



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
 - Bucknell organizing seminars
 - How to decrease loans, deal with loans, etc.
 - Needs help making seminars interesting/advertising
 - 2016 Senator Tina Tionson 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?
 - Yes
- Tim Kim Question: Would money management session focus on loans or finance?
 - 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
 - BSG hath giveth, BSG hath take away?
 - 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?
 - X amount of \$ will be added to your tuition
 - At \$60k a year, do we want more for TV?
- Nearly everyone in the room has some sort of streaming subscription
 - 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
 - Approve: 15 Passed
 - Deny: 0
 - Abstain: 1
- b. **Finance Applications Mailbox Stuffers**, VP Finance Walker Brady
 - Requesting \$250
 - Vote
 - Approve: 13
 - Deny: 18
 - 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
 - Approve: 40 Passed
 - Deny: 0
 - 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
 - Colin Hassell was the only one to use it
 - New program has ~20 students and professors have a luncheon after applications are submitted
 - Received 25+ applications last year
 - Happens twice a semester
 - Asking for \$1200 per semester
 - Vote
 - Approve: 35 Passed
 - Deny: 0
 - 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
 - 7 responses in 20 minutes!
 - 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