



BUCKNELL STUDENT GOVERNMENT
September 21, 2014

Minutes

- I. Call to Order** – (what does this even really mean? Can we get a horn for this to make it legit? -CJ)
- II. Attendance**
- Exec Board: all present
 - Congress: 51 Present, 1 Absent
 - Advisors: Dean Kari Conrad, Dean Dan Remley
 - Guests: President John Bravman
- III. Guest Speaker: Bucknell President John Bravman**
- Pete Mackey left, looking for someone to fill his position
 - Mick Smyer is leaving after this year; Provost search has begun
 - Middle States was a success; set high goals for 5 year review
 - Trustee retreat, first since Bravman got here
 - 40% of trustees are women-- 15% when he started at BU; overall a younger group
 - “Strategic plan for Bucknell”-- in 3 years true strategic planning will happen
 - Jr. Class Pres. Connor McLaughlin Question: weekend shuttle from downtown to uphill?
 - JB: No drunk bus happening soon, but sees pros and cons. Definitely doesn't want drunk driving
 - BSG VP Finance Walker Brady Q: updates on grade inflation?
 - JB: The issue is more of a talk about academic engagement rather than grade inflation. Grade inflation is a problem across the country.
 - Jr. Class Rep. Maddie Harrison Q: will new dorms be senior only?
 - JB: not necessarily. They are ahead of schedule and will be ready for next school year. \$47 million dollar project.
 - Jr. Class Pres. Connor McLaughlin '16 Q: Rumour of Bucknell getting liquor license
 - JB: Not a rumour. Wants to get one but we need to figure out where on campus we can have it. Has said he always stood by Liquor License, PSafe not patrolling dorms (completed, Fall 2014), taps/kegs on campus (most likely not happening); all hard to do because of PA state
 - Jr. Class Rep. Grace Sweetser Q: Where is BU going with sustainability (environmental)

- JB: Has done things such as replacing lights with LEDs (fieldhouse), return is good on energy savings. Close to creating President's sustainability council (economic, environmental, and social), but wants it to be meaningful, so hasn't rushed into it just to say we have one.
- j. BSG President Loren Jablon Q: how can BSG partner with the school administration to help student body
 - JB: Wants to look for the best in young people; worries about Bucknell students aiming to low and not aspiring high. "I will never under promise and over deliver." Would rather overpromise and fail, or overpromise and overshoot. Yik yak and student hospitalizations are discouraging but he knows this is not emblematic of Bucknell students. "*Aim high*"

IV. Updates

- a. Loren Jablon, President
 - 1. Know Your Rights – Success
 - a. Firstyr class Pres. Fuzzy: First years and sophomores are confused about the issues
 - b. Jr. class VP Alex Rosen: was a good opportunity for students but want this info more available
 - 2. Relationship with Campus Organizations
 - a. Communication of New VP Admin
 - b. Hoping to host a Campus Communications Luncheon (perhaps once a month) with IFC, Panhellenic, ACE, WVBU, The Bucknellian
- b. Whitney Tatem, Vice President of Operations
 - 1. Committee Assignments
 - a. Out now, elect committee chairs
 - b. External committees: need reps to sit on them, will email directly or ask general congress. Reps must report important news from these committees
- c. Walker Brady, Vice President of Finance
 - 1. Appropriations to start this week!
 - a. Starting next Tuesday, happy to have his friends back. Lots of work to do.
 - b. Had lessons on leadership series for clubs to learn about new finance procedures on IN Network
 - 2. New way to request a hearing on the IN Network!
- d. CJ Moy, Interim Vice President of Administration
 - 1. Directory form winners:
 - 2. Come see me, need your info
 - 3. Website

V. Old Business

- a. Receive Nominations for VP Admin and Elect New Candidate
 - 1. One nomination: CJ Moy
 - 2. Votes; Yes: 48 No: 0 Abstain: 1
 - 3. CJ Moy is now Vice President of Administration
 - a. Special shout-out to Frank Underwood

VI. New Business

- a. **LOL Funding**, Executive Board and CAP Center
 1. Info sessions on how to reserve a room, request funding etc.
 2. If club is at 6/8 sessions they get certified and get extra funding
 3. Vote; Yes: 51 No: 0 Abstain: 0 -- passed
- b. **Family Weekend Luncheon**, Executive Board
 1. Invite families or guests to meet and greet
 2. Vote; Yes: 32 No: 16 Abstain: 4
- c. **Family Weekend Football Game Magnets**, VP Administration
 1. Vote; Yes: 51 No: 0 Abstain: 0
- d. **Committee Chair Slate**, Executive Board
 1. Recommended slate:
 - *Academic*: Maddie Harrison and Chloe Drennen
 - *Advocacy*: Alex Rosen
 - *Community*: Taylor McCready
 - *Diversity*: Alice Butler
 - *Public*: Mark Merino
 2. Vote; Yes: 44 No: 0 Abstain: 7*
 - a. *Congressmembers on slate must abstain

VII. Committee Reports

- a. Academic Affairs – Bucknell Creed (Maddie Harrison)
 1. Met with DC and Dean Lantz about honour code/creed
 2. Will take faculty honour code and merge it with current pledge to adopt one “Bucknell Creed”

VIII. External Committee Reports

- a. Town Gown Relations (9/10) (Jablon)
 1. Busy Summer in Lewisburg! – New businesses and opportunities for BSG
 2. Concern from landlords about the Social Gathering Ordinance
- b. Provostial Search Committee Update (Jablon)– Looking for a Leader + Partner
 1. Closed meeting
- c. Parking (David Frey)
 1. No-overnight parking behind TKE not happening
 2. Looking for more student voices on committee

IX. Class Updates

- a. Seniors – commencement speaker search
- b. Juniors – outlining goals for semester
- c. Sophomores – looking for meeting time
- d. Firstyears - none

X. Advisor Comments

XI. Adjournment

- a. Bring in dancing lobsters