BUCKNELL STUDENT GOVERNMENT
October 5, 2014

MINUTES

I. Call to Order
- Apologies about this week’s walk in music. I had no control over it. OK ALEX?
- No really, I’m embarrassed about this
- Oh apparently the music was Jason Derulo whoops
- First one to make a youtube playlist and email it to me will have it played at the next congress given the songs aren’t too inappropriate (eg. a playlist of What’s new pussycat five times)

II. Approval of Last Week’s Minutes
- Approved
- Deny it, I dare you

III. Attendance
- 40/51 Congress Members [2016 senate had 100% attendance!]
- Advisors: Dean Conrad, Dean Remley
- Guest: Andrea Leithner Stauffer

IV. Guest Speakers:
   a. Andrea Leithner Stauffer, Office of Financial Aid
      - Students have loans: $22,500 avg for Bucknell…we’re below national avg
      - Concerned that some students have no idea that they owe money after graduation
      - 2% of students with loans are $100k+; mostly med students
      - Wants all borrowing students to be educated
         o Bucknell organizing seminars
         o How to decrease loans, deal with loans, etc.
      - Needs help making seminars interesting/advertising
      - 2016 Senator Tina Tiongson Comment: I would definitely attend a meeting
      - 2018 S/T Craig Cassidy Comment: Open up the seminars to everyone
      - 2018 Senator Caleb Darkes-Burkey Comment: First years could benefit from this education
      - 2016 S/T Ben Miller Comment: Different focus based on class year
      - 2016 Senator El McCabe Comment: Should target all students, not just ones borrowing money
• Diversity Rep. Shiqi Li Question: Can we have a separate session for international student issues?
  o Yes
• Tim Kim Question: Would money management session focus on loans or finance?
  o Budgeting and finance is all part of loans, so yes
• President Loren Jablon Comment: Student Advocacy should partner
• Dean Remley: Will pay off loans by age 79, “don’t be me”

b. **Dean Remley and John from L&IT, BUTV**
  • BSG introduced digital cable into dorm rooms in 2003
    o BSG hath giveth, BSG hath take away?
    o Usage numbers have declined since introduction; school has ate the cost every year
  • Community Rep. Tim Kim: Isn’t there a generational decline in TV watching
  • President Loren Jablon: Possible to get free cable?
    o X amount of $ will be added to your tuition
    o At $60k a year, do we want more for TV?
  • Nearly everyone in the room has some sort of streaming subscription
    o Dean Remley learns about Netflix

V. **Updates**
  a. Loren Jablon, President
    1. Update on Meeting with President Bravman, Provost Smyer, and Dean Lantz
      a. Positive Feedback on LOL Series
    2. Student Leadership & Media Luncheons
      a. Monday, October 20 at noon
    3. Update on Collegiate Readership Program
      a. Use mailroom cases
      b. Use myBucknell or Moodle to advertise
    4. No Meeting Next Sunday for Fall Break
      a. Committee Meeting Rooms will be Set when we Return
  b. Whitney Tatem, Vice President of Operations
    1. External Committees
      a. Ben Miller needs a friend
      i. 3 people signed up! Congrats Ben
      b. Academic Advising Committee:
      i. Sam Jacobson signed up
      c. Athletics Committee
      i. Anna Millar
      d. Dining
      i. Tina Tiongson
    2. Review Applications on Wednesday
      a. Judiciary will be reviewing
  c. Walker Brady, Vice President of Finance
    1. Publicizing Finance Apps (mailbox stuffers)
a. We’d rather a 50/50 BSG/Student-at-Large, but we won’t restrict if you are very interested
d. CJ Moy, Vice President of Administration
   1. Communicating Absences
   2. Congrats to David Frey for being the first one to fill out a congress member accomplishment. He nominated himself for being the first person to nominate someone.

VI. Old Business
   a. Here is the requested added colour to minutes

VII. New Business
   a. President’s Dining Card, Colin Hassell
      • $200 to each president to use for meetings
      • Vote
         o Approve: 15 Passed
         o Deny: 0
         o Abstain: 1
   b. Finance Applications Mailbox Stuffers, VP Finance Walker Brady
      • Requesting $250
      • Vote
         o Approve: 13
         o Deny: 18
         o Abstain: 2
   c. Wall Street Journal Publicity Mailbox Stuffers, Executive Board and Public Affairs
      • Shout out to the 4 clueless firstyears who just walked into congress looking for FYIs
      • Vote
         o Approve: 40 Passed
         o Deny: 0
         o Abstain: 0
   d. TYPO Luncheons, Academic Affairs
      • Old program had vouchers in CAP Center for students to take themselves and a professor out to lunch
         o Colin Hassell was the only one to use it
      • New program has ~20 students and professors have a luncheon after applications are submitted
         o Received 25+ applications last year
         o Happens twice a semester
      • Asking for $1200 per semester
      • Vote
         o Approve: 35 Passed
         o Deny: 0
         o Abstain: 5
Voting numbers don’t add up which means people aren’t voting. I see you not voting. That’s why we have abstention. Abstaining is the safest vote. Practice abstention. The Vatican endorses it.

VIII. Committee Reports
a. Academic
b. Advocacy
   • Sent out survey about student life
     o 7 responses in 20 minutes!
     o So far very insightful
c. Community
d. Diversity
   • Diversity summit will be yearly thing
   • Starting a monthly diversity meeting
e. Judicial
f. ORB
g. Public
   • Will be busy soon

IX. External Committee Reports
a. Provostial Search Committee Update (Jablon)
   • Hopefully will have a candidate picked out by mid-Feb/March
b. L&IT
   • Potential new myBucknell portal

X. Class Updates
   • 2015: Speakers, new products, senior gift
   • 2016: Entire congress serving as David Frey’s parking subcommittee
   • 2017: Fundraising ideas, researching products
   • 2018: Working on first class unity event for 16th of Oct

XI. Campus Pulse

XII. Advisor Comments

XIII. Adjournment
   • Bring in the dancing lobsters