

Meeting start: 8:13

Senate Chair:

- Calendly with 1:1
- Keeping up with attendance

Shamsi: Point of Order: Why is Amending 006 stricken?

Chair: Judicial discretion

8:17: President's Address

- Thanking Savannah for the feedback
  - Where we can improve
  - We always want feedback
- Study rooms for the study period
  - Reach out to Navya about peer counseling
    - Ideas on how people should be trained, how it should run, etc
- Town Hall this Thursday from 5-8
- Sustainability app challenge
  - Ends Saturday
- Have a good winter break and take time to relax!

8:22: Senator Majarwitz with the feedback survey

- More focused on improvements
- Inclusion, approachability
- What does the senate do? What are our goals?
- Outreach to students
- Clarification on roles (Especially the executive branch)

8:25: Chief Justice Daponte:

- We will reintroduce ourselves next semester
- You will hear more from JAC
- Utilization of them by senators
- Don't worry too much about formalities, you can always reach out. Prioritize communication

8:26: Q&A Period

Shamsi: What will the newsletter look like?

Chair: I will explain in open forum.

8:27: Floor closes

8:27: BIG Updates

- DEI created a survey to gauge how well BIG is doing with this
- Governmental affairs
  - Divide between policy analyst work and civic engagement work

- Bentley University is removed
- Do you know anyone from NEC? If so, reach out
- Connected with BIG founder, alumni of BU
- If anyone wants to join BIG, let them know

8:29: Q&A Period

8:30: Floor closes

8:30: Cabinet Updates

Director of Academic Affairs

- Questions about HUB? Student link redesign?
- Initiatives:
  - Peer mentorship initiative
  - Self Help Videos
  - Transferring between colleges; Advising for these individuals

Director of City Affairs

- Mayoral Forum
- Initiatives:
  - Allston Crawl
  - College Combos
  - Anna is studying abroad :(

Communications

- Bio submissions and uploading letters
  - Emails will be send out, stay up to date with this
- Social Media Output
  - Takeovers are very successful
  - We want to incorporate staffers and senators in takeovers
  - Week at a glance
  - Tiktoks for Student Government

- Bulletin Redesign

Environmental Affairs

- Mass House Resolution Bill
  - Sunrise Movement
  - Dep is going to help out
- Sustainability App
- Recycling and Composting initiative
  - Moving forward to talk with admin

Events

- People said they wanted to be more involved with events
  - Come to events!
- Cinema at Central
- Winter formal
- Pictures!

Angela

- Spring recruitment

- What senate committees are needing people?
- Reach out to your members, ask if they are continuing
- 2 info sessions
  - 1 in person, 1 via zoom
- Open to any feedback
- Registered for Splash 2.0 and merch
- GSU Tabling every other week going forwards
  - Approx 3 hrs
- Participating in diversity events for recruitment
  - Interest rather than members
  - Grad students mainly

#### Social Advocacy

- Bean Pot blood drive
- Food pantry
  - Re-branding!
- CRPC
- African Diaspora Night
- Improving SHS
  - Town halls
- Immigrants and Undocumented Dreamers; Seeking to get the word out there about this Spring Concert
- We are not bringing a headliner to the spring concert
- Student performers
- BU Beach for daytime event
- House of Blues for nighttime event
- Asking clubs to throw events to increase school spirit

#### 8:45: Q&A Period

Shamsi: Can ROC be added to the graphic online?

Com: Yes. Can you send me a blurb?

Shamsi: There is a blurb already.

Com: Do you want to edit?

Shamsi: Not as of now.

Com: I will follow up on this

Majarwitz: Can you add the agenda to the instagram for our senate meetings?

Com: At the very least, this will be a consistent thing next semester.

Majarwitz: Has SAO made a commitment to help with the spring concert?

Concert chair: No, not yet.

Majarwitz: If you need any support for the SHS stuff reach out to MHC

Advocacy chair: Thank you

Wheat: Will the student performances be paid gigs?

Concert chair: No, not as of now

Aznavoorian: Is there a way to have a virtual suggestion box for the social and outreach side of things?

Com: Yes, absolutely. It feels "kind of impersonal and intimidating". We are going to work to rep student government. That's an issue we want to tackle

Kapadia: Has there ever been a plan to reach out to the BU official instagram? Maybe a post detailing what students have done?

Com: Reaching out to them has been a bit difficult in that regard. We will try to reach out. It is a great idea. I will bring this up to my staffers and at least message.

Majarwitz: Is it possible to have our own google form for our committee?

A: Of course! Should I make it?

Majarwitz: I will send it

8:51: Q&A Closes

8:51: Director confirmations

8:52: Niamh Stull

- Credentials
- Involved in city affairs as an engagement officers last year
- Voter registration initiatives
- Mayoral forum and the food festival
- We want to bring back our college conversations

8:54: Gabby Ramirez

- Got involved in this department last year
  - Boston Laison
- Monitor for the Mayoral Forum
- Being from boston, I want to make sure that bu students are heard
- Boston public schools
  - Bring our knowledge on the college system to these individuals and offer advice
- We want to get more involved in the community

8:55: Thara Venu

- Done social advocacy work in the past
- National nonprofit company -- blood donation centers, national blood donation crisi
- Deputy director of SA last year
  - Peer counseling
- Easy transition hopefully
- Grateful to be nominated

8:57: Q&A Period

Senator Bakre: What are you looking forward to doing next semester?

Niamh Stull: Bring back civic engagement with another project in the Spring. Generally, keeping civic engagement at the forefront of our minds.

Gabby Ramirez : Any partnership with Boston public schools. We have contacts already from past initiatives

Thara Venu: Work with staffers to implement changes at SHS.

8:59: Q&A ends

9:01: Aznavoorian: Motion to enter voting procedure

Vice President: Point of info: Both directors can serve at the same time. You're not choosing between.

9:02: Passes unanimously  
Voting Procedure

9:02: Motion to vote on the confirmation of Niamh Stull

9:03: Motion passes

Voting on the confirmation of Niamh Stull

Confirmed with 36 votes.

9:05: Motion to vote on the confirmation of Gabby Ramirez

9:06: Motion passes

Voting on the confirmation of Gabby Ramirez

Confirmed with 36 votes.

9:07: Motion to vote on the confirmation of Thara Venu

9:08: Motion passes

Voting on the confirmation of Thara Venu

Confirmed with 38 votes.

9:08: Winter formal presentation

Chair notes:

- Amending budget for the fall semester
- Senate resolution
  - Requesting that the funds can be used for this specific event

9:09: Presentation from events staffers

- Bringing back the tradition of the back bay ball
- CGS students and gap semester students are coming in

- We are hoping to renew this yearly tradition with it being student led
- Friday, Feb 11 2022
- New England Aquarium
- 7:30-11:30 pm
- Black and Gold
  - Semi Formal to Cocktail
- We are not providing transportation
- Main exhibit gallery, and the cafe for the entertainment and dance floor
- 600 attendees
- Back up: Revere boston common and hilton back bay
- Red carpet entrance
- Coat check, food, open bar (no alcohol)
- Eventbrite like any other event
- 3 rounds of ticket sales
  - 1. All student government members
  - 2. All BU Students
  - 3. Last minute ticket sales leading up to the event
- No students from other universities because of policies
- COVID-19 Safety policy: green badges, masks, BU ID

Vice President:

- Moving funds from cabinets to the events department for this
- Anytime exec spends more than \$2,000, we need senate approval
- Permission to use our own money
- No senate money will be used

9:14: Q&A Period

Majarwitz: Why the New England Aquarium?

A: We contacted over 20 venues. The budget was feasible. An aquarium will encourage more people to come.. It's not usually where events take place. BPL does not do undergraduate events, and the MFA is not doing any events.

Balboa: What's an animal steward?

A: To make sure nothing goes wrong with the animals.

Mayyappan: Why the chosen date? Publicity plans?

A: Feb 11 was the best (lists other conflicts). Our goal is to advertise with the com department asap. New England aquarium is confirming soon. We want to get info out by finals week, especially the week we get back.

Kapadia: With the back up venue, is there an increase in the number of attendees allowed?

A: Each one can hold a little less with the same price.

Bakre: How will you handle the overlap of formals at the time?

A: There's never going to be a weekend where there won't be an event going on. We would love to collaborate with those not already planning one, though.

Bakre: Why did they stop doing the ball?

A: The last time it was going to happen was 2020, and COVID threw a wrench in it.

Shamsi: The amending bill is going to give \$20,000 to the events department. Where is the other \$20,000 coming from?

A: \$7,900 from the general sum, money from SAO "as we've been told", and ticket sales

Shamsi: So the ~\$12,000 will be factored into the event?

A: We will pay upfront and the \$12,000 will go back into the budget and SAO.

Shamsi: If the event does not work out, will we be in debt to SAO?

A: We have savings.

Some: Will seniors have priority in getting tickets?

A: We are open to this. The first day may be for all stugov members, and then seniors. Our goal is to "balance it out as much as possible"

Newell: If you wanted to block it, 200 tickets can be reserved for seniors.

A: Will seniors be more receptive to this event?

9:25: Q&A Elapses

9:25: Aznavoorian: Motion to extend by 1 minute

9:26: Passes

9:26: Resumes

9:26: Aznavoorian: This \$9,000... is it all of your budget?

A: No, this is not our whole budget. I allocated the \$9,000, which was the most we could give not to interfere with the other events.

9:28: Majarwitz: Motion to extend Q&A by 2 minutes

9:28: Passes

9:28: Majarwitz: My concern is with the turnout. Transportation not being provided may be an issue. Is there an effort to have transportation subsidized?

A: There have been several options presented. There is a bus shortage. There are subsidized T passes, perhaps, or reroute the BU bus for the night. We are also inquiring out of LYFT partnerships, but this is not good for carbon emissions

9:30: Brumfield: Subsidizing 100 tickets for seniors

A: Will be considered

9:31: Shamsi: Motion to extend Q&A period for 2 minutes

9:31: This motion fails

9:32: Aznavoorian: Motion to enter voting procedure on SR 007

9:33: Motion passes

9:33: Aznavoorian: Motion to vote on SR 007

9:35: Motion passes

9:35: Motioning on SR 007, allowing the Events Department to pay the deposit on this event  
Passes with 34 votes

9:37: Motion to vote on Amending SR 007

Passes with 35 votes

9:39: Voting to amend SR 007

Passes with 34 votes

9:40: Open Forum

- Chair notes
  - Leadership meeting with president brown
  - Any questions for him?
    - Majarwitz: Can you ask about diversity in counsellors and commitment to long term counsellors?
    - Shamsi: The concept of having a student voice on the board of trustees
    - Kapadia: The role of StuGov in addressing issues on campus
    - Majarwitz: What do they look for in senate initiatives that make them successful?
    - Aznavoorian: Make themselves accessible and supportive to student government
    - Majarwitz: Anything at the administrative level of supporting the LGBTQ+ community
    - Shamsi: Renaming Myles Standish Hall
    - Brumfield: Siber way too
    - Newell: What do you look for in successful student outreach? What ongoing calls for reform are you aware of?
    - Shamsi: How can we access all of the members of the trustee board? Are they accessible?
    - Aznavoorian: Having a faculty rep at the senate meetings (Dean B is never here)
      - Towards the end, open forum, or UnMod
- Letter info
- Mass State House Bill being presented when we come back
- Informal forum that will happen on a weekly basis
  - You will be required to go 1 or 2 a semester
  - More details to come
- 29 of Jan

- DEI training
- Microaggressions
- Cultural Awareness
- A longer day
- Food
- GSU

Majarwitz:

- MHC event this saturday, 2-5
- Free red bul

Daponte: At large intent form is live

- SEC Website
- At large parties need to reregister

9:54: Aznavoorian: Motion to adjourn  
Motion passes

9:54: Meeting adjourned