BUCKNELL STUDENT GOVERNMENT
March 2, 2014

I. Call to Order
II. Approval of Last Week’s Minutes
III. Attendance

IV. DJ Magee, Library & IT-BSG Relationship

a. Brody Selleck:
   1. Library student ambassador
      a. Helping with marketing and promotion, large scale marketing plan
      b. Was Bucknell Treasurer
b. Ambassador (DJ McGee)
   1. Presidential fellow doing his project with library and IT
   2. Manage face to face consultation
   3. Working with student organizations to broaden awareness, and receive feedback and input
   4. In the future: working on broad scale marketing plan

- Questions:
  1. Reduce number of Safety Net downloads
  2. Gamma printer?
     ▪ Print in color in the future?
     ▪ **After summer will be color printing, and using BU ID across campus to print

V. Professor Tim Raymond, Chair of Committee on Instruction
a. Preliminary Report on Grade Inflation & Engagement Data
b. Grade inflation has been an upward trend in all schools since 1930s
c. Since 1978 huge grade inflation trend at Bucknell University
d. Becknell’s GPAs are all higher than national averages
e. Decrease in engagement, increase in grades
f. According to Senior students- spend less than 15 hours outside class per week
g. Should be spending at least 30 hours outside of class
h. Each class should spend 12 hours (42 hours total)
i. Potential Action:
   1. Do nothing
   2. Add course grade distribution data to transcripts (UNC Chapel Hill)
      a. Know average grade in class, and your grade
b. Give merit to those who take challenging courses
3. Provide Faculty grade distribution data to department chairs (and faculty)
4. Reports grades as percentages rather than as letters
5. Help drive a nationwide discussion on issues
6. Be sure DRCs are done well
7. Increase student academic engagement

Questions
1. How has campus culture changed?
   - He thinks that sports are bigger
     - Now offer many scholarships
   - More social events, (house party weekend more popular in recent years)
   - Campus has internet
     - Can complete academic tasks much faster
   - Writing Center
     - Can get good feedback prior to handing in papers
   - Minimized engagement
     - More course requirements might lead students to be less engaged in some of their courses
2. Data collected from gradeinflation.com
3. Why only ask graduating seniors?
   - Ask them for all 4 years of work
4. Tenured or non-tenured professors contributing to grade inflation?
   - Typically non-tenured
   - Non-tenured give higher grades, to get better student evaluations
5. Reduce CCC system?
6. Freshmen year- grade free
   - No grades
   - Help discover what major you would like
   - Need more formative feedback
   - Start to receive actual grade sophomore year
   - OR pass fail grades first semester

VI. Updates
a. Loren Jablon, President
   1. L&IT Meeting Update
   2. Meeting with Public Safety on Monday
   3. Middle States – Wednesday, March 5 Read-Out; 10 a.m. in Trout Auditorium
   4. Future Bowling Outing
b. Whitney Tatem, Vice President of Operations
   c. Walker Brady, Vice President of Finance
   1. Financial Update
   2. Treasurer’s Workshops are Complete
   3. Budgeting Season
   4. Upcoming Meeting on Monday with IFC and Panhel to discuss future of funding from BSG
d. Anthony Gingerelli, Vice President of Administration
   1. Website Creation Due to be Done on Friday – expect a follow up from Anthony via e-mail.
2. Players of the Week

VII. Old Business
   a. Campus Climate Discussion
      1. Junior Class Presentation
      2. Ask IFC to Host Parties on Campus ONE Weekend
      3. “Binge Thinking” Week

VIII. New Business
   a. Easter Egg Hunt, Community Affairs
   b. Printers in Vedder, Junior Class

IX. Committee Reports

X. External Committee Reports
   a. #epic Update
   b. Parking Committee, David Frey

XI. Class Updates

XII. Advisor Comments

XIII. Adjournment