



BUCKNELL STUDENT GOVERNMENT

November 23, 2014 - Minutes

I. Note from the VP Admin

- a. Thank you for being such a good audience and putting up with the nonsense I've packed into the meeting notes each week. I'm excited to finally have Sunday afternoons free next semester, though I'll probably waste it playing Grand Theft Auto. BSG has been the most important part of my time at Bucknell, and I hope that many of you feel the same way about your involvement. There are so many opportunities and leadership positions to pursue on campus, but BSG is the most prestigious and only one that represents the entire student body. It's been an honour serving on the board, with this congress, and sharing many cakes, fun times, and sarcastic remarks with you all.
- b. Shout-outs
 1. To Colin Hassell, Michael Sahagian, Chloe Drennen, Will Persing for representing 2015 for all four years (with Whitney, Loren, and myself).
 2. The first-years for having the best attendance record and being my favourite first-year class to work with
 3. Mitch for transferring out of Bucknell
 4. Mark Merino who had a successful semester taking over as Public Affairs chair
 5. Taylor McCready who will do a fine job as the next VP Admin and does not have large shoes to fill as I'm only size ~8.5 US

II. Call to Order

III. Approval of Last Week's Minutes

- a. approved

IV. Attendance

- a. Congress members: 53/57 present
- b. Executive Board: 4/4 present
- c. Advisors: Kari Conrad
- d. Guests: Provost Smyer, Kyle Sivert ('18) and Mike Driesen ('18)

V. Guest Speakers:

- a. **Mick Smyer, Provost** – International Education & Ebola Preparedness
 1. Part of emergency preparedness protocols
 2. Bucknell was set to launch "Bucknell in Ghana" in the spring...

3. Ebola in west Africa has not tapered off
 4. Bucknell will monitor faculty, staff, and student travel to the affected areas up to CDC and dept of health regulations
 5. How university will respond:
 - a. 400 page emergency plan
 - b. sub-group focuses on issues as they arise
 - c. Bucknell in Ghana has been pushed back to 2015-2016 year
 6. What happens if students withdraw from school during a campus outbreak?
 - a. Info would be delivered through social media, and websites
 - b. Assess how much class would be disrupted
 - c. Classes can be taught/attended over skype
 - d. Figuring out finances (tuition refunds etc) will come after all of this
- b. **Kyle Sivert '18 and Mike Driesen '18 – Waterfront Renovation**
1. Bucknell has a dock **DOWN BY THE RIVER**
 2. The entire waterfront should be renovated
 3. This year's goal: clear out the entrance area of brush and trash
 4. In the past, there hasn't been student support; most plans were put on hold
 5. Mike promises the plans are "really cool, really really cool"
 - a. "And there will be grills there"
 - b. "And a discovery area!"
 6. Asking for BSG's support for the initiative, a letter of support to President Bravman, Provost Smyer, Dean Lantz
 7. Plan to meet with President Bravman over the issue
 8. Land was purchased years ago for \$12,000
 - a. Used to be a sewage area
 9. What is a discovery area?
 - a. "Place where kids can go with their teachers to do research with plants"
 - b. "Also firepits for kids to go find themselves"
 10. In a flood, everything up to the train tracks will be underwater
 - a. All structures will be permanent and sustainable underwater, or easily removed
 11. There are "Japanese knot weed, and they're invasive and obnoxious" ← LOL, this kid is gold.
 12. Starting a group called "The Bucknell Riverfront Rehabilitation Club"
 13. We have a permit that expires in May
 - a. Need to get started on building

VI. Updates

- a. Loren Jablon, President
 1. Administration Leadership Meeting Update
 2. Collegiate Readership Program
 3. Student Leadership & Media Luncheon
 4. Public Safety Update

- b. Whitney Tatem, Vice President of Operations
 - 1. Exec Elections
- c. Walker Brady, Vice President of Finance
 - 1. Weekly Update
 - 2. Recognition & Finance Guidelines Revision
- d. CJ Moy, Vice President of Administration
 - 1. Superstar of the Week
 - a. Public: Mark, Marissa, Jeff, Rachel
 - 2. Facial Hair contest: Winner – Pat Newhart, runner-up: Kevin Miller
 - 3. Weekly challenge winner: Amarachi Ekekwe

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

- a. **Bison Trivia Night**, Academic Affairs
 - 1. Planning a trivia night to include all academic majors
 - 2. Co-Sponsoring with the CAP Center
 - 3. Asking for \$455.65 for food
 - 4. Vote- Approve: 51 **Passed** Deny: 0 Abstain: 2
- b. **Fast Food Frenzy**, Public Affairs
 - 1. Will give out: Dunkin Donuts, Subway, Taco Bell, McDonalds, Panera, Pizza Phi, Dining Services
 - 2. Last year's McDonalds: <https://vine.co/v/MrDztW9AZgv>
 - 3. Asking for \$2418
 - 4. Vote- Approve: 52 **Passed** Deny: 0 Abstain: 1
- c. **Relaxation Station**, Public Affairs
 - 1. Reading day (Dec 10)
 - 2. Asking for \$1700
 - 3. Vote- Approve: 52 **Passed** Deny: 0 Abstain: 1
- d. **Victorian Day Parade**, Community Affairs
 - 1. December 6th
 - 2. Asking for \$550
 - 3. Vote- Approve: 52 **Passed** Deny: 0 Abstain: 1
- e. **Recognition & Finance Guidelines Revision**, Loren & Walker
 - 1. No longer called "Guidelines", now "Policy and Procedure"

IX. Fake Business

- a. **Rebranding of the TYPO Program**, Academic Affairs
 - 1. Now stands for "Tase Your Professor Out"
 - a. Was also considering LTYPO for "Literally Take Your Professor Out"
 - 2. Students will nominate professor to get tased.
 - 3. Partnership with Public Safety
- b. **Fast Food Frenzy Safety Concerns**, Public Affairs
 - 1. First world children known to get rowdy when hungry for free fast-food
 - 2. \$5000 to equip each Public Affairs member with a taser
- c. **Removal of Japanese Knot Weed from Waterfront**
 - 1. Retaliation for the weed's ambush on Bucknell's harbor

2. Remove all weeds from their current residence
- d. **Last weekly challenge:** Take a selfie with a member of the new executive board

X. Committee Reports

- a. Academic
- b. Community
 1. Received thanks for the baskets
- c. Diversity
 1. Starting new campaign next semester similar to the “No More” Campaign
- d. Judiciary
 1. Talked a little about the bylaws
- e. ORB
 1. Approved: Alpha Delta Lambda honour society, and Spoon
- f. Public
 1. Shirt sizes...send them in
 2. Fast food
 3. Relaxation event
- g. Student Advocacy

XI. External Committee Reports

XII. Class Updates

- a. Seniors
 1. Finalized senior gift
- b. Juniors
 1. Pizza Phi fundraiser
- c. Sophomores
 1. Holding elections next semester
 2. Made a lot of money from Pizza Phi fundraiser
- d. First years
 1. Sent out a vote to finalize

XIII. Campus Pulse

- a. Thanksgiving is this Thursday
- b. Trivia night
- c. Brothers of Kappa Sig are releasing a Christmas album
- d. SPE Spike ball tournament with cash prizes

XIV. Advisor Comments

- a. Thank you the Exec board
- b. Everyone clapped for us.

XV. Adjournment

- a. Bring in the dancing lobsters, for the final time.

