We're very proud of this!

9:39: Floor opens to questions

Segaleman: How much of that data is being used by the university?

A: All of it.

Brumfield: How was there that much of a drop? What method of negotiation was used?

A: There's a middle man and intermediate company used for negotiation. The sheer volume of institutions and the economic/social power was enough to organize and push google to this effect.

Majarwitz: In your response to Chair Segalman...
(Dillatory.)

How can this be stopped in the future?

A: We hope students in the future will learn from this and repeat if necessary.

Shamsi: Do we expect this to be a problem? Do we know what the price increase might be?

A: Yeah. We have accomplished a win for right now. It will depend on enrollment. We can look into it when it comes around.

Segalman: Is there any move to take graduated students off of the cloud?

A: I'm not aware of any, but I can ask.

9:44: Time elapses

9:45: Fall 2021 SEC Updates

- This friday is our first event of the year: 6-8, Photonics: Leadership Conference
 - Intended for networking in regards to elections
 - EventBright
 - Opt In= You will be introduced to people who thing similar to you
 - Networking portion done for you
- Intent to run: November 29-Feb 6
 - Planning to run for an exec board slate or at large parties? Fill this out
- January/feb: Information Sessions targeted at intent form
 - Bylaws
 - Processes needed to complete
 - Meet and Greets
 - March 1-March 4
 - Town Hall
 - March 16
 - Voting Period: March 28-March 31
 - Unified Ballot with the College Government
 - Increase overall voter turnout!
 - Senators interested? Reach out to us!
 - Senate Elections will also happen in the Spring
 - Your role to participate and increase turnout is so important
 - QR Code to scan for the eventbrite link to the leadership conference

9:51: q&a period

President: Current E-Board can be used as a resource! Come to open hours

9:52: Open Forum

- No senate meeting next week
- Leadership will not be working over Thanksgiving
- Dress Code: Gentle Reminder

Majorwitz: Come to the LGBTQ+ Wellness Fair

Senate chair stalls.

9:55: Brumfield: Motion to Adjourn

9:55: Motion Passes

9:56: Meeting is adjourned.