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Chair Dworkin: Here is our agenda for the day. We are going to start with the president's address.

President Kapadia: Hi everyone, I am back. A few quick updates from our branch. I want to shout out Alex for his work with the Grad Union. We talked about how undergraduate students could help engage with the Graduate Student union. We are also working with a clothing drive across all the major residence halls. We encourage all of you guys to donate clothing. The city affairs drive is collecting hygiene products for a project that works with an organization from Brighton.

Since President Brown is stepping down, there have been 2 search committees that have been proposed that are going to work to find a replacement for the DOS and the presidency. To compensate for the lack of undergraduate representations, we are moving forward by sharing an open letter on what traits we would like to see as students for these specific positions. I think Hanna just sent out an email that provided a link to the open letter. Ultimately these are administrative positions that are very important as they are going to impact the lives of your student experience and the experience of future students.

Senator Shamsi: Is the clothing swap different from the Clothing exchange?

PK: The ultimate goal would be to have a thrift store run during winter weeks of welcome.

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Chair Dworkin: We are going to do an Unmoderated Caucus. Does anyone know what this is?

Senator Shamsi: A time to network with other senators to collaborate with each other to talk about initiatives. Let's use this time wisely! Also, like Dhruv said, can everyone pull out the recent email. One of the things you can do during this time is read the open letter. If you scroll down on the section, you can put your name on the document if you support what we wrote. Does anyone have any questions about what it means to be a co-sponsor.

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You guys have 20 minutes.

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Chair Dworkin: Did you guys find benefit in this?
First up we have a funding request from ROC.

Senator Shamsi: Hi, ROC is asking for funding for table-ing merch.

Chair Dworkin: Please read SR008 to understand what we are voting on.

Senator Zeda: Could you remind the senate what ROC is.

Senator Shamsi: ROC works with expanding representation with communities who are poorly reflected in different elements of the University such as BU native american enrollment or BU Student Government international student participation.

Senator Marrouche: Will you give out the beanies?

Senator Shamsi: Yes but only to people who adequately address the prompts.

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Senator Marrouche: Motion to move into voting procedure. → Passes

Senator Zeda: motion to vote on the bill → Passes

Vote on SR 008 → passed

Senator Perkins: SR009 amends the constitution to ensure that the president acts on legislation passed by the senate. The President can keep a bill on the desk and never respond to it. The resolution would ensure that the President acts on any legislation that is brought forward.

Chair Dworkin: I am giving you guys 2 minutes to read the bill and I expect some good questions!

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Chair Dworkin: We will now begin a 5 minute questions period

Senator: What would the timeline be?

Senator Perkins: The President would have 2 weeks to respond unless asked in the presidential address to add time to the consideration period.

Senator Marrouche: Would this be to prevent laziness?

Senator Perkins: In a way yes.

Senator Carvazos: Is there a set reason for an extension?

Senator Perkins: It's to the discretion of the senate.

Senator Blumfield: What if the president cannot appear to the senate on that day.

Senator Perkins: I don't know if that would be a responsibility of the Vice President.

SEC Co-Chair Confirmation

Tony Zhang: I am a first year at CAS. I have previously done election related work. I have worked in various campaigns so I have experiences with organizing political movements and events.

Chair Dworkin: Awesome, so I give 5 minutes of question time.

Senator Perkins: What level of transparency will the senate have to your operations. By that I mean, how do we know if you will be operating with transparency.

Tony Zhang: We work with the Judicial Branch particularly. I would say that the precedent of integrity falls in the position of the chief justice.

Kwak: If you think there is an issue with impartiality, you can submit a complaint to the Judicial Branch and then we will overlook that particular concern.

Chief Justice Keusch: We chose our people very carefully!

Senate Mayappan: The question in my understanding is about transparency into understanding what is happening inside of the Judicial Branch. So what is the content we are being given as senators?

Tony Zhang: I don't think there is a current framework on how to relate to the senate given documents from previous years.

Kwak: there is no requirement in our by-laws that we have direct communication with the Senate.

Chair Dworkin: Are there any motions on the floor?

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Senator Shamsi: Motion to enter voting procedure. → Passed

Senator Perkins: Motion to vote on the confirmation of Tony Zhang → Passed

Tony Zhang → Passes!!

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Chair Dworkin: Next up is a funding request from SRF.

SRF Presentation: SRF is a club that promotes sexual health and advocates for reproductive justice. Last semester we were able to add a plan-b vending machine in GSU and supply over 500 doses of Plan-B. We want to expand the products we offer in them. We want to add nightcaps that act as a drink cover. We are requesting \$2,000 to buy these night-caps. Every purchase would fund a new generation of night-caps so it would become a self-funding project.

Chair Dworkin: I want to make sure you are aware that this would be a considerable chunk from our general senate leisure. Let's start a 5 minute question period.

Senator Marrouche: How is this helpful?

SRF: This prevents people from being spiked. Fraternities have issues with this. It looks like a scrunchie but it acts as a protector against spiking.

Senator DiMaggio: Where did you get that number, 333 from?

SRF: This product will expire so we can keep it in the machine for a prolonged period of time.

Senator Luquez: Do we know if the spacing problem with pre-made drinks or when the drink is in hand.

SRF: My understanding is that it happens when the drink is in hand.

Senator Marrouche: If the min is 250, how expensive would that be?

SRF: It would still be around the 2,000 mark

Senator Kulda: Some frats have been providing these at parties? Have you talked to some frats that are providing these specific night caps?

SRF: I don't know but I know that there is a conflict of interest between Frats and the perpetrators of spiking.

Senator Perkins: Motion to extend by 5 minutes.

Motion passes!

Senator Perkins: I agree with the need for this product but a third of the budget seems like alot. Is there a different way to execute the same outreach but in a more cost effective way?

SRF: It seems like a lot but this product is very important. This is the best way to do it. We have been applying to other grants to co-sponsor other initiatives!

Senator Sullivan: I am experienced in this area. There are alot of courses offered by the school and especially with the increase in the spiking incidents. None of the posts have been effective. I do not like the commentary that it is not all frats, but the point is not about frats it's about safety.

Senator Jackson: This has been all over Boston. I think that this is clearly addressing a problem and I suggest taking into account its impact rather than price.

Senator Dash: These have been working across the board. My question is based on the marketing strategy.

SRF: We have a big social media presence so we will probably use that as a platform. We would love to do a launch party.

Senator Sullivan: Motion to extend by 10 minutes. → passes

Senator Depante: I think these are great ideas. Will these all be in one place or across campus?

SRF: We would love to expand across campus but currently we think that GSU is a very central location.

Senator DiMaggio: So are you selling exactly at cost?

SRF: Yes and we would love to keep it at cost for students.

Senator Marrouche: I worry that on weekends students may not have access to it.

SRF: There is no closing time for GSU. But right now the main goal is to get this money. We have seen the machine style to be effective right now.

Chief Justice Keusch: These are reusable products that will last as a protective measure.

SRF: they are reusable and machine washable.

Senator Perkins: Will there be data on how many are sold each month.

SRF: We do keep track of what is sold. We can share with you data from our machines!

Senator Larsen-Molina: Would you wait for the entire order to be sold out to reorder the purchase or then avoid the overlap.

SRF: We could use the external funding to avoid the overlap time between two orders.

Senator Cavazos: I don't see a reason why we shouldn't give them money. There shouldn't be a price on our safety!

Chair Dworkin: Any final questions?
Any motions on the floor?

Senator Perkins: Enter Voting procedure

Senator Kulda: Second

Chair Dworkin: Vote, vote, vote.

Senator Zeda: Motion to vote on SR10

Many: Second

[Vote Passes]

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Chair Dworkin: We have the final bill of the night!

Senator Shamsi: Next slide.

Why rename?

Let's start with a history lesson! Myles Standish was the first military leader of the Plymouth colony. He did a lot of bad things. He heard a rumor that the native Americans attacked a nearby group of colonizers, despite the colony being intact and no visible damage to anyone. He initiated a peace talk where Myles Standish killed the natives. He placed the heads of the indigenous people before the gates of the Plymouth colony.

Our solution to this issue would be to send an open letter to the board of trustees to remove all references of Myles Standish Hall, and rename the building in honor of the victim of Myles Standish. Finally we would want to make an effort to amend relations to indigenous populations in MA. We would want to have your endorsement, but we are also trying to have as many clubs and organizations to support these initiatives. Please sign this on behalf of an E-Board that you may sit on to support these missions. Please pester your friends to support this.

Yea.

Chair Dworkin: I will be giving you a quick moment to pull up the open letter.

Senator Perkins: How long do organizations have to support the initiatives?

Senator Shamsi: We will launch this on November 28th, but we would prefer to have organizations sign by November 18th.

Senator Fajutrao: So the trustees already know that the name must be changed, but there are issues since it was gifted to us. Do you know the legal battle we would face?

Senator Shamsi: Not all the board of trustees were aware of this issue. Based on the letter that President Brown received, it seemed that President Brown had the authority to change the name of the building as the name was not limited by a donation.

Chair Dworkin: Seeing no additional questions we will move forward.

Senator DiMaggio: Motion to enter voting producer. → passed
Many: Second

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Senator Kjoller: Motion to vote on SR11 → passed
Many: Second

[Vote passes]

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Chair Dworkin: We are now in Open Forum

Senator Perkins: We are petitioning for the use of the front door of our building. All of our students have to use an alleyway and it's not good. We have a petition going right now that has over 500 responses. Please scan the QR code if you want to support it.

Senator James: We have the signs up at the bus stops now!

Chair Dworkin: Anything else?

Senator Jackson: Please email me!

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Senator DiMaggio: Motion to adjourn.
Many: Second

[Passed]