

October 24, 2022

[20:40 PM]

Chair Dworkin: We are going to start the senate so please take your seats. I hope everyone can breathe. So let's breathe. We are going to start with roll-call. Please vote now, if you are you vote green, if you are a proxy please vote yellow.

I would like to give you guys some time to talk about this. This is an example that you shouldn't vote yes or no. Last time you voted to consider the process to remove him from office.

Senator Lee: Why was this not on instagram?

Dworkin: Since this was a by-law violation, I did not think that this was fair to publicly defame him

[20:45 PM]

Dworkin: I am going to open a 10 minute period of discussion. I want some of you to stand up and give your opinion on this. Who wants to begin?

Senator Mayappan: Are some JAC members staying back for a reason?

Senator Perkins: I am in support of removing all members of the judiciary from the room.

Senator Lee: I asked Klein what he would do to make sure that they would continue to work together. I believe that he specified with the word oversight that he represents the character of Mr Klein. I think that this is worth considering.

Senator DiMaggio: I feel like Markovic did not intentionally violate the bylaws; I think that this was a personal issue rather than an actual violation.

Senator Perrel: His crime was that he over stepped on his initiatives. I don't think we should punish him for such an act.

Senator Luquez: I don't think there would be much change from removing him completely from office.

Senator Perkins: I feel like it is very apparent that there has been a miscommunication between the two. Part of me wonders why this could not have been handled in house. It seems to me that there was communication between the commissioner and the associate chief justice, but there was a general lack of understanding of what the proper version of the bylaws represent the current student government.

Senator Mayappan: I fail to see any impact on this case. I see talk about the details between Klein and Markovic. This is not an impactful problem; he was willing to rectify his issues. I am failing to see why this was a problem. Why should we make a deal about this in house? The two people are corporate – if anything we should improve in house communication.

Senator Shamsi: Its a dumb rule. If you want to have a JAC commissioner but you cannot have a staffer? That seems kinda dumb.

Senator Sullivan: I do not see that verbal agreements are enough. It is very easy for things to get miscommunicated. If things were cited in emails that would be different. Put things in writing.

Senator Jackson: I hope that the Com department can help establish what are the genuine documents to reflect the state of the student government.

Senator Sudit: Is there a way to speed up the process of updating the website from the Comms department?

Dworkin: I have all the information for senate in the legislative document bank

Senator Perkins: Has there been a direct impact on this outside of the judicial branch. Besides our reputation, I am not certain that there is anyone who was affected by this. Is there a lack of a victim? I am struggling to see how valuid this is. I am not saying they should or shouldn't be but I have doubts.

Senator Perrl: I think that if it is an issue of miscommunication it may set more people to take initiative in the JAC which would probably not be good for the branch.

Senator Aguerre: I find the language to cast a value judgment over the outcome of the miscommunication. It feels like a very dramatic value judgment.

Senator Jackson: I still don't understand the ethos argument against Markovic?

Senator Shamsi: He said that the rule was established because they wanted to expand the research ability of the JAC. I would say that as a committee chair the more staffers the better.

Senator Kulda: In the document that was shared with us, in the senate by-laws it requires two senators...

Chair Dworkin: That's for the senate and not for the Judicial.

Senator Perkins: I would like to attach to our vote that the new judicial by-laws be made available to the Comms department.

[21:02]

Chair Dworkin: As a senator you can ask the Comms department.

Senator Lee: It would be fair to share a blurb on why we voted a certain way.

Senator Mayappan: Something we glossed over was that there was an email where there was a 2-4 range but then transitioned to the 3-1. There's no point that states which by-laws or precedent is more important. I have a problem with the word intentionally. To me this seems more like political power play against Markovic than actual belief of intentional wrongdoing.

Senator Sullivan: I think that this is very personally charged. I am not trying to discount what happened, but I think that this was more of a small point that exposed the relations inside the judicial system.

Senator James: I think that this is a matter of miscommunication rather than intentional wrongdoing.

Senator Perkins: Ben brought up an incident where articles were almost brought forward for a similar offense. If this is so important to the judicial system, why wasn't evidence brought forward previously?

[21:07] → Enter Voting Procedure

[21:08] Passed... motion to vote on Daniel Markovic

[21:09] Vote on the removal of Daniel Markovic

[21:13]

Chair Dworkin: With 38 votes for no, this does not pass!

Markovic: I love you all!

Chair Dworkin: Our lovely president is under the weather so Vice President Kotturu will take his position.

Vice President Kotturu: Climate change initiative raised over \$600 thank you all for those who shared and donated. The mutual aid drive is still running as is the clothing drive. Also, if you see people taking stuff out of the bins, please tell them not to take them out. Also, I sent a link for tabling, so I am going to make you all sign up now.

Chair Dworkin: We start a 5 minute discussion period.

Senator Perkins: what is expected of tabling?

Vice President Kotturu: It depends on your role. I would probably talk about what the cabinet is doing, but for a senator, you can talk about an initiative. This is really a great way to get people involved.

Senator Lee: Can you clarify the dates for tabling?

Vice President Kotturu: It's all in the senate Slack.

[21:19]

Sam Soman: Hi everyone, my name is Sam. I am a second year poly sci major. Last year I joined FEAST – I was there and got a sense of the organization. As the semester progressed I wanted to get more involved. The opportunity came about for me to be more involved; I stepped up for the position. I understand how to maximize FEAST. I think that through social media we can reach a lot of people. We have around 20/30 dedicated members who can guarantee their time for volunteering initiatives. We recently worked with Lovin Spoonfuls. From that event they helped raise \$300,000. There is an organization called project bread that tries to inform people about SNAP initiatives. The point is to break down the barriers for people who do not have access to SNAP.

Senator Perkins: What is one thing you hope to achieve in your position as Co-Chair.

Sam Soman: I would like to expand the outreach of FEAST. I would like to use our presence on social media to have an impact in the community. Work closer with promoting opportunities to engage with local programs.

[21:25] Vote to enter voting procedure
[21:26] Vote on the confirmation of Sam Soman
[21:27] Vote on Sam Soman → Passes!

Chair Dworkin: time for committee updates!

MHC: Mental health fair was October 12th. There were 18 groups that attended. There was a generally positive response from people who attended.

Now that mental health fair is over we can engage in our initiatives. We want to bring back the Trauma informed teaching initiative from last year. CGS student acclimation; tackle stigma and work to ensure feelings of welcome/belonging. Collaboration with BIG to establish a wellness days program 2021.

- Early days, but looking at policy from NEU and UMass Lowell.

16,000: final review and draft of the Survivor Bill of Rights.

- Having a meeting with Dean Campbell-Foster over the SBR

ROC: data collection

- The breakdown is that BU student government better represents all categories besides the international category.
- Native Hawaiian and Native American are too small to show up on the second chart.

Follow the new instagram: @boston_roc

- Working to rename 610
- Continue to work on international student representation

Expect More Committee: created survey to gauge CFA student safety with CFA senators.

- Waiting on results or edits

Sent our survey for Virtual ID initiatives with Academic Affairs.

On average students lost their ID's 1.2 times → the average financial mudren rating to replace was 5.11

Most students found that virtual IDs would be a nice addition to the student experience.

Rules Committee: Aiding other committee/stugov members

- Working on SR009
- Vice President Kotturu brought up the definition of an endorsement via the logo of student government.
- Adjusting FitRec bag policy to allow the usage of bags in the weight room.

FEAST: Did the event with Lovin Spoonfuls and raised over \$300,000

- The FEAST-ivle is a mandatory event

IMPACT: our committee meetings have started this month. Q student task force is a 96 page report that will be released after november 2nd which is when IMPACT has a meeting with president Brown.

- New student task-force report: starting to gather data on how BU has and has not served their black student community.
- Looking into starting on a big-little program across BU

Finance Committee: Application to join has been created!

- Ready to be sent out on the morrow
- Interviews soon
- Bringing home the bacon!

Vice President Kotturu: what will you do with the data in ROC

Senator Shamsi: We want to start an initiative to bring more international students into student government. We want to offer our support to cultural events to bring in the international community.

I was wondering if you have access to the research we have done to the research we did last year.

IMPACT: We have but we want to expand the extent of the research.

[21:46] Enter voting procedure

[21:47] Motion to vote on SR004

[21:48] Vote → passes

[21:50] Motion to vote on SR006

[21:51] Vote → passes

Senator Perkins: There are changes needed to the formatting to the bill I am making. I want to make anyone feel welcome to make changes to the bill.

Senator Lee: I was curious what people thought about the usage of a student government logo equalling an endorsement from the Student government.

Senator DiMaggio: Please share my initiative on Change.org

Chief Justice Keusch: there is nothing in the by-laws that outlines how logos are considered in terms of endorsements.

Senator Lee: What is up for discussion is logo usage equals endorsement.

Director Brumfield: Statement of support did go out in the monthly email. It also went up on the student government instagram page. There will also be a town hall for members of the Grad-union to talk to undergraduate students about their experiences and their demands. This will happen in CAS B36. Please come.

Chair Dworkin: Raise your hand if you have been involved in a senate committee. Did you table? Are you a lead senator? Do you have an initiative that is linked on the initiative sheet? You need to do 1-1s with legislative leadership to understand how to maximize your student government experience.

[21:57] Motion to adjourn

[21:58] Vote → passes