

October 4, 2007

Wednesday, September 26, 2007

10:44 PM

Present:

Fabrizio Barbagelata	X
Anna Krieger	X
Evan Rodriguez	X
Sonia Williams	X
Kathleen Abels	X
Emily Walden	
Monique Wong	X
Maggie Bishop	X
Will Harrison	X
Evan Raskin	X
David Burstein	X
Daniel Kent	X
Christina Morais	X

Others Present: none

Meeting Minutes:

- 7:42 PM Meeting Convenes
- 7:43 PM FB - Thinking a lot about goals, in terms of college is what is promoting, and what the ideals of the school are; important to discuss what Haverford is (the essence of Haverford's academics) what we promote
- The proposals that are on the table -capital plan, play catch-up with the other colleges
- It's great that we raise a lot of money, but it is best for social justice requirement, relations with faculty; hone into the essence of what Haverford is
- 7:45 PM Rodriguez: clarification please:
- FB priorities of administration are to make us more similar to Williams, Amherst, Swarthmore, rather than adapt to what Haverford is and make us stronger
- The reason of why Haverford is 1.2K students, is that we need to create a sense of community where we talk about things so we can keep it small ,s o we can discuss issues, and think of the world outside of the college
- We should be a school promoting questioning constantly, debating, and engaging in intellectual discussion
- If we only think about the physical landscape or coursework of faculty, we loose a lot of the essence that Haverford is
- Social justice plays a big role, what Quaker's stand for

- What the beliefs that college stand for
- Coming up into FB head, b/c what are we doing outside of our four walls
- Why is it that all we are hearing in the Bi-Co, why is the only thing that riles us up the smoking ban
- Why not talk about war in Iraq, immigration policy, global warming, the arctic ice is melting completely
- MB - why is the Smoking ban the first issue he brings up to the school? It's not something a new president brings up.
- FB - it's good to question his intentions and what we care about
- It frustrates me that he doesn't hear anything else
- He says that we are creating leaders, students care about more than just themselves, foster justice and growth, and FB doesn't see that
- What are we promising students' before they come here? - discuss race issues, or are we offering a mediocre track that other schools offer
- Is what makes us unique a 1.2K school that allows us to communicate with the professors
- CM - as a frosh, came to think that we'd be an engaged community w/ discussion, really disappointed about that; was here over summer w/ 9 other students for summer program.
- Also, professors would be better in contact? Not one professor has been on a first name basis and was very disappointed
- Raskin - go over and have dinner -
- MB - it's usually over the higher level classes -
- 7:52 PM Rodriguez - every other Tuesday, w/ several students and faculty and read texts- mutual action to create the discussion
- Came here from leadership summit - Andrew, 5 frosh, and Jason McGraw, interested in promoting social justice and
- Why are these things not connected to us?
- The fact that we talk about the Haverford community is unique (not at Amherst)
- 7:54 PM - MB - blame on professors, but blame on students - we don't go to the professors enough
- Students too timid? When it is a weakness, but a strength to visit faculty
- Have to search for people who want to talk and have an intellectual discussion
- Some kids will party and have intimate discussions about stuff
- Not talking about our grades - learning w/o competitions, needs to be emphasized - no talking about the grades, just for you, not anybody else
- 7:56 PM FB - we should also discuss - that we are so competitive with ourselves, so engaged in our own work that we fail to sometimes go and do something else - we have this amazing city and that there is so much going on in our own lives, that we don't take advantage of the city
- Part of the reason that students coming to HC is b/c of the city
- Talking to professors and working with them professional, is a huge resource, but the problem is how we make it available to everyone
- 7:57 PM KA- once you get to know the HC system, then you can have the interesting discussions, but you need to know how to do it
- The last capital campaign - educating to lead, educating to serve; excited her on the way in, but less than lived it's way up
- CPGC internships - so easy for people to break out of summer shell, and go to Malaysia, but difficult to break out of shell here at Haverford
- 7:58 PM Rodriguez -Prof Richards led a volunteering class, and had students go into city, but did anyone else at HC know about it, was HC supporting herself?

- 7:59 PM MB, ER - connect to Haverford house? People don't take enough time off, difficult for having people take time off, and go into the city
- 8-d offers a lot, and the faculty admin doesn't get involved in anything beyond their grades
- Raskin - have faculty make students go into the city
- We are pushing people to being involved in everything (see the activities fair), professors giving students a break on something else, and encouraging them to write a paper about writing a paper on walking around the city
- Jason McGraw making transportation more accessible
- 8:02 PM - KA, write to deans, and get money for going into the city;
- FB - how do we target the people who don't want to do it? Target only way is through the curriculum
- Sonia - theory and practice in the courses and academic --> too much theory,. Not enough praxis
- People go to Bryn Mawr because they have their praxis classes
- KA - social justice requirement a Praxis class? It's a great way to make people get out of class
- Praxis - doing fieldwork, looking beyond our community and making a change
- MB - sports are taking up too much time, coaches need to lay off. (d3)
- FB - the problem is that athletics are not governed by athletics dept
- SW - not necessarily touch that for the sake of something else
- FB- the only way to really approach people is through professors, b/c we are most connected to them
- If you don't go to class, there is no hope for you - Professors have the most influence over us
- DB - there are a lot of ways to do things in classes, but I wish there was a way to have conversations initiated on your own with random people,
- Want to leave it to people to initiate the action themselves, and come to these things from themselves, but people are so busy doing work; wants to have just a good basic discussion
- So easy to not know what is going on beyond the world - cut off from what goes on in the daily world
- TV's with news, more copies of NYT, more chance that people will interact with current events
- Create a system to have students want to read things
- KA - selling HC students too short? Friends read NYT on computer, a fair # of HC students are interested; it's just that so many things are asked of students, 40% of students are Varsity athletes, every student has that much load on top of academics
- Why I like the classroom aspect, is most people are spending tons of time in the classroom, by noon, all NYT are gone
- WH - a lot of people are tuned in; CPGC talk du jour
- 8:13 PM - DB - events should be more of a priority than academic success; overall awareness and things; students get over focused on assigned work; there needs to be more of an encouragement, but there shouldn't be an encouragement - it should materialize on it's own , wanting to bring activism and change to the table; it will be strongest if the initiative comes from within; have to create a very delicate framework (already some of) where people want to get up and go change something
- 8:16 PM FB - having people initiate on their own is great, but the nature of a curriculum and what a college provides you with, is that the college imposes what they value; so why not make students engaged in things that they normally wouldn't
- 8:18 PM MB Y-campaign, there are a lot of stuff that goes on; there is a lot of initiative to do great things; so you will only have 10-20 people things done; we are #3 college that people who go and benefit their world

- One of the reasons why we don't have a great endowment, is b/c we benefit world, not concerned about ourselves and \$\$
- Having professors encourage students go and experience
- 8:20 PM FB If we really want to grow, and want people to know about us; students frustrated that no one knows that we exist;
- 8:20 PM DB - colleges and Haverford are more or less viewed as a business, and under pressure to continue to promote their school and compete with other schools and driven by ranking systems; rankings are helpful, but it's hurtful too; in order to keep attracting students, and keep a vibrant growing group of people;
- 8:22 PM Rodriguez- students should come to Haverford; to be part of the Haverford experience
- We have a really great opportunity to do stuff
- FB - it's a question of identity; doesn't want to be a Williams or Amherst; be true to the integrity of our school
- Meaning not setting a capital campaign that is financially focused; the problem right now is that Pres. Emerson is taking it for granted look beyond themselves, but is that true? Is that fostering that here?
- AK- Haverford attracts people who are socially aware, one of the great things is that Haverford is really small, and if you get together with a small group of friends, you can form those groups, and create awareness on campus, it's important that because people come here b/c of the honor code and the community; being around people who care about things, any student learns a whole bunch
- 8:27 PM - SW- if the classroom should be a method to go out into the city; college is also a place to spend a significant time to be artistically created, and it's hard for people to either be in a play, or start an entire new things themselves; Haverford should allow you to do those things, but in the class room, it should be actionable - it is not separate from HC, it should be the place that prompts those connections
- MB - we do go out into the world a lot, b/c we are involved in so much that give us pleasure, we are learning all the time, and we are special b/c we are founded on a Quaker basis; service work and giving back to the community, is part of who we are: the fact that we give the power to the students, it should be emphasized that we take morals seriously, and we give back taking seriously
- FB - we need to examine what it means for us to be Quakers
- Want administrators to know what administrators are offering us, and what they say they are offering us, and have them provide us the space to enable us to grow into the leaders
- MB - can we meet with the capital campaign?
FB - we are jumping ahead and they are in the research data, gathering information, not going out and getting money
- 8:34 PM KA - for next week, or sometime soon, can we talk to people about who we know and listen to what other students think about us:
- Exec and C12 make a stance on what Capital campaign is all about
- MW - having writing seminar as a social justice or freshman seminar thing, it might be overwhelming
- FB- had meeting with affinity groups and people are talking about social justice requirement:
- One of the best uses of this body, is to write something concrete, but write down what we see Haverford as being
- Changes can't happen if we don't write things down
- Propose things that we want the students to get behind
- Have student body, present it to other people, board of managers, administration b/c board of managers cares about what students are thinking and feeling

- MB - if we present prospects with what Haverford is, it would be better for the school's image, we don't discuss with specs, why were' different than the top ten
 - FB - Location shouldn't be the only reason that sets us apart, we need a clear vision of what we stand for
 - Rodriguez - wrote paper for anthropology on HC community - community was defined as Students, faculty and sometimes staff, and insular to that
 - When an individual did something, that individual did it, and the Haverford community was outside of that
 - Student group makes a demonstration in community, Haverford welcomes them back
 - We think we have this nice community, but were not really exchanging each other and connecting with each other
 - FB - what should our community be?
 - 8:42 PM Rodriguez- another important question is that what we are as council of 12
 - As Sonia said, we need something that is concrete and have a product; b/c @ Haverford, we have many great discussions, then they are forgotten
 - MB - council of 12 of next semester could build on the paper
 - FB - we are setting a percent for students council to come
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- Review of last meeting's minutes
 - 8:49 PM - dangerous for us to be concerned w/ day to day SC work; instead, look back and how SC is helping the students; talk of us putting on forums
 - FB - important that our school find ourselves; we are the body to discuss these things and hear from other people and include them
 - See what we can create - a mission or statement of truth
 - Joint SC meetings give us the space to talk about agenda issues and administrative policies
 - 8:52 PM - agree w/ that idea for first semester, but main issue from last meeting, was that people speaking in different languages- main concern is that if we are a vague think, and we talk about what Haverford is, since we are here only one semester, if the council of 12 will deal with more current issues,
 - We take up an issue, and then overall theme is what is HC
 - FB - important that we bring in other opinions,
 - KA - one would hope that through these discussion, that HC would find what we are about
 - Raskin, AK, - Discuss what is the part that doesn't change every year, that isn't too vague
 - FB - a statement of truth from the perspective of students
 - Raskin - what truths we hold truths we hold self-evident
 - MB - much found in the honor code, then we can publicize it then read about Haverford
 - Rodriguez - in 2000 at plenary, vote a/ honor code, and completely re-wrote it to be more applicable to their lives
 - KA - the way the school is portrayed to incoming students, I think that the way the fact that students in 2005 didn't go out and vote, the fact that it's always going to be there
 - MB - our main project is to discuss what Haverford is,
 - CM - people brought a TV to plenary - ticked her off, people brought headphones

- FB - why people aren't engaged? - what is it about our generation that makes us engaged in our own work but not engaged in the greater community as a whole
- MB - Haverford needs to become more collective, less individualistic
- SW - we are becoming off topic; and we are going to in the future; since we are in the beginning, maybe we want to create a more general document, there are pretty clear things that will be in that document
- FB - we bring in groups of people w/ opinions and incorporate their ideas in the document - bring in people who don't usually have a say in what Haverford is: it would be incredibly beneficial to the time and place of where we are living in right now
- WH - we can build off this document and use it for capital campaign
- MB - we need to define beyond this document, what the council of 12 will do for the next 20 years
- Some goal for the future not just for these semester
- 9:06 PM FB - role is to keep us on track, but there is something legitimate and beneficial to discussing what Haverford is, and what we want to get here and what we want to achieve here. Not a document coming out every semester.
- FB MB, we need an actionable plan to present to the community for those people who would come to these meetings
- KA - the great thing about the two bodies of SC - is that Exec has day-to-day, and C12 has the opportunity to take a look at the entire school ,and give students an opportunity to back track and look at the big picture, but something tangible should be produced
- Part of role of c12 is to define role each semester
- MB - if we have to have one binder of what we come out of c12 - council of twelve talk about what Haverford is.
- We need to make it so accessible that students will get it
- FB, MB, - The bi-co should be coming to these meetings; the bi-co should be talking to us individuals
- Raskin, students get really upset about is what affects them every day
- Last year - cups in Dc, big debate, but this year, the much broader and more effective eco resolution is b/c people don't realize how it will effect them every day
- What students care about is what affects them every day: this is wrong!
- 9:13 PM -FB comparing us to past Sc is not possible
- The meetings that we held, didn't help promote discussion about the community as a whole
- The coming out of a statement, or a forum, that we looked at Haverford as a whole would be really powerful.
- Instilling our opinion and beliefs of our school and what our belief of what this school should be, if we create something like that, it will be seen by adminstart5iors and board of managers, and people who can administrate change, nothing more concrete that that needs to come out of this
- MB - If we come up with a theme, and that will attract people
- FB - this body should be self governing and think abstractly
- DB - really being a think tank. - if we put something like that together, the way we approach putting a concrete document together, much more potential that the document will get across to people and connect with people: accessible and informative and then it is a good time for people to react and respond
- 9:17 PM FB - this is how policy is changed, FCAE - they came together and now they get a crap load of funding, they sit down together and think critically
- b/c we don't' have a set goal in mind, this could be our responsibly
- MB - each of us on this committee, and we bring two people, it must be personal environment

- FB - bring people who want to discuss this topic in
- MB - ask Emerson to come in soon
- As a new president, he needs some student guidance, we've been elected and here's what we think:
- We really need to connect with the powers of our school
- 9:28 PM close of meeting

Students' Council Meeting

September 27, 2007

These minutes reflect the perceptions of Becca Varon '10 and Janet Yoon '10, 2007-2008 Students' Council co-secretaries.

Present: Janet Yoon '10, Evan Raskin '08, Carly Yasinski '08, Evan Stiegel '08, Calvin Okoth-obbo '09, Meghan McAllister '10, Fabrizio Barbagelata '10, Stefan Pappius-LeFebvre '10, Mary Ellingboe '09, Lindsay Festa '09, Jane Seymour '10, David Burstein '11, Daniel Kent '11, Cristina Morais '11, Anna Krieger '08, Sonia Williams '08, Maggie Bishop '10, Will Harrson '10, Emily Walden '10, Monique Wong '09, Kathleen Abels '09, David Merrell '09, Becca Varon '10, Ahmed Akbar '10, Evan Rodriguez '08

Start: 7:07 PM

- I. Moment of Silence
- II. Co-Presidents' report
 - a. Council of 12 met last week for the first time; discussed initiatives that administration has been working on, as well as direction of Council of 12
 - b. Plenary packets have been sent off for printing
 - c. Met with Steve Watter and Greg Kannerstein; discussed smoking ban, phone lines
- III. Introductions
- IV. Vice-Presidents' report
 - a. Appointing freshman JSAAPP rep because no one ran; no seniors applied, so there will be no senior rep
 - b. Will appoint Multicultural Rep to Board of Managers
 - c. Will re-open application for Faculty Admissions Committee
- V. Treasurers' Report
 - a. First office hours went well
 - b. Noticing general unrest resulting from budgeting period – some groups are disappointed
 - c. Some clubs request to take all their money at once in check requests – this is discouraged; the treasurers would like to create policy regarding when this is allowed
 - d. Money needs to be set aside for Quaker Bouncers, sound crew, etc
- VI. Secretaries' Report
 - a. In process of gaining access to website to update, and eventually create new layout
 - b. 16 clubs planning to table at Plenary (so far)
- VII. Officer of Campus Life's Report

- a. Is speaking with FCAE, which is trying to get a feel (by speaking with students) for how and if certain departments need enrichment. They're really responsive to student input. Check out the GO boards post.
- b. Final plan for FCAE to be out by January (planned)
- c. Also working on Academic Advising Plan, Social Justice Requirement
- VIII. Officer of Campus Life's report
 - a. Meeting with Health Services to work on flexibility of hours
 - b. Meeting with Jason McGraw regarding re-doing the DC basement
- IX. Officer of the Arts
 - a. Planning dialogue on the arts – e-mail him with suggestions
- X. Officer of Athletics' report
 - a. Trying to get rid of stereotype of “apathetic athlete,” open athletics further to all students (working on getting trainer for intramural sports)
 - b. Some frustration regarding date of Screw Your Roommate coinciding with athletic events
- XI. Officer of Multiculturalism's report
 - a. Meeting with Amina DeBurst (OMA director); working on increasing communication between affinity groups
 - b. OMA newsletter to increase awareness of events on campus
 - c. Diversity Initiative Group – involves deans, faculty, students – will contract group to do “Equity Scorecard” which helps Haverford figure out where it is; also, bringing in statistician to evaluate progress of underrepresented students
 - d. Possible dialogue on Honor Code and race upcoming
- XII. First board meeting – to be discussed:
 - a. Sophomore experience, with a focus on diversity
- XIII. Standing Committee Student Representative Reports
 - a. AAC
 - i. Our investment practices have grown more aggressive (in a positive way) in the past 5-10 years; as a result, our endowment has been growing rapidly
 - ii. Financial aid: Our tuition growth is equivalent to similar schools (about 5% per year)
 - iii. 28% of total tuition is given in financial aid – not bad, but could be better comparatively to other schools (we should aim for the mid-30s.)
 - iv. Haverford looks at value of houses more than other schools do – assets are strongly taken into account as well as income
 - b. EPC
 - i. Will meet with FCAE
 - ii. Has been talking about the Social Justice requirement, and will continue to do so – students can get involved and give input (especially regarding what to do, not just what's wrong with it) by contacting student reps (cyasinsk@haverford.edu, janderso@haverford.edu)

- iii. Will start working soon on improving next semester's courses, including writing program
 - c. CPC (College Planning Committee)
 - i. No intention of meeting any time soon; lack of interest described as "alarming"
- XIV. Council of Twelve Report
 - a. Discussed their role, where they see themselves as a body
 - b. Freshman reps made a Facebook group for members of their class to communicate with them
- XV. Role of joint SC meetings
 - a. Evan Rodriguez '08: Purpose of restructuring SC was to make flow of information more natural
 - b. Since meetings are now every other week, this will hopefully make them more of a big deal, draw more attendees
 - c. Who should meet with important staff – Council of Twelve or Executive Board? Joint meetings?
 - i. Emily Walden: Constant dialogue going on with both
 - ii. Council of Twelve – devote part of bi-weekly discussion to this; prepare by gathering student opinion
 - d. Council of Twelve to bring their discussions to joint meetings to get further input
 - e. David Burstein: Before meeting, people should put together a list of a couple key things to discuss to put on the agenda – email to sc@haverford.edu
 - f. Fabrizio Barbagelata: Should SC meetings be a place where we try to bring in different groups every week, try to open discussion to their issues?
 - g. Maggie Bishop: SC should have a blog on the Haverford website about ongoing issues
 - h. Evan Rodriguez: Groups such as EHaus seek to be more involved in policy; we should find ways (e.g. blogs) to encourage groups to get involved/informed
 - i. Adam Lewis: SC should have town-hall-style meetings where anyone can air their issues
 - j. David Burstein: Networking between student activities is important; can SC facilitate this?
 - k. Anna Krieger: Before their "awareness weeks," club heads should check in with SC, because we can help publicize and increase participation
 - l. Kathleen Abels: Great ideas, but Haverford students are busy – Students' Council may not be among their top priorities. We have to be specific, focused to get feedback.
 - m. Fabrizio Barbagelata: Agreed; SC must make meetings as open and inviting as possible.
 - n. Evan Rodriguez: Goal of SC is to support students; we must think about how we can best do that.

- o. Maggie Bishop: More people at meetings means less structured conversation, less order. Specific dialogue with student activities should maybe not be only at bi-weekly meetings.
- p. Meghan McAllister: If we figure out topics we'll be discussing ahead of time, we can target specific people to bring to meetings.
- q. Stefan Pappius-Lefebvre: Is there something built into the Council of Twelve to have an exclusive forum for the grade?
- r. Emily Walden: Sees herself more as a student body representative, rather than a class representative – Council of Twelve members shouldn't restrict themselves to representing their class.
- s. Sonia Williams: Thinks that joint meetings should be a place to bring together well-developed ideas; representatives should be at the same place when they come to meetings. Joint meetings should result in answers.
- t. Meghan McAllister: How do Exec. Council and Council of Twelve differ? Which should have more contact with the administration, work with their agenda? (Responsibilities outside the meetings?)
- u. Fabrizio Barbagelata: What should come out of these meetings – dialogue or plans?
- v. Sonia Williams: Council of Twelve should bring students' opinions (in an organized account) to meetings
- w. Maggie Bishop: We should use meetings to combine student and faculty interests.
- x. Kathleen Abels: Thinks that Exec should work with administration, Council of Twelve with students – not everything all at once.
- y. Adam Lewis: We shouldn't just act based on our own opinions of issues. Council of Twelve should focus on outreach by holding forums, etc.; should bring results to joint meetings.
- z. Emily Walden: We should come up with clear definition of which group does what – ex. Council of Twelve finds issues and brings them to Exec, where the person whose specific job it is can deal with it
- aa. Kathleen Abels: Officers on Exec are better suited to handle specific issues than Council of Twelve.
- bb. Meghan McAllister: Sees both bodies as working with students and administration. This was initially discussed with Clearness Committee. Council of Twelve can be more of a “digesting, interpreting, forward-looking” body – they don't have to do the “business” side of things.
- cc. Sonia Williams: Current setup of Council of Twelve may be confusing to students; they need to know where they can and should go, instead of contacting random people (or no one at all). We should transmit this information to students in a way that they can digest and understand this (i.e. not in an e-mail.)
- dd. Maggie Bishop: Council of Twelve reps should establish specific contacts in the staff, publicize who is connected to who
- ee. Ahmed Akbar: Specific roles should be defined
- ff. Emily Walden: Exec = day-to-day contact with admin, Council of Twelve = student input, but these roles should not be too rigid

- gg. Kathleen Abels: Perceives Council of Twelve as a body that takes a step back, identifies problems/successes.
- hh. Jane Seymour: Exec will feed off of questions that Council of Twelve asks; Exec will take action.
- ii. Adam Lewis: Envisions philosophical, “First Thursday”-esque forums facilitated by Council of Twelve
- jj. Evan Rodriguez: We should establish roles of student reps and committees.
- kk. Meghan McAllister: Do we need to have separate Council of Twelve forums for the student body, or should we have joint meetings for all students to attend?
- ll. David Burstein: Likes idea of holding forums, but we’re relying on them too much – they’re only good if people show up. We should try to create a limited number of specialized forums.
- mm. Maggie Bishop: We should have a once-a-month facilitated discussion with the student body as/instead of one of the joint meetings.
- nn. Kathleen Abels: If Bryn Mawr can get 70-90 students at their SGA meetings, we can too if we carry across the concept of our meetings correctly.
- oo. Meghan McAllister: Council of Twelve gauges opinion of topics, gets together with Exec to decide what to do. We can invite in staff to discuss predetermined issues, have specific time where non-SC-members can talk about anything they want.
- pp. Fabrizio Barbagelata: Council of Twelve is still shaping itself, won’t limit itself to what has come out of this discussion.

XVI. General Chatter

- a. Evan Rodriguez: Students’ Council will present at Plenary its agenda for the whole year; this will raise awareness, help students know which meetings to come to.
- b. David Burstein: When we reconvene, we should develop a plan about meeting publicity/advertising.
- c. Will Harrison: One of our biggest issues is figuring out what administration is doing with master plan, and how to get students involved.
- d. Fabrizio Barbagelata: All of SC required to attend plenary

XVII. Moment of Silence

End: 9:00 PM

Smoking Ban Forum

September 27, 2007

These minutes reflect the perceptions of Becca Varon '10 and Janet Yoon '10, 2007-2008 Students' Council co-secretaries.

Present: Janet Yoon '10, Phebe Matsen '08, Jill Foley '08, Marien Levy '08, Kathleen Abels '09, Daniel Kent '11, Caila Heyison '11, Meghan McAllister '10, Fabrizio Barbagelata '10, Adam Lewis '10, Stefan Pappius-Lefebvre '10, Mary Ellingboe '09, Sam Kaplan '10, Goda Trakumaite '10, Michael Novinson '10, Ryan Mulligan '10, Samuel Leath '10, Girija Hathaway '11, Andreea Bailuc '11, Ahmed Ali Akbar '10, Becca Varon '10

Start: 9:09 PM

- I. Moment of Silence
- II. What is our stance toward any type of smoking ban? (We = the student body.)
 - a. Kathleen Abels: Is President Emerson meeting with the staff, as this issue probably affects them disproportionately? Students generally think that smoking doesn't really affect them anywhere other than Lunt Basement.
 - b. Mike Novinson: President Emerson has met (spontaneously) with professional administrative staff; there is concern among staff members, primarily regarding where staff members with no dormitory to go back to (who don't intend to quit) should go. Students have brought up concerns about having smoking indoors. President Emerson is considering idea of having designated outdoor smoking areas.
 - c. Sam Kaplan: Would like to know proportion of Haverford students who smoke; suspects it would be relatively low, and, if so, why does Haverford need to lead the way in banning smoking?
 - d. Meghan McAllister: There was a survey conducted last year; Jeff Lichstein is trying to track it down.
 - e. Caila Heyison: Supports the smoking ban; was initially surprised at how many people smoke here. Several cities have restricted smoking to certain areas; we need to give the smokers a place to smoke, but limit this space to reduce exposure to those who don't want to be exposed.
 - f. Adam Lewis: How does smoking (i.e. confronting those whose smoke bothers you) fall under the Honor Code? Do you feel comfortable confronting someone, and do they feel comfortable being confronted?
 - g. Meghan McAllister: Dorms are a place where the Honor Code "rules"; this is where confrontations can take place (does this include Lunt Basement?)
- III. Fabrizio Barbagelata: As it stands, smoking inside dorms would be allowed as long as other residents are OK with it. What do you think?

- a. Daniel Kent: This would make things difficult for those with allergies (it does for him); even walking through second-hand smoke has an impact. This would be a distraction, not conducive to learning environment.
- b. Meghan McAllister: This is more a question about the Honor Code than anything else.
- c. Point of clarification – Daniel Kent: Can we confront staff members?
Marien Levy: Essentially, yes
- d. Marien Levy: Confrontation is key communications tool. Much more effective than referring to a “ban” or “rule” against smoking. People should enforce this only if they are personally bothered by smoking. I’m not going to force anyone to stop smoking, and I don’t understand the current ban – it would drive smokers closer to dorms. I don’t like the idea of “isolation and segregation.”
- e. Caila Heyison: Doesn’t think smokers should go into dorms, but be in areas away from people outside
- f. Goda Trakumaite: Where would these areas be?
- g. Sam Kaplan: There should be enough places – it’s a big campus.
- h. Caila Heyison: Should we ask smokers to go 20 feet away from buildings?
- i. Fabrizio Barbagelata: How can we do this without ostracizing people?
- j. Meghan McAllister: If we take a stand against second-hand smoke, is it us or the administration?
- k. Fabrizio Barbagelata: The issue with second-hand smoke is that it affects everyone
- l. Marien Levy: Do we know President Emerson’s plans for a student forum?
- m. Presidents: We are addressing this with him shortly.
- n. Mike Novinson: President Emerson feels he’s alerted each constituency, so he’s not going to initiate specific meetings; however, he’s happy to discuss it with anyone who approaches him individually.
- o. Sam Leath: I smoke on the Barclay fire escape, and I’ve never been confronted about it. What about social smokers – what does this mean for their choices? President Emerson has been contradictory in Bi-Co articles regarding choice/non-choice.
- p. Phebe Matsen: As Dean Watter says – what kind of impression are we sending to prospective students when they see students smoking?
- q. Ahmed Akbar: When President Emerson was asked at Collection, he stated main motivation as health.
- r. Meghan McAllister: Also, there is a doctor on the Board of Managers who has been very outspoken about this for at least two years.
- s. Sam Leath: Why is there no public knowledge (ex. given during Customs Week) given on how to quit? Discouraging smoking is great, but does banning it really help? This information should be more readily available. What would a ban mean for prospective students – would it discourage them from being here because they smoke? Is it worth denying these people to our community?
- t. Caila Heyison: It could go both ways (specs could like lack of smoking.)

- u. Sam Kaplan: There are fewer smokers here than at other colleges – we’re already sending a message.
- v. Meghan McAllister: This can be related to Alcohol Policy – people who want to drink would be discouraged by a dry campus, but people who don’t probably wouldn’t care
- w. Sam Kaplan: Concerned that this is a very “top-down” issue; is this really a health issue?
- x. Fabrizio: Pretty sure it is a health issue – guilt of doctor on BOM.
- y. Sam Leath: If this is really a health issue, why is the smoke being moved into the dorms? I have an issue with this, and I’m a smoker – I would never choose to smoke in my dorm. It makes it a roundabout way of saying “you can’t smoke on campus” – go to your dorm and try...
- z. Will Harrison: Two housing units are smoke-free currently; if this goes through, Housing Committee would probably create much more smoke-free housing, maybe specifically smoking housing. Didn’t SC find (a while ago) that students have a right to smoke in their dorms if they so choose?
- aa. Meghan McAllister: thinks it was Honor Council.
- bb. Fabrizio Barbagelata: What about banning smoking everywhere (including in dorms, possibly apartments)?
- cc. Various people: Theoretically, this is what we have now.
- dd. Sam Kaplan: Generally, people don’t support the smoking ban.
- ee. Janet Yoon: Associates smoking with secretaries, registrars near Founders/Chase; are there places in the back of these buildings where they could go to improve image/exposure to smoke?
- ff. Fabrizio Barbagelata: Smoking as an addiction affects them more than us – it’s not fair to ostracize people without giving them the opportunity to quit (smoking).
- gg. Mike Novinson: Staff Association met a week ago, not ready to take an official stance, but individuals can speak for themselves – people feel strongly both ways.
- hh. Meghan McAllister: We are brainstorming how to discuss this with staff.
- ii. Sam Leath: Thinks Honor Code is working in terms of confronting smokers; would rather have seen this issue brought up by students. It feels like an attack, surprise.
- jj. Meghan McAllister: Honor Code is more powerful (and would be more appreciated and respected) in confronting someone than saying “hey, there’s a rule.”
- kk. Sam Leath: The smoking ban doesn’t exhibit Quaker ideals at all. The proposal started from the administration, overlooking any discussion with the community.
- ll. Sam Kaplan: Rules only separate people, whereas confrontation can execute the same idea in a much better fashion.
- mm. Mary Ellingboe: Confrontation, although not as authoritative, is much more personal.
- nn. Goda Trakumaite: Smoker would feel much more guilty if a person confronted him/her instead of being a violator of a law.

- oo. Will Harrison: From his perspective, the ban doesn't have to do with students' concern, but as a major health crisis.
- pp. Ryan Mulligan: Potential shortcoming of Honor Code – those who aren't part of the community won't understand "confrontation" as a communication tool (i.e. specs, visiting students, dog walkers, etc). A ban would give confrontation some credibility.
- qq. Sam Kaplan: It's the responsibility of the student to confront the smoker.
- rr. Caila Heyison: Feels uncomfortable that people smoke all the time, and doesn't want to confront every person who smokes. Lunt should be smoke-free, but people should be able to smoke outside.
- ss. Fabrizio Barbagelata: If smoking in Lunt is a problem with non-smokers, we can work on resolving that issue.
- tt. Sam Kaplan: FUCS shows can be made smoke-free.
- uu. Fabrizio Barbagelata: The biggest concern is that the ban doesn't help students in any way and doesn't promote health.
- vv. Meghan McAllister: Lunt could be a discussion to have. Maybe we should bring this up with Health Services, as well.
- ww. Sam Kaplan: Isn't Lunt a public performance space? Can we have any indoor smoking space? Believes everyone can end up happy – but a ban isn't the way to do this.
- xx. Janet Yoon: We rarely see confrontation in regards to open containers outside, even though it definitely does happen. (However, this doesn't affect people in the same way that smoking does.) We don't see the Honor Code being acted upon enough – we should encourage students to use it, as well as publicizing a quitting program.
- yy. Sam Kaplan: Maybe Honor Council can lead a PR campaign?

IV. Moment of Silence

End: 10:26 PM

Fall Plenary 2007

September 30, 2007

These minutes reflect the perceptions of Becca Varon '10 and Janet Yoon '10, 2007-2008 Students' Council co-secretaries.

Quorum Reached: 7:19

- I. Moment of Silence
- II. Welcome to Plenary
- III. Rules of Order and Agenda
 - a. Explanation of Alcohol Policy ratification circumstances
 - b. Three minutes to look over Rules of Order and examine Agenda
 - c. Five minutes for questions concerning Agenda or Rules of Order
 - d. Call for amendments to change Agenda or Rules of Order
 - e. Vote to accept any amendments to Agenda
- IV. Presidents present Students' Council Semester Agenda
 - a. We seek a college that cultivates and stimulates intellectual growth at the highest possible level.
 - b. We seek a community that supports and fosters awareness among the entire student body regarding issues of diversity and multiculturalism.
 - c. We seek to expand and refine the college's curricular offerings in the arts.
 - d. We seek a campus with space that fulfills student needs.
 - e. We seek a campus that provides and supports the most current computing and other technological resources.
 - f. We seek to utilize the new SC structure to its full potential and set high standards for the quality of work and leadership that SC provides the Students' Association.
 - g. Our goals are not limited to the above five, and we foresee them constantly adapting to reflect the needs and desires of the Students' Association.
- V. Student Resolution for a Sustainable Haverford, presented by EHaus, CER, and EarthQuakers
 - a. Introduction of resolution and question/answer session
 - i. Tim Richards '09: Haverford is not sustainably powered, but we can become so by buying 100% wind power. By doing so, we are not physically receiving the specific wind electricity ourselves; rather, we are investing in the technology.
 - ii. Lara Pollack '10: If President Emerson is not able to obtain funding to continue this measure, will students continue to pay increased tuition?
 - iii. Tim Richards '09: President Emerson will obtain this funding. If he doesn't, students can re-vote on whether to continue the increase.

- iv. Amira Shulman-Kumin '10: How will this work in regards to financial aid?
 - v. Tim Richards '09: The Financial Aid office will cover the increase for everyone on financial aid.
 - vi. Nick Lotito '10: To whom are we paying the money?
 - vii. Tim Richards '09: We are working with Community Energy in Radnor, PA. They are ensuring the money goes to buy Renewable Energy Certificates, which show us exactly what was purchased.
 - viii. Cedar Balazs '08: When will this take effect?
 - ix. Tim Richards '09: Next fall.
 - x. Erica Greene '10: Are the other measures just suggestions?
 - xi. Tim Richards '09: The compact fluorescent light bulbs are certain; as to the others, we can't guarantee that they will happen, but Emerson is on board, and we are likely to start energy audits soon to determine our efficiency.
- b. Pro/Con Debate
- i. PRO Evan Rodriguez '08: Could this \$60 be better spent somewhere else? No; we are investing \$60,000 in renewable energy.
 - ii. CON Erica Greene '10: We should be investing in decreasing energy consumption on campus, as well as making our energy cleaner.
 - iii. PRO Sarah Allard '09: You're right, but this is also a great way to make a difference.
 - iv. CON Sarina Schwartz '11: We should be raising money for financial aid, not sustainability.
 - v. PRO Tim Richards '09: Energy transitions should take a high priority.
 - vi. PRO Zac Dutton '10: Finally!
 - vii. CON Nick Nelson '08: We are forcing a quarter of Haverford's future community (next year's freshmen) to pay for something they don't know about.
 - viii. PRO Rob Korobkin '08: This is a powerful measure to support our future society.
 - ix. CON Taylor Burmeister '09: It seems too vague.
 - x. PRO Maryann Tekverk '09: We are getting something started; we can afford to pay \$60 extra per student.
 - xi. CON Alex Davies: We can do other things ourselves to conserve resources.
 - xii. PRO Evan Rodriguez '08: We need to get alumni excited about spending money; this is something that students care about and that they can support.
 - xiii. CON John McCauley '11: Why not extend the measure to every year?
- c. Response to Pro/Con Debate by Presenters
- i. Carly Giffin '08: This isn't "forced" on the student body.

- ii. Fay Strongin '10: This isn't binding; it's just a vote of support, and there can be further negotiations.
- d. Call for Unfriendly Amendments
 - i. None
- e. Vote
 - i. **Resolution passes** with visual vote

VI. Commencement Resolution

- a. Introduction of resolution and question/answer session
 - i. Johann Koehler '08: Currently, graduation program includes list of those who have been awarded honors; we don't talk about our grades here for many valid reasons, and this is contrary to the spirit of Haverford. Not trying to take honors out of Haverford system; just wants to not have them publicized.
 - ii. Daniel Studenmund '08: Have you talked to the administration about this?
 - iii. Johann Koehler '08: Yes; and this goes beyond the Quaker tradition
 - iv. Erica Greene '10: Do you support announcing athletic achievement, but not academic achievement?
 - v. Johann Koehler '08: Athletic achievements are prizes, not honors; therefore, this doesn't apply to them.
 - vi. Gina Delvac '08: Is there anywhere else where this information is published, and are you for or against this?
 - vii. Johann Koehler '08: It's published on the website, and I think this is fine.
 - viii. Dan Sacks '08: What is the intent of graduation – to celebrate achievement?
 - ix. George Urgo '08: To celebrate our whole class/generation; this is something which can be done without grades. To do so at commencement after four years of not doing so is problematic. Everyone should be celebrated, and people shouldn't be singled out.
 - x. Caitlin Fitzharris '10: Would you be in favor of the "athletic/academic
 - xi. Ben Diamond '11: Students can share this information themselves anyway; can they choose to have their info on the program?
 - xii. Johann Koehler '08: I am trying to get us away from this kind of "muscle-flexing" completely.
 - xiii. Will Harrison '10: What honors would not be taken out of the program?
 - xiv. Johann Koehler '08: I haven't gone through the list of prizes, but any academic-performance-related ones would be taken out.
 - xv. David Hartmann '08: Have you talked to any of the recipients, done any research?
 - xvi. Johann Koehler '08: I have spoken to the recipients, and they felt uncomfortable.

b. Pro/Con Debate

- i. PRO Justin Dainer-Best '09: We have Athlete of the Week, but we don't have "academic of the week." Can't hide that you do well in athletics but still possible to be private about grades
- ii. CON Eli Blood-Patterson '11: Deeply bothers him that we don't want to recognize students. Resolution doesn't lower anybody's grades.
- iii. PRO Sonia Williams '08: Taking names out of program doesn't mean that we're not already celebrating academic achievement.
- iv. CON Jennifer '10: Distinction between athletic achievement and academic achievement is not big.
- v. PRO Nick Lotito '10: Academic achievements are important, but it is not the only concern
- vi. CON Carly Yasinski '08: People should be recognized. Students should know how to recognize their achievements for the sake of their own future.
- vii. PRO Allie Farrell '10: List does have a lasting effect on people but ethos of Haverford doesn't go along with sharing grades
- viii. CON Megan Bonney '11: Graduation is a natural recognition of achievements. People should be mature enough not to make such a big deal of recognizing people for their grades.
- ix. PRO Justin Dainer-Best '09: Sees no reason for grades to be displayed.
- x. CON Dan Shanin '10: Commencement is time for recognition. Students should be recognized for any achievements they make whether it's in academics, student organizations, athletics, etc. People deserve rewards.
- xi. PRO '11: Main reason why people go to Haverford is to keep grades to themselves.

c. Extend Pro/Con Debate by 10 minutes

- i. CON Jon Lima '10: People deserve an audience for their academic achievements, similar to how athletes have supporters. Also, individuals should be proud of their academic achievements and not be ashamed to show them off.
- ii. PRO Amina Shulman-Kumin '10: Reason why she came to Haverford was because people made grades private. Knowing peoples' grades brings up an uncomfortable situation.
- iii. CON Dave Merrell '09: Recognition gives others a chance to know who has worked hard.
- iv. PRO Annick Lamar '09: As commencement usher, knows that seniors are not allowed to look at programs before or during the ceremony.
- v. PRO Hannah Ruth Miller '10: Students are free to celebrate in privacy of friends and family but shouldn't create an uncomfortable situation for others.

- vi. CON Julian Whitney '10: People outside of Haverford community should be able to see who has earned high honors. Does not necessarily have to not student as the "best" at something but simply recognized for doing a good job in school.
 - vii. PRO Jacob Blanton '09: Against Haverford tradition.
 - viii. CON Thea Hogarth '11: Having honors are not just grades.
 - ix. PRO Karen Tekverk '09: Situation should not be made parallel to athletic achievement. Students are still able to share news with those they are closest to, ie: family, friends.
 - d. Response to Pro/Con Debate by Presenters
 - i. George Urgo '08: Many people do not want to know which students have honors. Displaying names on programs only creates an uncomfortable situation.
 - ii. Johann Koehler '08: People with honors should have the right to choose whether their names are on the list or not; list should not be made under discretion of just the administration.
 - e. Call for Unfriendly Amendments: 75 signatures needed
 - i. Nick Farina '10 and Neil Adige '09: not enough signatures.
 - f. Moment of Silence
 - g. Vote
 - i. Yes 338
 - ii. No 256
 - iii. Abstain 38
 - iv. Resolution Passes** with 53% of the vote
- VII. Dorm Position Resolution
- a. Introduction of resolution and question/answer session
 - i. Maggie Bishop '10: In past years, dorm reps could report specifically on the issues that each dorm was having (to facilities, etc.)
 - ii. Will Harrison '10: Also, will work on dorm unity activities
 - iii. Sam Adler '08: Not amendment to constitution.
 - iv. Justin Dainer-Best '09: Why isn't this something that students can't deal with on their own?
 - v. Maggie Bishop '10: It's an extra resource; makes sure initiative is taken. Also – dorm unity.
 - vi. George Reuter 08: What do you think is the purpose of Housing Committee?
 - vii. Sam Adler '08: It's a check on the system.
 - viii. Ahmed Akbar '10: Will dorm reps work together?
 - ix. Will Harrison '10: Will work together and with administration.
 - x. Hannah-Ruth Miller '10: Why couldn't this be made part of housing committee?
 - xi. Sam Adler '08: Housing Committee focuses mostly on room draw, etc. They can't tell if maintenance is needed. Also, don't do dorm unity activities.
 - xii. Hannah-Ruth Miller '10: Would they be elected or volunteers?

- xiii. Will Harrison '10: Elected.
- xiv. Calvin Okoth-Obbo '09: Would the reps actually be able to effect change? E.g. mouse problems.
- xv. Maggie Bishop '10: No guarantee; depends on their personal standards.

b. Pro/Con Debate

- i. PRO Leo Oliveros-Rosen '10: Great opportunity for people to get involved.
- ii. CON Chris Healy '09: Doesn't seem like their responsibilities are specific; worried it will be no more than a popularity contest.
- iii. PRO Neil Adige '09: We've always had dorm reps, and this year is a huge change. It's hard to get something done unless there is someone responsible for doing it.
- iv. PRO Daniel Kent '11: Has been confused about who to go to. It's essential to improve our higher-education experience.
- v. CON Sam Rabinowitz '09: This is under auspices of Officer of Campus Life.
- vi. PRO Sam Leath '10: Was a dorm rep last year; thinks they were great at resolving conflicts that arose in the dorm
- vii. CON Joe Andersen '09: Is on bingo sheets of many; therefore, wished to speak.
- viii. PRO Julian Whitney '10: Dorm reps are much more specific than Officer of Campus Life.
- ix. CON Simon Linn-Gerstein: Write to gdavis@hc if you have problems with your dorm.
- x. PRO Sam Leath '10: When every member of a dorm needs to know something, a dorm rep would be the best way to ensure that this happens.
- xi. PRO Mary Ellingboe '09: Officer of Campus Life; thinks it's a great idea because she can't always know what's going on in the dorms all the time.
- xii. CON Alex Davies '09: Most elections are already unopposed; do we really need to create more positions?

c. Response to Pro/Con Debate by Presenters

- i. Maggie Bishop '10: The Officer of Campus Life needs this position to help her with her job.
- ii. Will Harrison '10: The resolution asks for students' approval for the people working on this.

d. Moment of Silence

e. Vote

- i. **Resolution passes** by visual vote

VIII. Election Day Resolution

a. Introduction of resolution and question/answer session

- i. Will Harrison '10: Bryn Mawr passed a resolution making Election Day a holiday last year. We have trouble getting students to the

polls; it would be a good idea to ask professors to perhaps cancel class for one day.

- ii. Cedar Balazs '08: This is symbolic: civil service is important to us. This would make it easier for students to be involved in civil service. This would also speak well to staff. The Offices of the President and Provost, and they intend to support it.
- iii. Dave Sanchez '10: In previous elections, students who didn't vote listed primary reason as being penalized for missing class.
- iv. Rachel Oristano '09: When would this take effect?
- v. Cedar Balazs '08: The November election.
- vi. Justin Dainer-Best '09: Why isn't this already in place?
- vii. Cedar Balazs '08: Great question.
- viii. Sam Rabinowitz '09: Why not Martin Luther King Day, as well?
- ix. Cedar Balazs '08: President Emerson has told us that such a change is already underway.

b. Pro/Con Debate

- i. PRO Jacob Waters '10: In the Haverford spirit, this is starting a conversation rather than dictating something.

c. Response to Pro/Con Debate by Presenters

- i. Cedar Balazs '08: Wants to collect signatures to move voting location, elect student to "precinct head."

d. Vote

- i. 508 yes
- ii. 14 no
- iii. 14 abstain
- iv. **Resolution passes** with 95% of the vote

IX. Students' Council and Honor Council Minutes Resolution

a. Introduction of resolution and question/answer session

- i. Aimee Lanning '08: This would hold Honor Council and Students' Council secretaries accountable for posting the minutes in a timely fashion.
- ii. Megan Bonney '08: How would you hold secretaries responsible?
- iii. Aimee Lanning '08: They wouldn't be impeached, just encouraged.
- iv. Katia Alexander '08: Have you talked to the secretaries?
- v. Aimee Lanning '08: Yes

b. Pro/Con Debate

- i. CON Jacob Waters '10: Supports spirit of resolution (transparency), but wants minutes to be high-quality
- ii. PRO Mike Novinson '10: Sets up expectations.
- iii. CON Nick Lotito '10: Honor Council is in process of getting minutes posted online. Everyone in these elected positions is trying their hardest to do the best they can; we shouldn't need to implement guidelines.
- iv. CON Zac Dutton '10: We need to have trust for our elected officials.

- v. PRO Justin Dainer-Best '09: Things don't always get done; it's good to have it on paper.
 - vi. CON Megan Bonney '08: These people are trying to help the community, and they have the best intentions. If you really want to know what's going on, go to SC meetings.
 - vii. PRO Isaac Lutze '08: This isn't about punitive measures; it's about helping secretaries define their roles.
 - viii. CON Nick Lotito '10: FIG – help secretaries post minutes
 - ix. CON Anne Koelhoffer '09: This shouldn't need to go in the text of the Constitution; the secretaries can be addressed directly if there is a problem.
 - x. PRO Ben Buchwalter '08: It's a good thing to have.
 - xi. CON Sam Rabinowitz '09: Constitution states that secretaries should post minutes on a “regular” basis; they need time to perfect the minutes
 - c. Response to Pro/Con Debate by Presenter
 - i. Aimee Lanning '08: It's a transparency issue; the community needs to know what is happening with SC and HC.
 - d. Vote
 - i. **Resolution fails** by visual vote
- X. Abstract Writing Timeline Resolution
- a. Introduction of resolution and question/answer session
 - i. Amira Shulman-Kumin '10: People have said they don't know what is going on with trials; this is in response so that the community may receive the most thorough abstract possible. They are presenting this resolution as students who want to understand trials better. Expand time for abstracts from 4 weeks to 9 weeks. This should increase transparency and improve content.
 - ii. Martin Blood-Forsythe '10: Secretaries cannot write abstracts until all notes are received, which can take some time.
 - iii. Scott Thompson '08: Doesn't understand what Martin wants to change from Constitution
 - iv. Martin Blood-Forsythe '10: Wants to give each element of writing process more time and flexibility for a better abstract.
 - b. Pro/Con Debate
 - i. PRO Sam Rabinowitz '09: Essential resolution. A lot of problems last year. Confrontation over abstract last year where many problems occurred because of short time available to write.
 - ii. PRO Nick Lotito '10: Timeline is necessary in order for abstracts to be written thoroughly
 - c. Response to Pro/Con Debate by Presenters
 - i. Luke McNamara '08: Difficult to take complaints seriously when constitution doesn't allow more time to be spent on the quality of an abstract.
 - d. Moment of Silence
 - e. Vote

Students' Council Meeting

October 4, 2007

Present: Dean Watter, Meghan McAllister '10, Jane Seymour '10, Justin Dainer-Best '09, Stefan Pappius-LeFebvre '10, Adam Lewis '10, Janet Yoon '10, Sam Rabinowitz '09, Ahmed Akbar '10, Calvin Okoth-Obbo '09, Evan Stiegel '09, Lindsay Festa '09, Mary Ellingboe '09

- I. Moment of Silence 7:46 PM
- II. Presidents' Report
 - a. Met with some members of the board
 - b. Keys should be received for the SC office
 - c. Met with Emerson last Friday. President wants to set up three statements about the smoking ban for further clarification.
 - i. Understands that first proposal was neither well received nor was it well presented.
 - ii. Spoke to staff members but was not sympathetic to their addiction.
 - iii. Has gained most of his support from faculty but not staff.
 - iv. Justin: President should have brought it to Plenary and present himself to the students.
 - v. Mary: If smoking ban is made into a rule, people will be less likely to confront someone.
 - d. Justin: Ratification for Alcohol and Honor Code should be presented at the beginning of Plenary, not at the end when people are less likely to listen.
 - i. JSAAP should take Plenary as a chance to explain the content in the Alcohol Policy.
- III. Vice Presidents' Report
 - a. Appointment Interviews for IIC, FCAE, Commencement Committee
 - i. Interviews will be held on Sunday at 11, Tuesday, 5-7
 - b. Sending out Customs' applications for Customs' week heads
 - i. Appointments will have to coincide with parents' weekend
- IV. Secretaries' Reports
 - a. Janet and Becca both have gained access to students' council website. Will start making changes ASAP
 - b. Becca has posted recent minute from Smoking ban meeting and Joint Executive Board and Council of 12 meeting in the Announcements section of the Go! Board.
- V. Treasurers' Reports
 - a. Open hours: Calvin and Evan wish to press some kind of consequence for students who are neglecting to pick up their checks.
 - i. If students do not pick up their checks, checks will no longer be available to them.

- ii. Meghan: Students need to be more responsible for picking up their checks. If they cannot make it, they should contact the treasurers through e-mail. Treasurers will e-mail club heads to let them know about new policy.
- b. Dorm Representative position passed
 - i. Will Harrison has contacted Calvin to get money for the new Dorm representative positions.
 - 1. Dorms will need money for paint, HCA BBQ's, etc
- c. Approached by HAVOC during office hours who needed an extra \$1500 because more people were interested in joining the trip than expected
 - i. Treasurers told them that it would most likely not be possible to gain any financial support.
 - ii. Although it is "unconstitutional" to give money after budgeting, Jason McGraw has given support to the HAVOC trip.

VI. Officer of Academics

- a. Created a Go! Board thread informing students about department meetings
 - i. Will send out mass e-mails when more information is collected.
 - ii. Department heads are trying to inform majors about these meetings for their input.
 - iii. What is the role of the student during the department meetings?
 - 1. One student will be appointed to address students' questions and concerns.
 - 2. Very critical for students to be informed about these meetings so that they know they can be involved.
- b. Regarding Social Justice Requirement
 - i. Subject has been pressing issue in many meetings irrelevant to Students' Council but Jane has not been able to attend these meetings yet because the Social Justice Requirement aspect had not been advertised.
 - ii. Trying to engage more students in discussion about the Social Justice requirement
 - iii. Meghan: Is there any way for students and faculty to see the progress made on the Social Justice Requirement?
 - 1. School needs some kind of student rep. for a Social Justice board
 - 2. Should Social Justice requirement address cultural studies? However, FCAE doesn't address issues of Diversity.

VII. Officer of Multiculturalism

- a. Affinity Group Head meeting held with SC members and Amina DeBurst of OMA
 - i. Needs to strengthen departments that lack full time faculty members and a strong curriculum
 - 1. College should be held accountable for the courses it lacks and falsely advertises.

- ii. Push for multi-faith prayer room
 - 1. New student space or James House could be possible locations
- iii. Push for radical changes made to Social Justice Requirement, especially in terms of cultural exposure and practical application. Meeting about social justice requirement held last week with Brandon West '07 at the CPGC.

VIII. Officer of the Arts

- a. Difficult to see where the arts can fit in among committees like EPC or FCAE. Also, the position doesn't strictly address the Fine Arts Department that is actually under the Officer of Academics' responsibilities.
- b. Approaching forum on the arts at Haverford, interested in advice from the council
 - i. What kind of changes do students need?
 - ii. Jane: Encourages more communication between both their roles because the fine arts dept. and extra-curricular arts are so closely tied together.
 - iii. Calvin: Students should be informed in advance in order to properly address their needs at the forum
 - iv. Stef: Advertise to students what kind of issues will be addressed.

IX. Officer of Athletics

- a. Met with Wendy about trainers needed for non-varsity athletes
 - i. Issue still needs some fine tuning because of lack of finances
- b. Issue of recognizing athletes' accomplishments mentioned during Plenary
- c. Some frustration expressed by faculty about students leaving early for sports
 - i. Athletes should be more responsible about informing professors about missing class.
 - ii. Athletes should try to learn their season's schedules in advance in order to wisely choose courses. Coaches should try to have this information beforehand early in the semester.

X. Officer of Campus Life

- a. Met with infirmary nurses
 - i. Will try to be more available to students
- b. Meeting about renovating DC basement
 - i. Meeting with Julie Eubanks and Jason McGraw
 - ii. Julie will be taking care of project
- c. Communicating with Will Harrison and Maggie Bishop about new dorm rep. positions

- i. Stef: Should SC be in charge of facilitating elections?
 - 1. Already some discussion on whether students should be elected or appointed.
 - 2. Adam: Candidates should inform students about what they plan to initiate as dorm reps.

XI. Honor Council's Report

- a. Doug abstract handed out
- b. Trying to provoke more discussion on issues such as alcohol, diversity, etc. and how the Honor Code can play a role.
 - i. Meghan: Should Honor Council address how JSAAP presented itself during Plenary?
 - 1. If people feel strongly about issue, Honor Council will confront JSAAP

XII. General Chatter

- a. Meghan: SC members invited to luncheon for Board of Managers meeting tomorrow (Friday).
- b. Adam: Unsatisfied with joint meeting with Council of 12 last week/
 - i. Disagrees with idea that Council of 12 should be limited to discuss issues of Haverford amongst themselves
 - ii. Jane: Although they are thinking very philosophically, and focusing on long term issues, they are still sensitive to students' needs
 - iii. Adam: Council of 12 needs to be active in community, receive students' opinion and be able to present it to joint meetings.
 - iv. Stef: Should be careful not to completely dismiss Council of 12's efforts but Exec should help them to solidify their role as student representatives
 - v. Adam: Up to Exec. Council to create a concrete role for Council of 12 members, perhaps a Constitutional amendment
 - vi. Jane: In order to keep them from being solitary, enforce students to provoke dialogue with rest of students in community
 - vii. Meghan; Would like to see a report made by members. Council needs some kind of documentary evidence about progress made.
 - viii. Adam: Ideally, Council of 12 should not just make long term plans for school but to generate interest in student government and general workings of school.
 - ix. Stef: Council of 12 seems excited about more student involvement but seems reluctant to facilitate this involvement.
 - x. Meghan: Council is careful not to push an agenda on students
 - xi. Adam: Feels that goal of Council should be to form an agenda on what the students are looking for.
 - xii. Ahmed: Council needs to formulate a role showing students that they can address any of their concerns.

- xiii. Stef: Felt that Council of 12 and Exec were not working together but were existing as two completely different bodies
 - xiv. Sam: Up to Exec. to be more collaborative with Council of 12. Because Council of 12 is a completely new body, we should give the group some time for them to define their roles.
 - xv. Adam: In next joint meeting, Exec should let Council know how Exec will need the Council specifically.
 - xvi. Jane: Could people on clearness committee come in next meeting and talk about their vision of how Council and Exec should work together and interact?
- c. Calvin: Transparency of Minutes
- i. How will students react to notes about HAVOC
 - ii. General support by Exec on transparency of minutes

XIII. Moment of Silence

XIV. Meeting dismissed 9:29

Students' Council Meeting

October 11, 2007

These minutes reflect the perceptions of Becca Varon '10 and Janet Yoon '10, 2007-2008 Students' Council co-secretaries.

Present:

Executive Council: Meghan McAllister '10 and Fabrizio Barbagelata '10 (Co-Presidents), Adam Lewis '10 and Stefan Pappius-LeFebvre '10 (Co-VPs), Janet Yoon '10 and Becca Varon '10 (Co-Secretaries), Evan Stiegel '09 and Calvin Okoth-Obbo '09 (Co-Treasurers), Justin Dainer-Best '09 (Officer of the Arts), Ahmed Akbar (Officer of Multiculturalism), Lindsay Festa '09 (Officer of Athletics)

Council of Twelve: Anna Krieger '08, Sonia Williams '08, Evan Rodriguez '08, Kathleen Abels '09, Emily Walden '09, Will Harrison '10, Evan Raskin '10, David Burstein '11, Cristina Morais '11, Daniel Kent '11

EPC: Joe Anderson '09

Bi-College News: Michael Novinson '10, Dave Merrell '09

Guests: Tom Carroll '10, Noah Stephens '10, Adolfo Cuesta '10, Caila Heyison '11

Information Technology Representatives: Bob Kieft (Chief Information Officer), Matt Nocifore (Networking, CIR), Barbara Mindell (Director of ACC), Mary Ellen Luongo (ACC)

- I. Moment of Silence: 7:12 PM
- II. Presidents' Report
 - a. Board of Managers meeting – Fabrizio and Meghan presented student affairs. Some topics discussed at the meeting included multiculturalism and diversity, the arts, communications (the new website, among other things), investments, professors' insurance policies
 - b. Met with Stephen Gregg; are trying to figure out how people use their landline phones
 - i. Only 43 students have PIN numbers; do other students use these landlines besides them?
 - c. More discussion about the smoking ban will take place; it will be more structured, with specific queries
 - i. President Emerson plans to have dinners in the Sunken Lounge with students
 - d. Haverford met with representatives from UPenn regarding expanding access to classes there – for example, 3/2 programs
 - e. Passed Plenary resolutions were presented to Emerson
 - i. Environmental resolution – Emerson will implement as soon as possible
 - ii. Commencement resolution – will be forwarded to faculty committee for further discussion
 - iii. Constitutional resolutions – will be ratified at Spring Plenary

- III. Vice-Presidents' report
 - a. Appointments this past week – FAC, international initiatives, commencement committee for 2009
 - b. Upcoming appointments – Customs heads
- IV. Secretaries' report
 - a. Website will be updated soon
 - b. Blogs will help students communicate with SC
- V. Treasurers' report
 - a. Lots of people coming to office hours
 - b. Not a lot of people coming to pick up their checks – only about 1/3 who request them do come to pick them up
- VI. Officer of Academics
 - a. Jane has been working closely with FCAE; committee will be present at one of the joint meetings next month
- VII. Officer of Campus Life
 - a. DC Basement likely to be transformed into black-box theater, performance space for a cappella/Greasepaint Productions, lounge space. Want to be respectful of band room, so will be in contact with them during development of this space. A meeting may be held soon to solicit student thoughts on this plan.
 - b. Dorm Reps
 - i. Will Harrison '10: Meeting with people to run over funding, etc.; after break, will work on advertising, elections
- VIII. Officer of the Arts
 - a. Excited about student arts space in DC basement
 - b. Has been talking with Humanities Center about having a dialogue about the state of arts on campus; more to come
- IX. Officer of Athletics
 - a. Panel to be held about how athletes are viewed on campus, state of athletics
 - b. Working with Women's Center to fundraise for breast cancer research at home games
- X. Officer of Multiculturalism
 - a. A sequel to SpeakOut last year is happening, in format of Tommy T's First Thursdays – more student interaction in this one. Tentative date: November 1st or 2nd, in Founders Common Room (this may change)
- XI. EPC report (Joe Anderson)
 - a. Continuing to do course approvals
 - b. Ongoing discussion about social justice requirement – possible incentive for professors to offer their courses as social justice, leading to more/smaller classes
- XII. Council of Twelve report
 - a. Will create a document outlining the essence of a Haverford education, from a student's perspective – for use with staff, faculty
- XIII. Technology on Campus, presented by Bob Kieft (Head of Communications)
 - a. Here because the college lacks committee structure to discuss technology

- b. Wireless network deployment
 - i. Planning to deploy a blanket wireless network on campus
 - ii. Matt Nocifore's presentation
 - 1. Currently, there are around 50-55 wireless hotspots on campus; this isn't sufficient to cover whole campus, and access (via VPN software) isn't the most convenient.
 - 2. Wireless service will be expanded to 350-400 hotspots – this will cover the whole campus, including dorm rooms.
 - 3. This will mean that many students will stop using wired connections, which will mean that a good system must be in place for identifying dead spots and problems.
 - 4. A proposal will be presented to the College this month with an estimate of price, process for moving forward (selecting equipment and vendor)
 - 5. Also, plans to help support technology, including iPhones
 - 6. If College funds proposal, hopes to see implementation by next fall; will work with Facilities Management on placement of devices
 - 7. Will support Linux as well as Mac OS, Windows; will be equipped with smart software to further support as much technology as possible
 - 8. VPN will no longer be used as part of wireless on campus, but it will still be available for off-campus purposes
- c. Website
 - i. Further communication with students will take place
- d. Student interaction with College business systems on the Web
 - i. We have to catch up with other colleges – major upgrade to take place regarding how students do business with the college on the Web
- e. Large room (4800 square feet) in Stokes currently being used for storage (used to be Science Library) – plans to use space for computing
 - i. Move Roberts facility there (Help Desk)
 - ii. New multimedia lab – separate rooms for video production, high-end technology testing
 - iii. Will be handicapped-accessible
 - iv. Evan Rodriguez: Will seniors have a place to work on their theses, etc? (Student space)
 - v. Barbara Mindell – Good idea, will work with students on this.
 - vi. Steve Watter: This would be in addition to the upcoming student space in Ryan.
- f. Network security
 - i. Will increase in the second half of this year – involves more password changes
 - ii. Matt Nocifore: We're far behind our peers in requiring password changes; will soon require students, faculty to change password at

- least once per year (perhaps starting next semester, when students re-register for dorm network)
- g. Copyright concerns
 - i. Ongoing concerns about music downloading – but lawsuit threats haven't escalated as much here as other places (although we could be fast approaching this)
 - ii. Ever since March, RIAA has been on the warpath. Spread the word to your friends to read the links on the ACC website about “How Not to get Sued”
 - iii. Haverford's name was recently included in the RIAA's “hitlist” of offenders
 - iv. Half of complaints regard music, the other half movies/TV shows
 - h. Structuring student advice to CIR
 - i. Seeking advice on how to involve students more
 - i. Mary Ellen Luongo's report
 - i. Working on providing information resources to faculty and students – ex. directory, transcripts, schedules, major selection
 - ii. Upcoming: ability to update directory, change/remove photo (ex. during Assassin ☺)
 - iii. Implementing robust portal: you will be able to see overdue books, webcams (ex. cam at Bookstore showing how long the line is)
 - iv. HavIT (Haverford Information Technology): Sign in once to be signed into all applications (like transcript)
 - v. Committee of students will help with input regarding issues like paying bills online
 - vi. New system for “institutional advancement” (i.e. paying money online)
 - j. David Burstein: Many students are frustrated with SquirrelMail. Any plans to change this client?
 - i. (Show of hands demonstrates that many of those present at the meeting bypass SquirrelMail with other clients, such as Outlook or Gmail.)
 - ii. Matt Nocifore: SquirrelMail is outdated; he wants to help students use Google interface – although he thinks it wouldn't work well with staff and faculty. If we don't embrace things like Gmail, it will be hard for us to compete with them. There are security/reliability concerns, so he likes the idea of providing a choice.
 - k. Evan Raskin: What about public-access computers in places other than computer labs (DC, campus center, etc.)?
 - i. Matt Nocifore: Do you think having wireless everywhere would reduce the need for this? (Evan: doesn't like carrying laptop around)
 - ii. Two computer kiosks are being installed after Fall Break, under stairwell in Campus Center (to check e-mail on the go, etc – you

will be standing up, and there will be no word-processing or printing ability)

- l. Daniel Kent: How are emergency notifications going to be transmitted?
 - i. Mary Ellen Luongo: College just purchased new alert system (which includes notification by text-message, voicemail, and e-mail), which will be tested after Fall Break. This will only be for true emergencies, not things like an interrupted Blue Bus schedule.
 - m. College plans to double connection speed (from 30 megs to 60 megs, shared between students)
 - n. Student input: IT services wants input from students who can reflect views of whole student body, not just those who are especially interested in computers
 - i. Wants to use forums like SC meetings to access student opinion
 - ii. Tried having a committee for a while; didn't work well in terms of coordinating meeting times with students' workdays
 - o. Cristina Morais: Are extended computer lab hours planned? (Yes.)
 - p. Cable television (in every room): General opinion of those present is to not work too hard on this.
- XIV. Community comments and concerns
- a. Publicizing of minutes (Secretaries)
 - i. Becca and Janet: Currently, they are posted in Go Announcements. Is everyone generally in agreement that they shouldn't be mass e-mailed or used to wallpaper the bathrooms, since they tend to be over 4-5 pages per week? (Yes.) Are there any further ways in which minutes should be publicized?
 1. Possibility of creating an e-mail list for those who wish to receive minutes that way
 2. Paper copies around campus?
 - b. Evan Rodriguez: Suggests splitting joint meetings into two more-defined sections, so someone doesn't necessarily have to sit through the whole two hours if they have specific concerns.
 - c. How to better publicize meetings?
 - i. Have forum at the end, or at least a specific time (after reports, maybe there could be a community report?) for everyone to speak
 - d. Public display of student art
 - i. Already on display in Lunt; Justin will look into further displays?
- XV. Moment of Silence: 8:57 PM

Students' Council Meeting

Student Activism on Campus Forum

October 25, 2007

These minutes reflect the perceptions of Becca Varon '10 and Janet Yoon '10, 2007-2008 Students' Council co-secretaries.

Present: Janet Yoon '10, Stefan Pappius-Lefebvre '10, Evan Stiegel '09, Lindsay Festa '09, Mary Eillingboe '09, Justin Dainer-Best '09, Meghan McAllister '10, Fabrizio Barbagelata '10, Jane Seymour '10, Katie Wettick '11, Kendra Norrell '11, Angela Firid '11, Nicholas Picone '10, Monica Rao '10, Will Harrison '10, Tom Carroll '10, Monique Wong '09, Evan Raskin '10, Madeleine Schlefer '09, Anna Krieger '08, Ashley Brichter '10, Sonia Williams '08, Evan Rodriguez '08, Maggie Bishop '10, Emily Walden '09, Cristina Morais '11, David D. Burstein '11, Daniel Kent '11

- I.** Moment of Silence: 8:10 pm
- II.** Introduction
 - a. Present Organizations: SC, Council of 12, STAND, Amnesty Int'l, Ehaus, Earth Quakers
- III.** Organization Heads - What work are you doing this year? What are your plans?
 - a. STAND
 - i. Battling against lack of motivation
 - ii. Trying to take on specific projects
 1. Campus wide discussion on Student Activism
 2. STAND social at Founders' to raise awareness about anti-war efforts (Friday, Oct 26, 4pm)
 3. Will join in city-wide anti-war rally this Saturday afternoon.
 4. Planning for December – Week devoted to raising awareness about Iraq
 - a. Most of the lack of participation due to general ignorance about Iraqi culture, politics, etc
 - b. EHaus (Ashley)
 - i. Dinners open to the public twice a week (Wednesday Thursday at 7), brunch every Sunday at 1
 - ii. Trying to get Haverford to use environmentally friendly cleaning products.
 - c. Amnesty Int'l (Madeleine)
 - i. Focusing on Death Penalty
 1. Raising awareness on the penalty
 - a. Movie Screening and letter writing
 2. "Jamnesty"
 - a. Event in Lunt to raise awareness and money for club

- d. Earth Quakers (Emily Walden)
 - i. Wants to organize “Green event” in Tri-co for which campus can save the most energy – winner gets a tree house?
- e. Committee on Environmental Responsibility (Emily Walden)
 - i. Trying to work with Emerson on how to make positive changes on campus.
- f. David Burstein (18 in '08)
 - i. National effort to get students to vote
 - ii. Plans to get students engaged in voting, registering, etc
- g. College Democrats (Will Harrison)
 - i. Raising awareness on local democratic campaigns
 - ii. Presidential Democratic candidate, Mike G. will be speaking this Monday, Oct. 29
- h. Student Political Network (Will Harrison and David Sanchez)
 - i. Registered freshmen
 - ii. On election day, will be having vans to transport students to voting polls.
- i. Global Security Inst. (Meghan McAllister)
 - i. Raising awareness on nuclear war.
 - ii. Will hold event in two Saturdays in Marshall
 - 1. “The Khan Game” a play on Nuclear war in three acts
- j. 8th Dimension
 - i. Barclay Haunted House
 - ii. AIDS Quilt, held in Field House
- k. Tri-co Peace Week
 - i. Because of the lack of Haverford students’ participation, other students are less willing to join because of the overwhelming amount of work that would go along with organizing this event.
 - ii. Could different clubs participate in this together?

IV.

- Many organizations with few people
 - a. Hard for non-members to feel involved while standing members feel overwhelmed with work. Would networking help this issue?
 - i. Monique: B/c students are so involved, very difficult to find a meeting time for everyone. Also difficult to send out information and to make sure that it is accessible to everyone.
 - ii. Madeleine: Could there be a “Social Justice Calendar” like FAB’s activities calendar?
 - iii. Ashley: Interested in Coalition meetings for organization co-heads, but issue of time always seems to be a problem. Also a problem of the same people showing for all the meetings.
 - iv. Stefan: Perhaps a student space would give students a chance to meet.
 - v. Maggie: Student activism should begin with freshmen.
 - 1. Freshmen still have the most energy
 - 2. Customs people should try to guide freshmen on how to find their interests and to learn how to manage their time so

they can be devoted to something instead of constantly being weighed down by work, time, etc.

3. Stefan: Customs week could allot time to teach customs people and freshmen about how they should choose their activities.

V. How to improve organizations

- a. Evan: Ehaus is good example of working their way up
 - i. Very informal meetings (ie: dinners) but productive and efficient way to reach to the public
- b. Maggie: For freshmen, seeing upperclassmen attend meetings is very influential
 - i. Customs people can stop by halls before they attend different meetings.
- c. David B: Might want to keep away from pigeon-holing but bring all interested students together and together try to initiate something.
 - i. Also, hearing other students' stories may encourage other students to participate in different activities.
- d. Meghan: It is not the problem that students are not passionate – but they are spread too thin.
 - i. Jane: On the other hand, FCAE suffers from lack of any student interest.
 1. After dramatic changes made as result of students' complaints, FCAE is looking for more student participation but there has been little success.
 2. Why aren't students being more responsive? Do they assume that there is always someone else that is more concerned? Or someone else who will speak up for them?
 - a. Evan: Student space may improve this. Also, students do not see how FCAE affects their daily academic life.
- e. Madeleine: In response to Jane's comments on the lack of student participation:
 - i. One reason why students are hesitant to get involved is because of time-commitment issue
 1. Recently organized Amnesty Intl's Mid-Atlantic conference but organization process took an extremely long time.
 2. Gilly: Also feels the frustration of working but not gaining much feedback.
 - a. Has advertised in all possible ways but still little feedback.
 3. Meghan: Is this an issue of structural organization?
 4. Emily: Many students discouraged by the enormous amount of time that must be devoted to organizing events. This is even harder when there are such few members in most of the organizations.

5. Activist Coalition would be very helpful for club heads
 - a. More informal setting for students to learn about other organizations
 - b. Structurally, it would also help club heads network as well.
6. List serve devoted to social justice club heads
 - a. This would specifically deal with a group of people who are genuinely interested in being informed about other events.
 - b. Ashley: hesitant to join another mailing list, but if she had a contact list of other activist groups, or received personal emails from others on that list – would be more likely to participate
 - c. Maggie: Facebook would be a very easy and efficient way to communicate to the masses.
- f. Meghan: Perhaps a blog specifically devoted to Social Justice clubs could inform students and help with networking between social justice groups.
 - i. Ashley: A more specific place to post information would be very helpful.
 - ii. Madeline: Would like to see faculty participation. Would help with networking a lot. Definitely room for more collaboration.
 1. Interested faculty could also help with advertising for organizations. They could also help with enhancing the club's activities.
 2. On Christina Beltron's email: Although it is good for students to be involved, they need to be careful to not be spread too thin.
- g. Sonia: Are there too many issues to address on campus?
 - i. Sometimes, it is more effective to concentrate on one particular issue.
 1. Different clubs can find out different aspects of issue from many different angles.
 - a. This would make it much easier on dividing roles between student leaders and to also find support among other students.
 2. This may help in Haverford's efforts to find its identity this year.

VI. Next Thursday: Diversity at Haverford at Founder's Hall 7pm.

VII. Moment of Silence

Students' Council Meeting

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- I. Appointing Andrew Lanham for interim as result of Sam Rabinowitz's resignation
 - a. To appoint Andrew would be most efficient.
 - b. No one has shown interest to take either Sam or Andrew's place.
 - c. Exec comes to consensus to appoint Andrew as chair of Honor Council
- II. Co-Presidents
 - a. Met with Watter and Kannerstein
- III. Co-Vice Presidents
 - a. Appt. meetings for Committee Heads of Custom
- IV. Co-Treasurers
 - a. Had to cancel last office hours
 - b. Still looking for most efficient way to order checks
 - i. Presently running out of checks
 - ii. Plan to order more checks from Commerce
 - iii. Ideally, looking to eventually use Quicken program.
 - c. Dispute between Student Activities' and FUCS
 - i. SA asked FUCS to get music for Halloween dance this Saturday
 - ii. FUCS is merely assigned to look for the entertainment, but is not paying for it.
 - iii. Co-Treasurers have not yet received any notice for a check request for the entertainment for this Saturday's dance.
 - d. Plenary Packets
 - i. Spoke to treasurers last year – apparently, Deans paid for the packets last year.
 - ii. Bill for copies is \$700.
 - e. Computer Kiosks at Campus Center
 - i. Has not yet received any requests from ACC
- V. Co-Secretaries
 - a. After talking to Chris Mills from Communications, Secretaries have decided to start a blog
 - i. Informal forum that will give students a chance to read abridged minutes and post any comments.
 - b. Recently hired Duncan Cooper to revamp SC website
 - c. Names updated on Current website

- VI. Officer of Academics**
 - a. Met with Provost Bell and members of FCAE (separately)
 - i. Wants to organize a dinner with Provost and FCAE in DC to give students a chance to voice their opinions
 - ii. Frustrated to see that after so much advertisement in emails and GO! posts that such few students show interest in making changes to the school's academics.
 - iii. Departmental meetings have had low student attendance lately.
 - 1. Jane will hand out flyers to everyone's mailboxes for the next meeting
 - iv. SC should be more proactive on how to get the student body involved in the departmental meetings
 - 1. Justin – How can students have a say?
 - 2. Jane – Provost and FCAE are really striving to make changes and working very hard to find student participation.
 - 3. Justin – a larger FCAE meeting, rather than smaller, departmental meetings, may attract more people.
 - 4. Jane – Departmental meetings need to meet as departments in order to address the critical issues.
 - 5. Stefan – This low student participation also reflects to last year's unopposed elections for SC
- VII. Officer of Campus Life**
 - a. Meeting last week about DC basement with Julie Eubanks
 - i. General consensus:
 - 1. Students want black box theatre that can also be used for small concerts
 - 2. Café-type space
 - ii. Plan to meet with Ron Tola and Deans very soon
 - b. Steve Watter has shown interest in starting Dorm Rep positions this semester.
- VIII. Officer of Multicultural Affairs**
 - a. Collections meeting organizing Gay South Asian comedian to come in
- IX. Officer of the Arts**
 - a. General forum will be held on Thursday, November 8
 - i. Council should meet afterwards to discuss the arts on campus.
- X. Officer of Athletics**
 - a. HCA considering to switch Athletics from Div. III to Div. IV
- XI. Land Line Survey**
 - a. Stefan – Would it be possible to subsidize students who do not currently have cell phones? Assuming that there will be less than 100 people who will need to be subsidized.
 - b. Meghan – Will have to see after surveys are taken
 - c. There will still be phones available in dorms.
- XII. General Chatter**
 - a. Stefan – Student involvement on campus

- i. Are there any other options other than mass e-mails?
- ii. Fab and Meghan have been discussing SC's role in this issue
 - 1. Look for ways for student organizations to network together. More networking and consolidation may at least create more discussion and community.
 - a. If there is more communication, there at least will be less concentration of work on individuals.

XIII. Moment of Silence

Smoking Ban Forum

Sunday, October 28, 2007
8:01 PM

- 8:07 PM Opened by Fabrizio Barbagelata & Meghan McAllister
- President Emerson - thanks for coming
 - President Emerson - Really interesting socio-political process for titling bi-co articles completely reforms the issue
 - President Emerson - The way it all started - when he interviewed on the job, student ask what about a smoking ban - if a student asked, then he responded
 - President Emerson - When he got here on campus, he was surprised to find people smoking inside buildings, that it was in the culture of HC w/ absence of discussion
 - President Emerson - Rapidly rising health insurance - how it impacts financial aid
 - President Emerson - So he would raise the issue
 - President Emerson - Question: how do we feel about an activity that effects individuals who do it, but also those around them; not just an issue about enjoyment, but also health
 - President Emerson - Question: how do we feel about a culture in which we were worried about the immediate effects about smoking; especially of our faculty (impact on health insurance)
 - President Emerson - Question: how do we feel in this community that big tobacco buys off the government w/ several billion dollars to addict and kill off individuals
 - President Emerson - Has heard lots of interested smarts students; bringing up issues of freedom of responsibility effects on multiculturalism,
 - President Emerson - Really glad we are getting together, wish there was 50x more kids here to discuss this issue
 - President Emerson - Looking forward to listening to opinions, comments, challenges to the queries He made
 - President Emerson - Please say who you are, class
- Alex Wein '08 - where in process; are all public buildings, all outdoors?
 - President Emerson - We are right here; the first possibility of discussion point was incorrect - it would make more sense that the most rational step would be indoor ban, with a donut of smoking bans in the periphery
- Dan Shannin '10 - is this a dorm room smoking ban?
 - President Emerson - Students have suggested this, by definition, smoking indoors affects indoor students
 - President Emerson - Wasn't his idea, was students
 - Dan - think a lot of it's great, Lunt basement is great, but concern about trust concern and respect; if you live in a room with your roommate, you are the community, after freshman year you sought out similar individuals; if this is banned, if I choose to smoke does this violate the honor code? If the community is the community around me, does it violate it? Right now, the status quo is working, think that it's one of the best aspects that, as a custom's hall, discuss smoking in the hall
 - President Emerson - Do you tell them that Stem cells in lungs mutated, cancer goes up
 - Dan - we need to tell them, but it seems un-Haverfordian to reach into the community
 - President Emerson - Came to his attention, but maybe some way to do it is that smoke is allowed in one dorm or one house? We don't know; it's worth thinking about
- Mical Evern '10 (SP?) - clarification on second query :
 - President Emerson - There are some unexpected effects on the community: health care insurance; we have to decide whether to buy wind power, have need-blind financial aid policies, all sorts of things, health insurance costs rise by 15 -20% each year, tobacco-related cases are the major part of them
 - President Emerson - The health issues actually effect everything and the issues that we care most about
 - President Emerson - One of the queries that don't smoke is not just students but faculty; most of them from minorities and working class; students are ; social security is a regressive tax for and the people of color; the average life expectancy for an African American is 67; most of the African

American adults will die prematurely of diseases that are primarily tobacco induced, this is an issue: we need to seek out and help them quit (Chris rock)

- Marie (Levy) '08 - Will alternatives to help people to not smoke, to stop smoking, be provided?
 - President Emerson - Absolutely, have everything that is possible; to do this would not be right
- Dan Shannin '10 - to go back to health insurance which one?
 - President Emerson - Faculty and Staff health insurance
 - President Emerson - None of the discussion with faculty (no faculty comments whatsoever) has gone away
 - President Emerson - Thought that faculty would come to him, but none have
- Alex Wein '08 - problem having people protect them from themselves; anyone in the US knows that it is dangerous and knows that is unhealthy; understand the health insurance argument, some (Faculty) will stop at work, but if they want to keep on smoking, they will do so; if (HC) says not to, it's being disrespectful
- Zach Dutton '10 - there was this feeling about that they're asserting the ban on them; if it had been brought up as smoking is bad, 2nd hand smoking is bad, there is a good number of people who prefer to not face them when they are smoking, if we framed it that there are a large number of people who have to face it; 2nd hand smoke is not a choice. A smoker to be respectful should go off and smoke by himself; what does it mean that we start a discussion with the "ban," and not how we are going to
 - President Emerson - intention was to raise concerns that he has and propose different models and come to agreement about them.
 - President Emerson - Zach is correct, discussion is necessary, it is worth more discussion; but need to look into the effectiveness of the "D.A.R.E. campaigns" and becoming numb to them
- Anna Krieger '08 - Thought that he was proposing "this is going to happen" and student's wouldn't have a say in it; before everything is finalized will students have a say in it; if it wasn't agreed by the students, would it be implemented?
 - President Emerson - Hope is that there are certain first principles could be agreed upon and see where that leads us. Then hopefully consensus building would allow us to come to an agreement.
- Sam Leath '10 - Titles of Bi-Co being inflammatory?
 - President Emerson - Presidents always critique their papers
 - Sam - the fact that Emerson is making a decision for smokers, is that rational?
 - President Emerson - It is a worthwhile talk, he hadn't considered this until a student talked to him about it; the whole purpose of the tobacco industry is to get people addicted for life; they have stuck by this, but they will pay 256 billion Spread around the US so they can pay for hospice care for dying people
 - Should we educate the freshman class about this? Probably;
 - Sam - felt that the right to decide for people b/c people can't decide for themselves; Bi-Co had a poll, didn't think it was very accurate; think that most people who smoke don't do it addictively, the majority of smoker on campus aren't addicted, and aren't using them consistently;
 - President Emerson - So how does the 2ndary smoking article work for you?
 - Sam - think that 2ndary smoke is effective, as well as the health insurance; but it concerns him about rights
- Bennet Smith '10 - driving car is dangerous activity; perceived risk that greater risk of dying in a car, contributes to global warming; would he support a ban on cars?
 - President Emerson - Thinks about how all things contribute to global warming, it's worth talking about; we are trying to become carbon neutral and if we are going to wind power, and we don't have the money to do it b/c health insurance is more expensive.
 - Bennet - At what point do you stop regulating the community (The royal us)
 - President Emerson - When the actions of the group are really harmful for the group (in aggregate) - guns are over the line - it isn't an impermeable line;
- Sydney Keough '11 - Answer to Bennet's question is never: we consented to it as a community (Cars)
 - Bennet - this was really foisted upon our community; not a plenary resolution; this issue was brought to students;
 - Sydney - is here b/c worried about the part that this decision would not be part of consensus:
 - President Emerson - My apologies if it came from a dictum from above - he talked to a couple of

people in the admin, then talked to SC, I don't want to have to talk about it forever, but I want to come together to consensus.

- President Emerson - If we do think anything is worthwhile, it would be nice if we could tell students next year, what is going to go on.
- Patrick Phelan '10 - how is this going to be determined?
 - President Emerson - Not sure yet:
- 8:46 PM Zach Dutton '10 - not seeing students talking to each other. One of the trustees mentioned that it is up to Trustees to determine things such as "smoking ban". In order for any decision to be viable it is to be through consensus; the only place where we could get people together is outside; we need to find a way for everyone to get together and reach beyond our concerns; Why aren't we getting together with SC and trying to figure out a Task force, or a collection of people of campus who represent all people on campus to address this and these concerns; where it isn't just Emerson, but a taskforce, a panel to address this; if you want to do this efficiently, we need to do something like that (panel) and then present to plenary, present to faculty, present to however the administration is organized;
- Joanne Lyndon '08 (SP?) thinks it's a great idea, but haven't heard from anybody; really important that people who got elected would be really in the interest of the community, not just pushing their opinions, they are the little angels who really delve deep into what is beyond just them
- Dan Shannin '10 - agree completely with Zach, but it bothers him that the bi-co survey is the only real sentiment measure; this thing that we are moving towards something, and why are we moving towards something, if this wasn't some dictum from high
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 - It was a query from me - I cam to campus as a newcomer, and it was something I should raise
 - Dan - it's commendable, but this moved from a query into a ban; and we didn't have any resolutions at plenary, in essence nothing happened; first there was a plan, now there's a second plan; this is the first time I feel that at Haverford, people are scrambling to prevent something from happening - the sense that people are trying to stave off something - it's just not Haverford; the goals are so just; but it's just not the way to start it. I don't see how this got started
- Sam Leath - Hadn't heard about it until bi-co article
- Fabrizio Barbagelata - SC heard about it first, the Bi-co article came out before SC could have a specific position; SC isn't allowed to have a plenary proposal; Dan could have presented a plenary proposal; I think it's a great idea to start a task force, we need to come together, if no ones does, it's our own fault
- Laura Care '09 - Agree with task force ideas; question about SC: after Emerson talked to SC, was still under the impression that students could still smoke in dorms, if someone would have raised the fact that we can't smoke in rooms b/c of smoke detectors, what was the sentiment and atmosphere in the room
 - President Emerson - People were pleasant and engaged; and supportive of it. Was a presentation of a bunch of ideas. Figured SC is the best place to start.
- Jessie Post '09, important that we compromise; we live here, it must be presentable to the community, but we live here; we don't go home at the end of the day; the responses have been very defensive and forgetful that we live here. Student's forget that we live on campus property; we ignore the fact that we can't burn candles, if smoking banned in dorms b/c it's a fire hazard, its understandable.
- Andrew Nellis '10- If a decision is made, something should change; already smoking policy about banning smoking in entrances; we should enforce it; smoking is sort of allowed b/c of smoke detectors, people shouldn't smoke on the hall b/c of trust concern and respect. But if have a hall and nobody has a problem with it on the hall, will we have a enforcement patrol?
- Zach Dutton '10 - it strikes him as interesting, asking Emerson, how Emerson things the limits would be enforced. In the system we have right now, relies on us. We don't have a comprehensive security patrol that check things. We don't have RA's that are paid. We don't have these for specific reasons. How do we enforce something that students don't expressively support. Would have presented something at plenary, but didn't think about it. We need to establish a task-force, work with student-admin bodies to develop some comprehensive plan and include the community, or present the task force and present it to the community.
 - President Emerson -If the community wanted to, establishing a tri-partite committee and report back to both plenary and faculty and staff, we could do it

- Zach - if it came from Emerson, it would be more viable, but it would also have to be approved by a student's organization
- President Emerson - Think that plenary isn't an unreasonable time at all.
- 9:08 PM Laura Care '09 - Would he make panels if other things weren't supported (?) (noise from people leaving)
 - President Emerson - Plenary actions are done through committees. Student's council seemed like the way to discuss it
- Sydney Keough '11 - The fundamental reasons behind a smoking ban (especially with regard to second-hand smoking) have to do with violations of trust and respect in our community. We have a tool already in place to deal with such violations, our Honor Code. And we trust that every member of the Haverford community voluntarily submits to that Code because they believe in it, and there is great merit in that action. We don't go around burning each other's sheets because that would be a violation of trust/respect/Honor Code; a ban on burning people's sheets seems superfluous in this context. Additionally, if you take away the possibility to burn people's sheets, the temptation, aren't you taking away the virtue of not burning people's sheets?
 - President Emerson - Delighted with information. She should write a plenary resolution.
- Amira Shulman-Kumin '09 - disagree that it goes beyond an issue of respect; it's never been a problem to go up to a person and ask if someone could go farther away; it's already governed by honor code, already being governed by respect
 - President Emerson - If someone smells smoke going around campus, and that's its health danger; can ask people to stop it; no? can't find them
 - Dan Shannin- What about if the arboretum sprays chemicals and melts skin?
 - President Emerson - We should talk to them
- Dan Shannin- we are addressing so many issues, read in the Bi-Co article, may not be the best thing to do, people felt that coming to campus and seeing groups of smokers, this might not be the image we want to present; in the different people are raising different aspects of different things shows me that; what would you want to bring to plenary? Would you want to work through existing orgs and bring a smoking ban to plenary or can we come to plenary and come together and then go from there
 - President Emerson - The public view of people smoking in front of founders is #86 on my list... 2nd hand smoke issues for others are more crucial, we need to see if there is consensus if we need change.
 - Dan - the whole financial argument is a sound one; but spending money on oysters at your inauguration is also a concern about \$ for wind power and financial aid;
 - President Emerson - There is a behavior which isn't good for health reasons and which is harmful towards others around you, isn't one that he wouldn't get a lot of support from his peers on
 - Dan - argument that it has snowballed beyond it should have - should have looked at each things separately. Consensus has been a word thrown around poorly
 - President Emerson - Sorry that if I ever communicated that. Mike asked me if anyone had expressed any negative issues, but no one had after the bi-co. I think we have the mental facility to discuss more than one issue; multiple issues in parallel. We don't have to do them one at a time; it's not an effective way to do it.
 - Dan- when it is proposed, I wish that I could support the fundamentals with out supporting the loss of freedoms
- Andreas Selec '11(SP?) - important to consider one solution for all. If there is a problem with the image of the school, it shouldn't be grouped with one about faculty and 2nd hand smoke. There will be different solutions for different issues
- Mary Beth Isher '10 (SP?) - the biggest issue for smoking ban was 2nd hand smoke; grandmother got cancer from 2ndhand smoke. Amira is right - system is working right now; as HCO, Honor code would be damaged by a smoking ban; if someone feels uncool about confronting someone, it is responsibly in honor code to ; I haven't met anyone who would feel uncool about
- Alex Wein '08 - someone lived on 3rd Barclay where people smoke, put up a sign anti-smoking, and it worked; so far people have talked about things, we don't need to consent about talking about things, I think that it is a really dangerous word to be using, there are 1500 people in the HC community, no one is going to completely agree, it's going to be a compromise. We can find the right compromise, but it

- won't be a consensus
- President Emerson - can't have consensus when group is larger than X, but if we can agree to some principles I would hope we could go forward if we need to.
- Andrew Nellis- Dan Shannin- we have all of these reasons for smoking ban, but the image of campus - is # 86, we can get rid of that; we are talking about money for faculty and staff, if their healthcare is unaffordable, it isn't our issue;
 - President Emerson - It is your issue b/c it health insurance money comes out of your pocket
 - Andrew- Concerned more with smoke in dorms, and 2nd hand smoke is because of the health, not money, not image
 - President Emerson - We have the mental facility to look at the second question: when we think about staff and faculty, b/c we are all part of the same community, we can talk about both issues
 - Andrew - think that they are different issues
 - President Emerson - They are the similar health issues
 - President Emerson - Health is #1 for him
- 9:30 PM President Emerson - Come on back Wednesday, I'll stick around, Thanks so much, That's it, I just want to emphasize that Couldn't think of nay way to start talking about it but start talking about it, Bi-Co has done it's job in reporting the news.
- 9:33 PM Michael K. Novinson '10 (Reporter from the Bi-Co) Have written and been involved in smoking decisions. Everything that was done was deliberate. And would be happy in discussion the issue.
- 9:33 PM Adjourned.

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Students' Council Meeting

November 1, 2007

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Moment of Silence 6:13

- I. Co-Presidents
 - a. Organized Smoking Ban discussion
 - i. Ultimately, very successful
 - ii. Good attendance – shows that students are interested and more are aware of the correct information
 - iii. If anything concrete is formed before Spring Plenary, plan to present it.
 - iv. Plan to talk to new Honor Council Chairs after they are elected
 1. Interested in discussing smoking and how it is tied to the Honor Code and Community Standards
 - v. Sent online survey about landlines
 - vi. Met with Steve Watter
 1. Discussed events having to do with alcohol over this past weekend. For now, they are letting JSAAP handle it but are interested in having SC start some type of discussion.
- II. Vice Presidents
 - a. Past weekend and Monday, appointed HCO heads, Customs committee heads, and AMA heads. Reopening PAF committee heads.
 - b. Appointing people for Student Standing and Programs, and
- III. Treasurers
 - a. Evan can no longer make it to Thursday night meetings for the rest of the semester
 - b. Interesting issue with check request for Women's center
 - i. Claimed that request was made but never received check.
 - ii. Credit card bill was late and requests that SC pay for the late fees on bill.
 - iii. Student never re-requested after not receiving check.
 1. SC sees that it is not their responsibility
- IV. Co-Secretaries
 - a. Website

- b. Meeting with Chris Mills and Jason McGraw
 - c. E-mail complaints
- V. Officer of Academics
- a. Organized two desserts at the DC:
 - i. Nov 12 & 15, 6-7pm
 - b. If anybody could e-mail a member of FCAE and take them out for a meal to discuss matters of academics
 - c. Surveys about FCAE will be distributed at the beginning of classes
- VI. Officer of Campus Life
- a. Met with Watter, Eubanks and McGraw about basement of DC
 - i. Planned more details about general-purpose room
 - 1. Possibly may install stadium seating
 - 2. Plan to improve lounge space with new furniture
 - 3. Ron Tola has asked SC to support payments for renovations
 - b. Tried to get a hold of Will Harrison about Dorm Rep positions
 - i. With honor council elections next week, perhaps we can also hold elections for dorm reps?
- VII. Officers of the Arts
- a. Nov. 8 – State of the Arts Discussion at Haverford, 8pm at Zubrow
 - b. If anybody has ideas of specific topics they would like to discuss, feel free to e-mail Justin DB
- VIII. Officer of Athletics
- a. Wasn't able to meet Wendy this week
 - b. This Saturday, Haverford athletes are going to Villanova to volunteer for Special Olympics
- IX. FAC
- a. Attended meeting with faculty/staff
 - i. Issue of health benefits discussed at length
 - 1. Emerson tried to tie this issue with Smoking Ban
 - 2. School is paying faculty/staff less salary, but more on health benefits
- X. EPC
- a. Writing program Proposal
 - i. Instead of professors, have people who just received their PhD's or on track for their PhD's take on fellowships and teach writing seminars. Still being discussed.
 - ii. Shouldn't be as expensive, because hired fellows are not yet professors.
 - iii. Fellowship would be 3-5 years

1. Teachers would also teach courses for non-freshmen

XI. Council of Twelve

- a. Brief discussion on student activism
 - i. Too many students feel overwhelmed by work to participate in any activism-related activities
 - ii. Would like to make a concrete plan on how to promote more activity amongst students
- b. Also discussed the difficulty of continuing discussion when only meeting once a week.
 - i. Another issue brought up was the matter of what to do with the information collected from meetings.
 - ii. Need stronger institutional memory for future Council of 12 committees.
 - iii. Evan – After talking to some outside-community members, they felt that the ball is in our court to jumpstart on any sort of social justice activities on campus.

XII. Safety Security

- a. Met with Tom King. Next week, will hold a drill on what community should do during an emergency.
 - 1. King is interested in receiving any feedback

XIII. JSAAP

- a. Trying to get JSAAP to get better exposure on campus as a source
- b. Wants to plan alcohol-free events on Friday nights
- c. Discussed program, Tips – training for students on how to deal with any alcohol-related problems
 - i. Training very expensive
 - ii. General sentiment that CP's should get training during Customs week

XIV. General Chatter

- a. Monday night 6:30 at DC, speeches for Honor Council Chairs

Moment of Silence 6:53

Students' Council Meeting

November 8, 2007

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Present: Becca Varon '10, Janet Yoon '10, Calvin Okoth-Obbo '09, Stefan Pappius-LeFebvre '10, Adam Lewis '10, Meridith Sine '09, Katie Estabrook '10, Carolyn Warner '10, Jane Seymour '10, Ahmed Akbar '10, Meghan McAllister '10, Lindsay Festa '09, Julie Eubank '08, Mary Ellingboe '09, Jason McGraw '09

- I. Moment of Silence: 7:10
- II. Presidents' Report
 - a. Met with Emerson; are creating a working group (students and faculty) to address smoking issues; Emerson will propose four plans to this group, which they will tweak/debate
 - b. Social Justice Requirement: Presidents want to hold forum with EPC, CPGC after Thanksgiving to enable different groups to communicate with each other
 - c. Due to incidents of two weeks ago, forum will be held with Safety and Security and health center; trying to work out meeting with police as well
 - d. Master planning: Consulting group is coming in to figure out what to do with the physical plant in regards to the arts; next year, will work with academic side of it, consider possible new buildings
 - e. 521 people responded to phone survey; still has to meet with Steve Watter and analyze results
 - f. Discussions about balancing academics and extracurriculars to take place, including Conversation du Jour tomorrow, faculty meetings
- III. Honor Council report
 - a. Discussed the fact that there are now 5 sophomores and 3 juniors (since earlier today, when the new co-chairs were elected) on the council; according to Constitution, it is SC's decision whether to have an election (to add juniors to Honor Council); consensus on Honor Council is that it isn't really necessary to add one more rep for the remaining few weeks of the semester.
 - b. SC agrees that it's not necessary.
- IV. Vice-Presidents' Report
 - a. CSSP appointment is being reopened
 - b. PAF appointments are this weekend; should be decided by Sunday night
 - c. Committee on Arts appointment possible
- V. Treasurers' Report
 - a. Only 4 people showed up to office hours; they think clubs are confused about how to pick up checks (they get about 20 requests per week, but only actually write 4-5)

- b. How to publicize this fact – put a sign on the door? Create automated e-mails sent to those who request checks informing them when/where to pick them up?
- VI. Secretaries' Report
 - a. Electronic communications initiative – new TV screens are being placed around the school to publicize events, and a Haverford “news ticker” will be added to current ones (like in the Coop and the GIAC).
- VII. Officer of Academics's Report
 - a. FCAE events: 6-7 Monday and Thursday. No meal plan necessary to come.
 - b. SC members are being assigned faculty members to connect to, to facilitate a start of communication with students.
- VIII. Officer of Campus Life's report
 - a. DC Basement plans – \$25,000
 - i. Professional theatrical lighting will be installed
 - ii. Seating capacity of 80 people (slightly larger than Lunt); seats on risers
 - iii. Construction will be started right away, and it should be up and running by the end of the year
 - iv. Performance space for everyone; will continue to be used by a cappella, improv groups for years to come (so a good lighting system is being invested in – if need be, this can be moved to the new student center in Ryan)
 - v. Jason McGraw: At the very least, it will be a great rehearsal space.
 - vi. SC comes to consensus that this is a great ‘project of the year’ to devote funds to.
 - b. Elections for dorm reps – Mary is discussing timing with Steve Watter
- IX. Officer of Athletics's Report
 - a. All varsity teams volunteered at Special Olympics this past weekend
 - b. We are hosting volleyball regionals; support them!
 - c. Women's Center wants to hold discussions with female athletes about issues that come up
- X. Officer of Multiculturalism's Report
 - a. Next forum: Religion and Spirituality on Campus
 - b. Honor Code will be addressed soon as well
 - c. Diversity House needs money to install projector
 - d. Resolution institutionalizing monthly meeting of OMA director, Officer of Multiculturalism, and affinity group heads – present at Plenary?
- XI. General Chatter
 - a. Agendas (and possibly minutes) are being sent to faculty.
 - b. Jason McGraw: Really hopes students will get involved with faculty in regards to discussions about academics/extracurriculars.
 - c. Final decisions
 - i. Whether to elect another junior to Honor Council: No
 - ii. DC Basement funding: Yes
- XII. Moment of Silence: 7:54 PM

State of the Arts at Haverford

November 8, 2007

These minutes reflect the perceptions of Becca Varon '10 and Janet Yoon '10, 2007-2008 Students' Council co-secretaries.

Present: Becca Varon '10, Ahmed Akbar '10, Becca Garrison '08, Emma Lo '08, Evan Raskin '10, Mary Ellingboe '09, Jane Seymour '10, Meghan McAllister '10, Fabrizio Barbagelata '10, Julie Eubank '08, Kim McPhearson '11, Sean Hughes '10, Will Harrison '10, Becca Morgan '10, Cristina Morais '11, Anna Krieger '08, Daniel Kent '11, Dana Eiselen '11, Evan Rodriguez '08, Monique Wong '09, Megan Warres '10, Genna Cherichello '11, Sam Kaplan '10, James Weissinger '06, Jason McGraw, Adam Lewis '10, Stefan Pappius-LeFebvre '10, Janet Yoon '10, Goda Trakumaite '10, Jake Mendlinger '08, Justin Dainer-Best '09

- I. Start: 8:08 PM
- II. Justin introduces
 - a. What are students thinking about the arts? What is doing well/needs improvement?
 - b. The College has several different committees investigating the arts at Haverford, and they would like to talk to students.
- III. James House
 - a. Majority of students have been there
 - b. Basement – wasted space? Safety issue?
 - c. Heating not working, but this is being fixed
 - d. How can space be more utilized/accessible? (Cleaning – issues with people disrespecting space by leaving food around)
 - e. James House is hosting a contest to design a mural for Lunt (Open house: December 2)
 - f. Kiln apparently isn't working
 - g. Art workshops/official events hosted by James House – People like this idea
 - i. Possibly bring in professional artists to teach master classes
 - h. For more information about James House (or to relay ideas), contact Becca Garrison, Bianca Bromberger, or Lily Press
- IV. How many students are involved in the fine arts at Haverford?
 - a. Not really sure – census results from last year possibly indicated that 50% take a fine arts class here?
 - b. Faculty who get involved with arts don't really get involved with students outside the classroom (except for Chorale, etc)
 - c. A lot of arts classes (especially performing arts) are focused at Bryn Mawr
 - d. Not enough attention paid to arts/literary events here due to culture at Haverford?

- e. WHRC should be more visible to increase listenership – ex. DJing shows from the Sunken Lounge during dinner
 - f. Is Haverford a dynamic place for the arts? Is it institutionalized in our culture? Is Haverford underrated in terms of the arts?
 - g. Issue of seeing senior art displays from people who have never submitted to Haverford Review, etc – is it a lack of communication?
 - h. People have varying degrees of involvement with the arts
- V. Relationship with school, faculty
- a. Those involved in theater speak of a “delegitimized” atmosphere, with little support – much individual effort is needed on the part of the students.
 - b. Relationship between faculty and student groups (ex. a cappella) is tenuous
 - c. Consulting group is coming in to analyze interaction between art and the physical plant
 - d. Professors sometimes only want to include members of their own departments in events
 - e. Dance: No practice space, no funds, very difficult to put something on
 - i. Multipurpose room in GIAC: Unusable for pointe (ballet) or tap dance; dancers sometimes discover room set up with chairs and a projector, etc, when they come in for practice
 - ii. Need for a dance space is urgent, needs to be addressed
 - iii. Jason McGraw offers his help in finding performance practice space
 - f. Don't tell specs not to come here because of the state of the arts here, because that will eliminate chances for improvement
- VI. End: 9:03 PM

Students' Council Meeting

November 15, 2007

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Present: Meghan McAllister '10, Fabrizio Barbagelata '10, Adam Lewis '10, Janet Yoon '10, Becca Varon '10, Evan Stiegel '09, Calvin Okoth-Obbo '09, Justin Dainer-Best '09, Ahmed Akbar '10, Lindsay Festa '09, Mary Ellingboe '09, Jane Seymour '10, Katie Estabrook '10, Christina Morais '11, Daniel Kent '11, Evan Rodriguez '09, Will Harrison '10, Jason McGraw, Emily Walden '09, Anna Krieger '08, Carly Yasinski '08

- I. Moment of Silence
- II. Co-President Report
 - a. Middle of organizing more discussion on smoking ban
 - i. Already have support of some faculty members, should SC send out an email asking rest of faculty for their opinions?
 1. Possibly have Appointments contact faculty
 - b. Deans having forum on Security with Tom King concerning events from weekend of Oct 28th
 - c. Plan to have next forum on the Social Justice requirement on the Thursday after Thanksgiving. Hope to have some faculty attendance.
- III. Council of Twelve Report
 - a. Want to have meetings twice a week, Tues 10-11, Thus 7-8
 - b. Wants a clear sense of the idea of a "Haverford Education"
- IV. Honor Council Chairs
 - a. Introduction: Carolyn and Katie
 - i. Katie wears cool boots.
- V. Co-Vice-Presidents Report
 - a. Appointments
 - i. All Customs committee heads positions fulfilled
 - ii. CSSP
 - iii. College Honors Committee
 - iv. Arts Collection Advisory Group
 - b. Trying to form a packet regarding how committees should request to have a student appointed
- VI. Co-Treasurers Report
 - a. Mike "Sunny" F made request funding for "6th Man" t-shirts

- i. SC is splitting costs with basketball team
- b. Had student apply for funding from abroad, for next semester.

VII. Co-Secretaries Report

- a. Website Progress
 - i. Adam Lewis
 - ii. Sonia Williams
 - iii. Evan Stiegel
 - iv. Stefan Pappius-LeFebvre
 - v. Calvin Okoth-Obbo
 - vi. Carolyn Warner
 - vii. You should all be ashamed of yourselves because you haven't submitted your website bios, after EXTENSIVE pleading from the secretaries.

VIII. Officer of Campus Life Report

- a. Dorm Rep Position
 - i. Ready to start nominations after break
 - ii. Duties: Report problems with residences, entertain ideas for improvements, housekeeping, activities – Kickball tournaments, BBQs, parties, etc
 - iii. Want to distance the position from the image the position had last year
 - 1. How can we make the position more attractive?
 - a. New Titles: Officer of Fun? Dorm President? Dorm Emperor?

IX. Officer of Athletics Report

- a. Athletes taking care of food drive for 8 families, collecting canned foods and other goods
- b. Div. III Conference taking place, Allison Frank '08 will be attending

X. Officer of Multiculturalism Report

- a. For past couple months, Yarnall has been working on getting a projector installed
 - i. Found out this week that deans will pay for installment
- b. Next Diversity forum on Religion and Spirituality on campus, held sometime in December
- c. Diversity Initiative Group – right now broken up in different committees
 - i. Training faculty on issues of diversity
 - ii. MSP/MAST – evaluation of programs

- iii. Would like hire new person in psych services specifically for Diversity Issues

XI. Officer of the Arts Report

- a. Thoughts on the Arts meeting last Thursday
 - i. Good attendance
 - ii. In discussion with FCAE and consultant hired for Haverford
- b. Plans/ideas for James House.
 - i. Talking with Matthew Callinan and James Weissinger from Humanities Center
 - ii. Talked to ACC about bringing a computer into James House
 - iii. Overall, house needs to have a more welcoming ambience that can be accommodating for student artists
- c. Survey/Census about Arts at Haverford
 - i. Should this concern the arts as a whole at Haverford? How can Council of 12 get involved?
 - 1. Broader survey may attract anyone who feels affiliated with the arts

XII. Officer of Academics Report

- a. FCAE desserts
 - i. Received excellent feedback from students on Monday
 - ii. Main issues mentioned:
 - 1. Lack of attention paid to the arts
 - 2. Professors and research
 - a. Can it be possible to get more students to gain experiences from research
 - b. Lack of finances brought to attention, principle reason for some students' complaints
 - c. As well as trying to commission some representatives, SC members should look to their own group of friends to bring some opinion to meetings.
 - d. Possible meetings for the 26th or 6th
- b. Faculty Meeting
 - i. Each member will be assigned faculty member to meet (after break)
 - ii. Faculty are far too distant from students, need to find a way to create relationships
- c. Plan to release Report by January/February
- d. Should SC have a greater role with progress of FCAE?
 - i. Student representative not possible

- ii. Adam: Is it possible to create student committee on academic enrichment? Group can be made up of upperclassmen who are majors within the different departments.
 - 1. By having an organized group of students commissioned to address concerns to FCAE, we will be able to see the progress that FCAE has actually made.
- iii. Student body needs to know that their concerns are being addressed.
- e. How much are last year's issues brought up in FCAE this year?
 - i. Jane: basically, committee is starting from scratch
 - ii. Looking for ways complement BM and Swat
- f. Interested in talking to Transfer students about their thoughts of Haverford compared to the schools from which they came from
- g. Students are not responding to issues of FCAE
 - i. Are most students unmotivated because they know that they won't be affected by any decisions made in the near future?
 - ii. Need to find ways to motivate student body to give their thoughts to FCAE.
 - iii. Can FCAE email the student body? Not just Jane.

XIII. Standing Committee Student Rep Reports

- a. CPC
- b. JSAAPP
 - i. Working on how to approach student body
- c. FAC
 - i. Unknown if committee has met yet
- d. AAC
 - i. Financial Aid
 - 1. Since other colleges are making their packages more generous, Haverford is reevaluating its Financial Aid process
 - 2. Looking to give more grants, less loans
 - 3. Look at how families compare to poverty levels
 - a. Families with low enough income may be loan-free
- e. EPC
 - i. Lots of discussion, not a lot of decision-making
 - ii. Looking to collaborate with FCAE while FCAE is in the process of making critical decisions

- iii. Rethinking Freshmen Grading policy with absence of all grades from first semester of freshmen year
 - 1. Would give students a chance to be more diverse in terms of course selection as well as give them time to adjust to academics
 - 2. Swarthmore follows this method but overall, does not find it very effective
 - 3. Need to find a way to help a relatively small number of students not be discouraged in their first semester, students who are passive; improve student advising.
 - 4. Classroom-space crunch at certain times of the week
 - a. Some faculty feel like they are time-constrained because of athletes' schedules
 - 5. Currently in discussion about restructuring Writing Program
 - 6. Meghan: It is said that FCAE is applying for Mellon grant for environmental studies

XIV. Community Comments and Concerns (around 8:30pm or 8:45pm)

XV. General Chatter

- a. Haverford is part of consortium of private, small-sized colleges addressing issues of diversity. Group gets together once a year in a conference to talk about progress on respective campuses.
 - i. Meghan, Fabrizio and Jason will be attending the conference this weekend
- b. Janet and Becca, SC Co-Secretaries, among others, are convinced that nobody reads the minutes who isn't on SC. To restore their faith in campus non-apathy, they have decided that the first person to e-mail both of them after reading this (go! go! go! jnyoon@haverford.edu and rvaron@haverford.edu) will receive a gift certificate for the Coop!

XVI. Moment of Silence 8:49

Students' Council Meeting

November 29, 2007

These minutes reflect the perceptions of Becca Varon '10 and Janet Yoon '10, 2007-2008 Students' Council co-secretaries.

Present: Carolyn Warner '10, Adam Lewis '10, Stefan Pappius-LeFebvre '10, Megan McAllister '10, Calvin Okoth-Obbo '09, Jane Seymour '10, Lindsay Festa '09, Katie Estabrook '10, Janet Yoon '10, Becca Varon '10, Sam Adler '08, Will Harrison '10

- I. Moment of Silence 7:10 PM
- II. Co-President Report
 - a. The presidents (along with a few other students) attended CHAS (Consortium for Higher Achievement and Success) – a group of similar schools working on diversity initiatives. Haverford's contingent came away from the meeting feeling that Haverford is relatively advanced in terms of diversity issues compared to the other schools.
 - b. Progress on the smoking initiative – meeting for the first time the week after next, and then regularly through the next semester.
 - c. December 12 – meeting will be held in President's house about social justice requirement. More details to come.
 - d. Appointments: Possible changes to process – i.e. some administrative committees may appoint students directly, bypassing SC Appointments.
- III. Co-Vice Presidents' Report
 - a. Confidentiality about Appointments: A concern was brought up by a member of the student body about how last week's minutes stated whether or not an appointment had received any applications, citing how the Constitution deems appointments information as confidential. SC decides it's constitutional to state whether an appointment is being reopened, but not the number of people (or lack thereof) who applied.
 - b. Appointments
 - i. Haverfest Chairs
 1. Deadline may be extended
 - ii. CSSP
 - iii. Committee on College Honors
 - iv. Arts Collection Advisory Group
 1. Soon to be opened
- IV. Co-Treasurers' Report
 - a. Some problems with a non-existent account with Dining Services that was being charged by various organizations – this is being fixed.
 - b. Lunt Café will re-open soon – as of now, they don't need to borrow funds from SC, although SC can provide a loan if they decide they need one.
 - c. Calvin met with Ron Tola about master planning; they are trying to determine what kind of say that students will have in this process. He saw many of the same problems that have happened with FCAE possibly

happening here (in terms of student involvement – there are only two students on the committee.)

- V. Co-Secretaries' Report
 - a. Website
 - i. Almost done!!
 - b. Response from last meeting's minutes
 - i. Last week, the secretaries inserted a note at the end of the minutes stating that the first person to e-mail them, proving they'd read to the end, would receive a gift certificate to the Coop. A total of six people e-mailed them. All but one of them were currently or formerly involved with SC, Honor Council, or JSAAPP. The secretaries are leaving it up to you to determine the meaning of this informal poll.
- VI. Officer of Campus Life Report
 - a. An e-mail about nominations for the Dorm President position will be going out in the next two days.
- VII. Officer of Athletics Report
 - a. There will be possibly another faculty discussion on extracurricular activities soon
 - b. Meeting with Centennial Conference about possible Division III/Division IV split – some are against it; this split would take place within 4-5 years
- VIII. Officer of Multiculturalism Report
 - a. Diversity Town Hall Meeting
 - i. Wednesday, December 12th
 - ii. Facilitators: Anna Krieger '08, Anne McGuire or Tracy Hucks
 - b. Involvement in AMA training program
 - i. In middle of discussing collaboration with co-heads
 - c. Someone from a consulting group is coming in to do a "diversity scorecard" for Haverford.
- IX. Officer of the Arts Report
- X. Officer of Academics Report
 - a. FCAE update: Discussed proposed teaching model (how many courses per professor), hiring of 27 new faculty members (current number: 112), improvements for General Chemistry
 - b. No decisions have been made, but there is a leaning towards offering more courses – i.e. departments will have richer offerings
 - c. Re: plenary resolution last year about exam-taking procedure – there is much faculty resistance, not much student commitment to it, and Jane's personal opinion is that it's not worth it to pursue it, as we already have many academic freedoms. However, Jane is willing to work towards anything the majority can come to consensus on.
- XI. Honor Council Chairs
 - a. Funds for printer for Honor Council
 - i. A printer is needed so that confidential documents don't need to be sent to personal computers

- b. Plans to discuss issue of alcohol hospitalization and administration response with SC presidents and JSAAPP – plans fell through in the past (to have a dinner with athletic coaches and discuss), and now Dean Kannerstein is again encouraging Honor Council to take initiative regarding alcohol issues. Mainly, the students’ perspective is wanted.
 - i. A main goal of the Honor Council heads is to shorten the lag time between an alcohol incident and response from the administration to the student body (i.e. the 3 weeks until the security forum was held) – this will help decrease rumors and speculation.
 - ii. Speaking with Jason about correlation between alcohol incidents and dances vs. concerts
 - c. Mock trial/pizza with professors
 - i. Poorly attended
 - d. Pizza, Professors, and the Code
 - i. Well-attended, good discussion, good pizza
 - e. Darwin release
 - i. A letter has been posted on Go, sent through mass e-mail regarding changes to the Darwin trial resolution (Darwin is no longer required to serve on a jury for a trial.)
- XII. Sam Adler and Will Harrison, Co-Chairs of Housing Committee
- a. Dumpsters at HCA
 - i. Ron Tola says that rodent problem in HCA won’t be under control until trash is taken out of the basements. The proposal is to put in 3 dumpsters, spread out around HCA, to contain the trash instead. The rodent problem would solve itself within a couple years.
 - ii. Housing Committee doesn’t want to force students into this, although the majority has expressed positive opinions about this plan. Therefore, they are planning to put in one dumpster for the use of students who want to solve their apartments’ rodent problem on their own initiative. If the dumpster is consistently being used, the other two will be installed.
 - iii. Floor plans to modify apartments (like Ehaus)
- XIII. Community Comments and Concerns
- a. Exam resolution – opinions
 - i. No real reason for it – not a battle worth fighting
 - ii. Most students probably wouldn’t rank it as a major issue.
 - iii. Did many students vote for it out of self-interest – not necessarily Honor Code?
 - iv. Not really a Students’ Council priority, because student body isn’t treating it as a serious issue. With plenary resolutions, it’s the student body (specifically: drafters of the resolution) who carries it through into action.
- XIV. General Chatter
- a. Concerns about appointments by faculty that bypass SC
 - i. This is something that SC should fight

- ii. SC must also emphasize to faculty/administration the process for appointing students to committees through SC, as there is some confusion about this.
 - iii. Students who have already been appointed by faculty will stay on committees, but SC may suggest the appointment of additional students to those committees.
 - b. Regarding landlines: Nothing will be done until at least next year
- XV. Moment of Silence 8:43

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Students' Council Meeting

December 4, 2007

These minutes reflect the perceptions of Becca Varon '10 and Janet Yoon '10, 2007-2008 Students' Council co-secretaries.

- I. Moment of Silence 10:10 PM
- II. Appointments – Fabrizio introduces
 - a. Master Planning Committee appointed two students to committee without going through Appointments – Ron Tola hand-picked them. The VP Search Committee skipped Appointments as well.
 - b. What will our approach be towards the administration so that this doesn't happen again?
 - c. Council of Twelve suggested sending strong message, asking MPC to appoint new students; Exec disagreed (no need to appoint new reps.)
 - d. SC will send administration a letter informing them of the Appointments procedure, telling how it is outlined in the Constitution
 - e. Undermines SC
- III. VPs speak
 - a. Stef and Adam put together an information sheet that committees can use to ease communication with/application to Appointments; this would prevent excuses for situations like this
 - b. If contacted by e-mail, they will be e-mailed the form
 - c. Also – phasing out of CPC (Campaign Priorities Committee), which has active student reps, while forming this new (very similar) committee was also not wholly appropriate
 - d. They agree in principle that re-opening the position would be right, but feel that it would be redundant – the students on the committee are very competent.
 - e. A strong message can be sent in other ways (through a letter, for example).
- IV. Comments from the Council
 - a. Kathleen: A strongly worded letter isn't a statement I would feel comfortable making. I don't know what a better response would be, though. I agree that we can't go along with this – I would be perfectly happy if they had gone through the process and selected these people, but the process wasn't open to the whole student body.
 - b. Emily: Agrees with Kathleen; we should look at other options that would send a stronger message. Not fair that the process wasn't open to the whole student body, and not fair to Rachel, the current non-senior rep to CPC who will no longer have a role.
 - c. Adam: Would like to go beyond the letter; would like to sit down with President Emerson and Provost Bell and make sure they are familiar with the system, assume it was circumvented because of lack of knowledge, not deliberately. Worried about precedent.

- d. Fabrizio: Agrees that Provost Bell, rest of administration must be involved. Very worried about the fact that the deans gave MPC master list of students to pick from for this purpose (although Will says that he spoke to deans and they didn't know anything about this.)
- e. Evan Rodriguez: This is a sign of SC not being taken seriously on campus. Therefore, we need to show that we can do things, have things to say, by taking some sort of strong action – show that we have an effective structure without antagonizing administration or assuming that they were acting deliberately. We need to put this in the Constitution so that we have something to refer to.
- f. Adam: This must be dealt with before break so it can be discussed at the board meeting in January. In favor of some form of action other than a letter or discussion.
- g. Question of having student reps at board meeting – date of meeting cannot be moved. How to speak to administration without jeopardizing or worsening relationship with them? How to address students on committee without seeming to attack them?
- h. Evan Rodriguez: We should discuss pros and cons of the options we have. Supports engaging with the process rather than just talking to a few people.
- i. Evan Raskin: If we explain our problems to the administration, they would be receptive.
- j. Adam: We don't want to call student interest into question (many committees don't get a good number of applicants) by re-opening – this would de-legitimize appointments process.
- k. Will: But this is important enough that many students would apply, and this would increase SC's legitimacy.
- l. Kathleen: This is an extremely important committee, and there would be many applications.
- m. Emily: Not just about sending a message, but also about the well-being of this very important committee. We need to make sure that the student body is adequately represented (people appointed are past/current members of SC).
- n. Katie: We need to not pressure the administration not to appoint Meg and Cal again, but just make it clear that their choices won't necessarily always be the best.
- o. Mary: It's not fair to Meg and Cal to take away the position after they've already been chosen to do it. (Kathleen and Fabrizio – is it fair to the other 1100 students?)
- p. Stef: Rushing appointments isn't a good idea. If we decide to re-open position, we should do it when people have lots of time – i.e. have apps due after break.
- q. Fabrizio: The board meeting would be a very good forum for these concerns. If this isn't mandated anywhere, we need to make it part of the constitution.

- r. Adam: In summary, we do want to run appointments process again, hoping to appoint someone by the Sunday before break (so student reps can go to the first meeting of MPC). We will inform President Emerson of this. We do worry about “yanking the carpet out from under” the current committee members – it would be a disservice.
- s. Calvin: Agrees; thinks that whatever the Council decides should be done, will go along with it.
- t. Fabrizio: Will contact Linda Bell and Meg.
- u. Adam: Are we going to let CPC members be phased out?
- v. Kathleen: They will be very much able to apply for MPC.
- w. Will: How did talk with deans go? Presidents: They were very concerned – they were actually the ones who thought of writing down a complete policy.
- x. Moment of Silence: 11:20 PM

Students' Council Meeting

December 6, 2007

These minutes reflect the perceptions of Becca Varon '10 and Janet Yoon '10, 2007-2008 Students' Council co-secretaries.

Present: Janet Yoon '10, Jane Seymour '10, Mary Ellingboe '09, Emily Walden '09, Jiminy Cricket '10, Justin Dainer-Best '09, Steph Pickering '09, Lindsay Festa '09, Mara Miller '10, Janine (Nina) Morton '08, Cedar Balazs '08, Margaret Livingston '08, Melanie Travis '08, Emily Hinchcliff '08, Neil Adige '08, Ahmed Ali Akbar '10, Carolyn Warner '10, Katie Estabrook '10, Sam McCrimons '11, Michael Romais '11, Alissa Aron '11, Adam Lewis '10, Stefan Pappius-Lefebvre '10, Dans Sacks '08, Cristina C. Morais '11, Dana Eiselen '11, Michael Novinson '10, Genna Cherichello '11, Israel Burshatin, Jenni Punt, Jonathan Lima '10, Alex Tuttle '08, Will Harrison '10, Evan Raskin '10, Daniel Kent '11, Sonia Williams '08, Anna Krieger '08, Meghan McAllister '10, Fabrizio Barbagelata '10, Isaac Lutze '08

- I. Moment of Silence 7:10pm
- II. Possible motion to discuss FCAE issues ahead of reports
- III. Co-Presidents' Report
 - a. Social Justice Requirement dinner
 - i. Next Wednesday at President's House.
 - ii. Only invited to members of EPC, OMA, CPGC, Haverford House Fellows and Reps from Quaker Community
 - iii. Everyone should RSVP by Sunday
 - iv. Purpose is to collect opinions from various groups that have been discussed throughout this semester.
 - b. Board of Managers Weekend plans
 - i. This weekend. Student Affairs Committee meets tomorrow afternoon. Talking about diversity initiatives, smoking policy and communication between administration and students.
 - c. Smoking policy group update
 - i. Looking to meet next week.
- IV. Council of Twelve Report
 - a. Coordinating schedule for next semester and how to gain student feedback.
 - b. Still trying to determine the specific role of the Council of Twelve and looking for some more ideas by student body.
- V. Co-Vice Presidents' Report
 - a. Recent CSSP appointment
 - i. Appointed Sara Singley
 - b. Upcoming Arts Collection Advisory Group appointment
 - c. Haverfest Chair(s) appointment
 - d. New developments on the issue of committees bypassing Appointments

- i. Met with Emerson, changes to appointments approved.
 - ii. Eventually plan to post new guidelines online.
- VI. Co-Treasurers' Report
 - a. Disguise status
 - b. Office hours happenings
- VII. Co-Secretaries' Report
 - a. Website update
- VIII. Officer of Campus Life's Report
 - a. Dorm Presidents
 - i. Still need nominations from 710, APT31- 35-50, La Casa, Ira Reid, Comfort, Drinker, Leeds
 - ii. elections will hopefully be done this weekend
 - b. DC Basement Update
 - c. Lloyd lights contest
 - i. Needs a person to organize
- IX. Officer of Athletics Report
 - a. Athletic Forum
 - b. Discussion over divide between Div. III and Div. IV
 - i. Centennial Conference is the only conference in the nation pushing for it because the Franklin and Marshall president is really for it.
- X. Officer of Multiculturalism's Report
 - a. Spring Plenary Resolutions - will meet with affinity group heads and related parties to discuss the details
 - i. Institutionalizing Affinity Group head meetings and also the content of such meeting
 - ii. Redefining multicultural jurors on Honor Council
 - 1. Justin: Should send campus-wide email to inform students about ambiguities within Honor Council trials.
 - 2. Ahmed: Need more transparency and specific outlines on how multicultural students are chosen.
 - 3. Mike Novinson: Council obtains information about students from admissions office that holds list of students identified as individuals of color. Is it up to Admissions to decide this?
 - b. Everyone go to the Diversity Townhall (Religion/Spirituality on Campus) next Wednesday, Dec 12 at 7 in Founder's Common Room!
- XI. Officer of the Arts Report
 - a. Talking about long term plans for Haverford, such as a full auditorium.
 - b. James House plans
 - i. Plans to talk to Emerson on how to make James House an art space, not just a meeting place.
 - ii. Saturday after classes end, students invited to paint James House.
 - c. Next semester in the arts
- XII. Officer of Academics Report
 - a. Take-home exam resolution
 - i. Lots of discussion on Go Boards about last week's meeting

- ii. Where should we go?
 - 1. How should students approach approved resolutions after plenary?
 - 2. After the exam resolution last spring, only one student emailed Jane with an inquiry whereas students take advantage of the Go Boards as a place to vent and attack ideas.
- iii. What is our (SC's) role?
 - 1. Will: Perhaps SC should be more specific on how to approach approved resolutions. After plenary, students who presented at plenary are basically left to work independently.
 - 2. After plenary, SC should try to send new versions of the constitution with approved resolutions.
- iv. Emily: Wasn't it said somewhere that the exam resolution was turned down by faculty?
 - 1. Jane: Tried to discuss issues with faculty but felt that it wasn't necessary when no one was approaching her about the new resolution.
 - 2. Emily: SC should not be expected to lobby for approved resolutions
- v. Mike: What may have turned some students off was that in last week's minutes, it says that "SC feels that the approved resolution should not be a top priority"

XIII. Honor Council Chairs

- a. Emergency alcohol incident response
 - i. Met with Emerson and Deans
 - ii. Deans plan to send reports to HC chairs immediately after alcohol-related incidents so that co-chairs are able to give the student body all the facts and prevent any spreading of rumors.
- b. Darwin letter discussion
 - i. Opening up discussion again on Sunday at Honor Council meeting

XIV. Standing Committee Student Rep Reports

- a. FAC
- b. AAC
 - i. Approving budget
 - ii. 10% raise for faculty
- c. EPC
 - i. Discussed Computational Science minors
 - ii. Discussing with professors if distributed grades are too high

XV. FCAE discussion

- a. Professor Punt and Professor Burshatin
 - i. Meeting more regularly with students

- ii. FCAE formed to respond to the concerns of faculty about a number of issues precipitated by possible plan to increase number of students enrolled
 - 1. Initial push was to address time concerns, enhance scholarship and research much more effectively.
- iii. Goal to reinvest time in scholarship and research for students and faculty
 - 1. Planned to address these needs through curriculum enrichment
 - 2. Wish to expand faculty within established departments as well as areas of concentrations
 - 3. Expansion of faculty would also expand the variety and number of courses available
 - 4. Looking to develop a curriculum where scholarship is transparent in all departments
 - 5. Haverford, compared to peer schools, require theses, which already demands students to work in a manner that is analogous to how professors work in terms in-depth study and research.
- iv. Conducted a series of meetings with different departments, updating their current status
 - 1. General questions asked students for their opinions
 - 2. More specific questions for each department to address their concerns
 - 3. Looking for a way to get more interdepartmental courses available
- v. Time issues
 - 1. In the process of determining how many courses a professor should teach a year
 - a. Another idea would be to allow for more frequent sabbatical
 - b. Plans still being discussed; nothing has been determined as of yet.
- vi. Questions of Resources
 - 1. Compared to peer institutions, Haverford is relatively under-endowed
 - a. Swat has 173 faculty members on tenure, Haverford only has 97 faculty members on tenure
 - 2. School is not financially equipped to let faculty members to take more frequent sabbaticals
 - 3. Professors are stretched in that in addition to helping their seniors with their theses, professors must also devote time to their students who are only finishing their departmental requirements
- vii. Looking to address more of the immediate concerns

1. Giving more position to smaller, underrepresented departments
- viii. More details on enriching scholarship
 1. Idea for sophomore seminars, junior-level seminars and talks
 2. Special talks given my faculty members
 3. Large amounts of metadata has helped committee to understand the needs of departments and students
- ix. Faculty/Tenure
 1. Haverford has a cap that keeps the school from offering more tenure positions
 2. Committees of Conversion Appointments has been formed to keep professors possibly for tenure but do not add to the cap.
- x. Strengthening existing areas of concentration
 1. Some departments doing well than others
 2. Africana Studies, Latin American/Iberian Studies, Gender Studies, Sciences and Society, Environmental Studies all have been discussed as concentrations that should strengthen in coming years. Other programs are still in discussion.
 - a. American Studies, Computational Studies – programs available and encouraged by professors
 - b. In general, looking for professors who could strengthen present departments as well as enrich the curriculum by strengthening new concentrations as well

XVI. Questions and Answer:

- a. Dan Sachs, economics – FCAE plans seem to strengthen studies within the major. Could this framework be overlooking the liberal arts education?
 - i. Punt: Haverford has a unique take on the liberal arts education. Holds a respect for exposure and expertise in every discipline. Need depth in introductory in distributional reqs and in each student's major as well. FCAE does want depth in all parts of students' education but also wants the department to be accessible to students from all different kinds of intellectual background.
 - ii. Burshatin: FCAE looking for a balance between learning and contributing, even in intro classes
- b. Fabrizio '10: Currently feels that FCAE should address the role of the faculty advisor. Have there been any discussions of institutionalizing the role of the faculty advisor in a better manner?
 - i. Punt: Concern will be addressed in the future of FCAE. Committee is looking to define the role of advisors especially for upperclassmen who have decided their major and for sophomore who are sitting on the fence.

- ii. Burshatin: Dept. Chairs have done a great deal
- c. Ahmed '10: Glad to hear about strengthening concentrations. Understands that there are not enough professors to teach intro. courses. How will this work for smaller departments, such as the concentration programs?
 - i. Burshatin: Plan is in the works in FCAE. Committee may look to faculty members in related departments or even departments at Bryn Mawr that may have members who would be knowledgeable enough to teach an intro course.
- d. Neil '09: What is the decisive factor in addressing students' needs?
 - i. Dealing with limited sources, so it is difficult
 - ii. Committee will look at input of students and department together.
- e. Meghan '10: In terms of making final decisions, how much of a role do major donors play?
 - i. B: One of the factors of expanding faculty will be the say of major donors but committee will try to create a balance between the interest of the donor and the committee.
- f. Evan, Philosophy '08: Concerned about some issues of broader theorizing of what FCAE is actually doing. How has the committee been intentional in their actions as a whole, not just for specific departments and faculty members. Philosophy department is still stuck talking about specifics but has not yet addressed any general theories/goals for future.
 - i. Punt: Does recognize that there is still a lot of work to do for all the departments as a whole. At present, committee wishes to address the immediate needs of specific departments.
 - ii. Burshatin: Process still unfolding but committee is still working to see how centers, symposia, etc can bring different departments together.
 - iii. Compared to other schools, Haverford has managed to keep a diverse education in terms of reading material and course availability.
 - iv. As students, it is important for one to gain the canonical points of a major but Haverford looking to generate more creative and personal scholarship and research. Student-run seminars, for example, have allowed students to form their own curricula.
- g. Jane '10: For student reps, how many of you know what you're supposed to be doing? Are students completely clueless?
 - i. Jane: Some departments are still looking for representatives.
 - ii. Punt: Department meant to meet with students and have them write minutes. Representatives should collect information from both faculty and students and return back to FCAE.
 - iii. Jon Lima, math '10: Even if appointed representatives have not been available, math department makes sure to always have some student take minutes.
 - iv. Punt: Within the department, student rep. should be responsible for sending notes to rest of students.

- v. Burshatin: For uninformed students, representatives should ask FCAE any of their questions.
 - vi. Punt: Student representatives have not yet met with FCAE but this preliminary meeting can help address their specific role
- h. Ceder '08: Should representatives talk to faculty more often than students?
 - i. Punt: Would be best to have a balance with discussion between both groups. However the position of the student representative is to benefit the students, first and foremost.
- j. Isaac, East Asian Studies: has been talking exclusively with department. How much should FCAE be informed?
 - i. Punt: Any information is useful to FCAE.
- k. Emily '08: Feels that more than just one student representative should be present for meetings to collect more opinions and ideas.
- k. Justin '09: Emailing notes between departments would be incredibly helpful to other student reps so that they have an idea of what to do in their respective departments
- l. Fabrizio '10: What are specific plans that are coming up/
 - a. Burshatin: Forming a report, hopefully will be ready by late January, early February
 - b. Any further questions/comments can be sent to iburshat@haverford.edu
- m. Community Comments and Concerns
- n. General Chatter
 - a. Emerson looking to find a student for Committee of Institutional Advancement
 - i. Stef: Logistically, it doesn't make sense to bring another student this far into the semester/year
- o. Moment of Silence 9:17pm

Students' Council Meeting Agenda
December 13, 2007
7:30 PM, Campus Center 205

These minutes reflect the perceptions of Janet Yoon and Becca Varon, 2007-2008 SC Co-Secretaries.

- I. Moment of Silence
- II. Exam resolution
 - a. SC is a resource to groups working on implementing resolutions, but they are not responsible for doing it themselves
 - b. It must be made clear to those who propose resolutions how much responsibility this carries
 - i. Mandatory info session for resolution writers before Plenary? (They would have to sign a form, propose how to implement their resolution.)
 - ii. Put it in Constitution? (Spring plenary resolution)
 - iii. We want to be as transparent as possible
 - iv. Follow-up form to be completed after Plenary, before ratification
 - c. Overall: more institutional memory is needed for SC, so we know what to do in cases like this (and especially because of the restructuring of SC – freshmen can no longer sit in on appointments, for example)
- III. Restructuring GO
 - a. Would SC be willing to provide funds for a redesign?
 - i. Yes – depending on cost and ability to implement
 - b. Time sheets for Sound Crew, FIG would help ease Treasurers' job
- IV. Blog
 - a. This will hopefully become a place where summaries of minutes are posted, students feel comfortable communicating with SC
- V. Co-Presidents' Report
 - a. Attended Board of Managers Meetings/ Student Affairs Committee
 - b. Started Creating Documents for Institutional Memory/ More Concrete
 - c. Procedures (ex. Appointments Process Clarifications)
 - d. Revisited Emergency Response Student Notification Procedures
 - e. Academics vs. Extracurriculars Discussion
 - f. Went to a CHAS Conference on Diversity at Small, Liberal Arts Schools and attended various meetings on campus on the same topic
 - g. Facilitated Discussion between Activist Groups
 - h. Telephone Land-Line Survey
 - i. Campus IT Initiatives
 - j. Smoking Ban Forums/ Creation of Smoking Policy Working Group
 - k. Social Justice Requirement Dinner and Other Discussions on SJ Requirement

1. Met weekly with the administration to discuss short-term and long term goals
- VI. Co-Vice Presidents' Report
 - a. Haverfest Chair and Arts Collections Advisory Group appointments
 - b. Master Planning Committee positions will be opened within the next week
 - c. Semester Report
- VII. Co-Treasurers' Report
 - a. Semester report
- VIII. Co-Secretaries' Report
 - a. Design of new website
 - b. Publicizing of minutes, agendas
 - c. Campus information networking (TV monitors)
- IX. Officer of Campus Life's Report
 - a. DC basement project: This took a long time to get started, from narrowing down our possibilities and deciding on our vision for the space, to actually talking to Ron Tola and the administration about the practicality of implementing what students want. The project is now in full swing, with the hopes of being done by the end of year. Things will be starting over winter break.
 - b. Dorm Presidents: Elections should be later this week. This position should help with getting more projects implemented and more student involvement next semester.
 - c. Talked with Catherine Sharbaugh, the Director of Health Services, about the accessibility of the Health Center.
 - d. Took part in and attended the smoking ban meetings.
 - e. Joined in on the discussion about the TVs for advertisements across campus.
- X. Officer of Athletics Report
 - a. Met with Wendy to discuss possibility of holding athletic forum and issues brought up by the student body
 - b. Meet with HCAA to discuss athletic issues including
 - i. DIII/DIV potential split
 - ii. View of athletes on campus
 - c. Special Olympics volunteering
- XI. Officer of Multiculturalism's Report
 - a. Semester report
- XII. Officer of the Arts Report
 - a. Solicited opinions from students about directions for the arts, both through a forum and through email.
 - b. Formed a list of arts organizations at Haverford.
 - c. Made plans for James House
 - d. Met with arts consultant, etc.
- XIII. Officer of Academics Report
 - a. Student FCAE Representation: acting as a representative of the student body to the FCAE, collecting information/soliciting input from students,

and also helping to act as a liason for the departmental student representatives

- XIV. Honor Council Chairs
 - a. Cleaned office, got a computer (but no printer)
 - b. Published Darwin letter
 - c. Abstracts released (e.g. Professor Willow).
 - d. Admissions letter
 - e. Began discussions about diversity and the Code (to be continued)
 - f. Began dialogue with Helene Polluck
 - g. Continued dialogue with BMC Honor Board
- XV. Community Comments and Concerns
- XVI. General Chatter
- XVII. Moment of Silence

Students' Council
State of SC
Fall 2007
Presented December 21, 2007

We seek a college that cultivates and stimulates intellectual growth at the highest possible level.

1. Officer of Academics, Jane Seymour, served as a representative of the student body to the FCAE, collecting information and soliciting input from students.
2. Jane organized desserts in the DC to initiate discussion between students and professors.
3. Jane also invited representatives of FCAE and student representatives of each department to a joint SC meeting. Departmental student representatives also met in private to discuss academic enrichment.
4. Co-Presidents, Meghan McAllister and Fabrizio Barbagelata, and Officer of Multiculturalism, Ahmed Akbar, engaged in discussions on the social justice requirement. Co-Presidents also organized a dinner with EPC, CPGC, OMA, DIG and deans to also discuss the issue.

We seek a community that supports and fosters awareness among the entire student body regarding issues of diversity and multiculturalism.

1. Officer of Multiculturalism, Ahmed Akbar, pushed for monthly meetings between affinity group heads and OMA to foster more support and community.
2. Co-Presidents, Meghan McAllister and Fabrizio Barbagelata, attended a CHAS conference in Colby College on diversity at small liberal arts colleges. They have been discussing with the administration on new methods of improvement for the advising system, as well as specific ways to improve it for students of color. Meghan and Fabrizio are also looking for ways to foster a stronger relationship with the city of Philadelphia in order to use it as a cultural resource, possibly with help from Haverford House fellows.

We seek to expand and refine the college's curricular offerings in the arts.

1. Officer of the Arts, Justin Dainer-Best, solicited opinions from students about directions for the arts, both through an open forum and email. He is also trying to create greater communication among all arts groups on campus.

2. Justin is working to utilize all available student art space, such as James House.
3. Justin is also meeting with outside consulting groups hired by administration to study and analyze the state of the arts at Haverford.
4. SC is sponsoring the construction of a black box theatre in the basement of the Dining Center. The Officer of Campus Life, Mary Ellingboe, has assisted with this project.

We seek a campus with space that fulfills student needs.

1. SC has voiced a strong opinion to the administration and board of managers for the need for more student space on campus, and will ensure that the Master Planners from Venturi, Scott Brown receive a copy of the Student Space Report released in Spring 2007.

We seek a campus that provides and supports the most current computing and other technological resources.

1. SC has met with Robert Kieft (Chief Information Officer), Matt Nocifore (Networking, CIR), Barbara Mindell (Director of ACC), and Mary Ellen Luongo (ACC). to discuss IT initiatives on campus.
2. Next semester, SC has planned with Robert Kieft, the college's chief information officer, to do a survey of how the school can improve or create a student business portal online.

We seek to utilize the new SC structure to its full potential and set high standards for the quality of work and leadership that SC provides the Students' Association.

1. The role of Council of Twelve last semester was to primarily figure out its general role on campus. Most of the first few meetings were spent discussing the sorts of issues that Council of Twelve would cover, and how to be most effective. In the end, the Council determined that it was important to address issues that were important to the entire community, while separating itself from the day to day issues that Executive Council would cover. The Council discovered that the number of meetings that were being held as mandated in the constitution would not suffice and decided to meet twice, rather than once a week. The Council of Twelve has also decided that it is important that the agenda for each semester be clearly stated, in order to ensure that there are specific tasks that the Council of Twelve is working to accomplish. The Council spent the last few weeks of the semester planning an elaborate campaign that will take

place spring semester after the new representatives to the Council are elected.

Our goals are not limited to the above five, and we foresee them constantly adapting to reflect the needs and desires of the Students' Association.

1. SC is working to produce more institutional memory through documentation of their work to especially address changeover of officers. In addition, SC has discussed how to ensure the implementation of plenary resolutions.
2. Vice-Presidents, Adam Lewis and Stefan Pappius-LeFebvre, are working on documents to create more concrete policies in the appointments process. They, along with Meghan and Fabrizio, plan to make the policies clear to the administration and faculty by holding specific meetings to discuss the appointments process. They are also working to have the new appointments guidelines posted online and in the Faculty Handbook.
3. SC has reviewed the emergency response procedures and has put together a new policy with the administration, Honor Council and JSAAPP on how to inform the student body on incidents involving drugs and alcohol.
4. Co-Secretaries, Becca Varon and Janet Yoon, have been working to inform the student body in many ways, such as go board post minutes and creation of a new website.

Students' Council Meeting

January 24, 2008

These minutes reflect the perceptions of Becca Varon '10 and Janet Yoon '10, 2007-2008 Students' Council co-secretaries.

Present: Meghan McAllister '10, Fabrizio Barbagelata '10, Adam Lewis '10, Janet Yoon '10, Becca Varon '10, Dainer-Best '09, Lindsay Festa '09, Mary Ellingboe '09, Jane Seymour '10, Katie Estabrook '10, Evan Raskin '10, Evan Rodriguez '08, Dana Eiselen '11, Britta Volz '08, Emily, Rachel Von Tosh '09, Emily Walden '09, Daniel Kent '11, Brian Johnson '08, Scott Schnur '10, Holly Simpson '10, Sonia Williams '08, Anna Krieger '08, Will Harrison '10

- I. Moment of Silence
- II. Master Plan Discussion with Architects
 - a. Introduction: Nancy, Michael, Heather
 - i. Architects trying to acquaint themselves with students as much as possible in order to realize students' needs.
 - ii. What should change, what should remain the same?
 - iii. How can Haverford become more of what it is?
 - b. Question/Answer
 - i. Evan '08: Feels that SC should not be the one source to look to for students' opinions.
 - ii. Nancy: Has already met with several other students part of different organizations. Also looking for other ways to communicate to students, perhaps online.
 - iii. Jason: With the new website, it was very effective to post any news on the web.
 - iv. Nancy: Open slots for question/answer: Monday, Jan. 28 and Feb. 7th. Hoping to have this advertised to students in order to hear more opinions.
 - v. Fabrizio: What is your general sense of students' needs on campus?
 - vi. Nancy: Still learning about their different concerns.
 - vii. Fabrizio: SC can't represent all voices. But a new student center, and more support for the arts on campus have constantly been brought up.
 - viii. Nancy: It has been brought up multiple times but has received numerous definitions of a student center.
 - ix. Justin: Students generally desire a building without any administrative offices or classroom space.
 - x. Fabrizio: Students need a "hub space" that should be visited frequently where they can find multiple necessities/activities. Would be very effective if the new student space had a concentrated amount of students' activities.

- xi. Meghan: Important to have a building that can only be reserved by students to avoid any conflicts with faculty.
- xii. Nancy: Are there certain times of the day when there is higher demand for class?
- xiii. Rachel; Students need an area where they can have control of the space. What is most necessary is meeting space for big or small groups.
- xiv. Justin: Also needs space for simple needs such as eating. IT is especially hard for students off the meal plan to find places to eat when they can't enter the DC.
- xv. Emily: Zubrow has a lot of little niches that are nice places to study but they are often filled up. Would be nice to have additional study space.
- xvi. Meghan: Because the SC office is all the way on the third floor of the campus center building, it is hard to attract students to visit the office.
- xvii. Jane: One of the main concerns of students is that academics is limited to the classroom. Students would like to see more academics outside of the classroom by the new space.
- xviii. Nancy: What do you think would draw more faculty in to the new building?
- xix. Jane: A space that is open to everybody, such as a café or small deli.
- xx. Fabrizio: It would also be crucial to find a space that is also close to faculty. Students choose Ryan to be the new student center because it is so close to academic buildings.
- xxi. Emily: Spaces such as the math lounge or physics lounge are very conducive to learning. However (Rachel), there should be no "strictly" academic room, but just an accessible place for faculty to drop by.
- xxii. Scott: There were past discussions about students' needs for a non-denominational student worship space.
- xxiii. Nancy: Would it help to have a worship space in the student center or somewhere else?
- xxiv. Fabrizio: Feels that it would be important to have religious life separate from academic life.
- xxv. Rachel: Feels that students generally want a architecturally nice living room.
- xxvi. Christina: Would like to see that the original architecture of Ryan be preserved to keep the original image of Haverford.
- xxvii. Adam: A space centered around a café but spacious enough to provide private space or niches.
- xxviii. Jason: Thinks it says a lot that the leader of students' activities doesn't plan events in the student center. On another note, it is important to have different-sized performance spaces. Haverford has a big and small performance space, but needs more "medium-

sized” space. The DC, for example, provides itself as many multiple spaces (eating, a cappellas, dances, quizzo) but would like to see another type of space that could offer itself in the same manner.

- xxix. Fabrizio: Also important to plan for a separate performance space.
- xxx. Justin: Marshall is far too big of a space for many performance arts activities on campus.
- xxxi. Fabrizio: Many students have come from schools with adequate facilities so it is difficult to see that Haverford doesn't supply all the sufficient spaces.
- xxxii. Rachel: Overall, for performances, it would be useful to have a “changeable space”.
- xxxiii. Evan: many organizations are so physically spread out, it hinders useful communication between groups. Storage for different organizations very poor.
- xxxiv. Jane: Haverford is known for its arboretum but it is a shame that there are so few windows in the buildings. Very little natural light offered in both classrooms and dorms.
- xxxv. Nancy: On the library, is it what you would expect as a library?
- xxxvi. Jane: Magill – needs better lighting
- xxxvii. Adam: Looks for wide space and natural lighting in an ideal study space.
- xxxviii. Emily: Carpenter Library at Bryn Mawr is an ideal space with plenty of natural light but also offers private carrels and classrooms.
- xxxix. Nancy: What things shouldn't change in terms of space, landscape, facilities?
 - xl. Christina: Quaker architecture should be preserved. Modern architecture such as Stokes or Gummere doesn't fit.
 - xli. Rachel: Would like to preserve the variety of housing options on campus, especially the apartments, Barclay and program housing.
 - xl.ii. Meghan: Parking is another issue on campus, especially for students up campus.
 - xl.iii. David: Would like to make a bid for nicer and bigger signs around campus.
 - xl.ii. Scott: Between James House and Gummere there is some land that may be of some use in the future.
 - xl.ii. Rachel: Would like to see the physical paths of the school be more integrated with the campus. Haverford right now is also very rectangular, which can make it feel a little congested. If the campus grows, it should be expanded horizontally.
 - xl.ii. Lindsey: Outdoor athletic facilities could be approved such as rugby/Frisbee fields. Also, it would be nice to see Haverford with a swimming pool.
 - xl.ii. Justin: Doesn't see the point in creating a whole new building just for a pool.

- xlvi. Meghan: Building a new pool might be able to draw in more of the outside community as well.
- xlvii. Justin: the Doug is useful but we already need more dance space and a practice gym. Although the field house is old, it is still used very often by athletics.
 - 1. Nancy: What is strange about the fieldhouse is it's in the way of useful paths.
 - li. Stefan: Howard Lutnick said that the field house was going to become a 2nd quad-area and what would hopefully be a side to a GIAC or student center □ HCA – we also need to renovate the apartments; it's getting really band and falling apart – the first time it rains, we can see the rain collecting in the ceiling and watch it drip down and collect on the floor.
 - lii. Evan Raskin: It is strange that the campus is long and to get from one end to another is hard- moving the field house would help it seems congested and a really bizarre part of campus is the central plant – can it be moved?
 - liii. Nancy- Central plants are the hardest of all buildings to move.
 - liv. Evan Rodriguez: Food is an interesting category to also talk about. The DC has a monopoly on food; food is also a good way to get people together.
 - lv. Nancy – The DC will definitely be more and more included in our discussions.
 - lvi. Evan Rodriguez – perhaps if there were other places people could buy food?
 - lvii. Fabrizio : It is the Quaker idea of eating under one roof, though if there were alternate smaller dining centers, the quality of food could improve by reducing the size of the proportions needed to be served.
 - lviii. Evan Raskin: Remember that the DC was designed for 400 people...

Due to such active discussion concerning the Master Plan of Haverford' campus, the council was not able to continue with its scheduled agenda. We will resume as scheduled at next week's meeting.

- III. Co-Presidents' Report
 - a. Meetings Times for Spring Semester
 - b. Master Planning Interview Schedule
 - c. What should we do about constitution?
- IV. Co-Vice Presidents' Report
 - a. Master Planning Appointments
 - b. Other Appointments (FAC, EPC, DIG, and James House Board)
- V. Co-Treasurers' Report
- VI. Co-Secretaries' Report
 - a. Website Report

- VII. Officer of Campus Life's Report
- VIII. Officer of Athletics Report
- IX. Officer of the Arts' Report
 - a. Arts consultant
 - b. James House
- X. Officer of Academics' Report
 - a. FCAE
- XI. Honor Council Chairs
- XII. State of SC Report Discussion
- XIII. Community Comments and Concerns
- XIV. General Chatter
- XV. Moment of Silence

Haverford College
Students' Council Meeting Minutes

Campus Center Room 205, 7:00 pm
February 7, 2008

- I. Moment of Silence 7:11pm
- II. How should SC deal with the Constitution?
 - a. It is not mandated anywhere on how an individual can make minor changes to the Constitution.
- III. What do we do with typos, grammatical errors, and anything else that needs to be changed in the Constitution?
 - a. Numerous places where the numbers are not accurate, ie: article and section numbers.
 - b. Number of students required for quorum at plenary and for students at honor code trials is inaccurate.
 - c. Many changes have not been made since SC's major changes last spring.
- IV. Should SC create a group who would be responsible for overseeing all the changes that need to be addressed in the Constitution?
 - a. Group can present changes to Constitution at Plenary.
 - b. Should students be from SC or from the community?
 - c. Since SC has added 17 new members to the government since the beginning of this year, it is difficult to determine whose responsibility it is to maintain the Constitution.
 - i. Perhaps the Council of Twelve should make the changes since the Council's role is still malleable.
 - d. It is SC's responsibility that the community has the most recent copy of the Constitution and past plenary proposals and resolutions (pp 36, article 4)
- V. Is there an easier system for students to get a hold of the changes made from Plenary?
 - a. Although the Co-Presidents should present it to the President in a timely manner, the period of time that the President has to veto any resolutions is not defined.
 - b. There is no set formal system on how the President of the College actually looks at the Plenary resolution.
 - 1. How should Emerson endorse/not endorse resolutions?
 - 2. Should SC have a more enforcing role?
 - 3. Would it help for President Emerson to physically sign a sheet stating on whether he approves the resolutions or not?
 - 4. Self-governance of the students is given by the school; students are allowed to make amendments as long as they are in the lines of the school's order.

5. Is it enough to give Emerson thirty days to look over Plenary resolutions?
 - a. Although other events may take place that need higher priority, a fixed timeline may be a helpful guide to the administration and SC. By the end of the thirty-day period, SC should go to the President for some kind of response.
 - ii. Must also consider that there are other groups such as EPC that must also go through the resolutions.
 - iii. What about resolutions that concern faculty members? (ie: the Plenary on Take-home exams)
 1. SC's responsibility to go to Provost, Linda Bell.
 - iv. Should the President of the college make it his responsibility to show the resolutions to faculty?
 1. Plenary Resolutions are really recommendations made to the community and administration.
 - c. Should the Constitution be ratified in the Fall with all necessary changes?
 - i. At present, the only appropriate copy of the Constitution is available on Haverpedia.
 - ii. SC should go to Clearness Committee that also worked with the Constitution last year.
 - d. All passed resolutions will be added into the Constitution in time for Plenary.
 - i. All smaller typos, grammatical errors, etc. will be changed by the Council of Twelve during the semester. This will be discussed with the ratification of the Constitution at Plenary.
- VI. Have all passed resolutions been added to the Constitution?
- a. Are past plenary proposals available?
 - i. All plenary packets can be found at Special Collections.
- VII. How should passed resolutions be treated once they have been passed at plenary?
- a. Presently, there is no strict system defining what happens to resolutions after they have been passed at Plenary.
 - b. Is there a place where all plenary resolutions can be found?
 - i. They are together with plenary proposals and organized by year.
- VIII. Possible Plenary Resolutions in response to discussion on Constitution
- a. First, try to find the most up-to-date Constitution and add passed resolutions from the past three semesters.
 - b. Propose an amendment that the Constitution will be ratified in the fall after the Council of Twelve has made the appropriate changes.
 - c. Propose a specific procedure for a passed proposal after plenary. Give the President thirty days to look at the resolution. If past thirty days, the President must give a reason for he might need more time. After the President has looked at the resolutions and approves them, it us up to the Council of Twelve to bring the resolution to the appropriate bodies of administration/faculty/staff/etc.

- d. Possible proposal on election procedures by Daniel Kent.
- IX. Community Comments and Concerns
- X. General Chatter
- XI. Moment of Silence 8:12 pm

Haverford College

Students' Council Meeting

Campus Center, Ikea Lounge, 7:00 pm
February 13, 2008

I. Moment of Silence

II. Co-Presidents' Report

1. Board of Managers

- i. Need for student center; much agreement in the board for a central location.
- ii. In next student affairs meeting, board would like for us to see other schools' student centers in order to get a better idea of what we are looking for.
- iii. Reviewed budget and approved it.
- iv. Board was impressed by MLK Symposium.

2. Elections

- i. Extended election because we didn't reach quorum.
- ii. Although it is "unconstitutional" to extend elections, it would not have made sense to rerun the elections when there was already a problem with low quorum.
 - i. There were also some technical difficulties with FIG

3. Plenary

- i. Five-six resolutions being prepared for plenary.
- ii. Will be keeping the same goals but also need to put together a semester agenda.
 - i. One new goal: how can SC incorporate more members of the student community?
 - i. Hold meetings in more public locations such as Zubrow, Founders, Sunken Lounge etc...
 - ii. STAND held meeting last night about becoming more active about on-campus issues such as the need for new student space. STAND is looking for ways to taking action to demonstrate the school's need. In general, the more visible meetings are, the more students can be aware about issues on campus.

III. Council of Twelve Report

IV. Co-Vice Presidents' Report

1. Appointments

- i. DIG
- ii. DVC
- iii. James House board

2. May have to extend applications for all appointment applications

V. Co-Treasurers' Report

1. Budgeting and Interviews

- i. A lot more expenses were made for this coming semester
- ii. Gave eight-ten thousand more than expected
- iii. Whole process was successfully more efficient and smooth than last semester
- iv. Some of the same grievances came from the same clubs about how much money they needed.

VI. Co-Secretaries' Report

1. So far, twelve clubs have requested tables for Plenary.

VII. Officer of Campus Life's Report

1. Dorm Presidents

- i. Met with Jason, Smitty about making a list of resources for dorm presidents.

2. DC Basement Update
- VIII. Officer of Athletics's Report
 1. HCAA meeting
 - i. Service Projects
 - i. Date planned for April 6th
 - ii. New Members discussed for HCAA
 - i. Will have new members by the end of the semester
 - iii. Division III survey
 - i. Athletes having meeting with captains and Emerson about the survey
- Officer of the Arts's Report
- IX. Officer of Academics's Report
 - i. FCAE update
 - i. Still time for students to get their opinions to Jane or Provost Bell.
 - ii. Trying to organize reports by student representatives from each department.
Will compile reports and give them to FCAE.
- X. Honor Council Chairs
 1. Wrote a letter to accepted students about the Honor Code
 2. Met with coaches about the Honor Code. Hope to establish more support for the Honor Code by the athletic department.
 - i. Many coaches have no training about the Social or Academic Code.
 - ii. Chairs asked coaches to encourage athletes to attend Plenary, Honor Code trials, etc.
- XI. General Chatter
- XII. Moment of Silence

Spring Plenary 2008

February 17, 2008

These minutes reflect the perceptions of Becca Varon '10 and Janet Yoon '10, 2007-2008 Students' Council co-secretaries.

Quorum Reached: 7:47 PM

- I) Moment of Silence
- II) Welcome to Plenary
- III) Rules of Order and Agenda
 - a. Three minutes to look over Rules of Order and examine Agenda
 - b. Five minutes for questions concerning agenda or Rules of Order
 - c. Call for amendments to change agenda or Rules of Order
 - d. Vote to accept any amendments to agenda (must have two-thirds vote)
- IV) Presidents Present Students' Council Semester Agenda
 - a. Fifteen minute Pro-Con debate
 - i. Chairs see no questions; move on
- V) Resolution #1: The Healthcare Seven-Days-a-Week Resolution (Majority Vote)
 - a. Introduction
 - i. Maggie Bishop '10; Matt Gross '10; Daniel Kent '11
 - b. Question and Answer
 - i. Daniel Studenmund '08: Cost of this measure?
 - ii. Matt Gross '10: No figure, but this shouldn't be an object for administration
 - iii. Daniel Studenmund '08: We want to prioritize this over what?
 - iv. Matt Gross '10: We're not quantifying it – we just want to get a feel for how important this is to the student body.
 - c. Pro/Con
 - i. PRO Will Harrison '10: This is a foot in the door to get the conversation started with the administration.
 - ii. CON Jason Oaks '09: It's disconcerting that we don't know how much it would cost; we need to be more informed before we approve it.
 - iii. PRO Laura Jones '09 (on behalf of Maya Bloom '11): Last semester, Maya developed severe pneumonia as a result of the health center not being open on weekends.
 - iv. PRO Scott Mueller '09: All we're asking for is a few more hours of the health center being open; this shouldn't be an object to Haverford, in light of the other (more expensive) projects it undertakes.
 - d. Response to Pro-Con debate by resolution presenters
 - i. Matt Gross '10, Maggie Bishop '10: Affirm that this is a message we need to send to the administration

- e. Call for Unfriendly Amendments: 75 signatures needed – Seven minutes allowed to turn in unfriendly amendments with a motion to extend by seven minutes no more than once.
 - i. No amendments presented
 - f. Vote on Final Registration
 - i. By paper ballot: 504 Yes, 33 No, 8 Abstain
 - 1. Resolution passes by 92%
- VI) Resolution #2: Amending the Students' Association Election Procedure – (2/3 vote)
- a. Introduction
 - i. Will Harrison '10, Daniel Kent '11
 - b. Question and Answer
 - i. David Burstein '11: To whom would the statements be submitted?
 - ii. Will Harrison '10: To the secretaries.
 - iii. Lauren Adriaansen '08: Makes a friendly amendment to Section 4 of Honor Council Election Procedures: adds 'impeachment' to 'resignation'
 - iv. Zac Dutton '10: Points out spelling mistake; friendly amendment
 - c. Pro/Con
 - i. No one debates
 - d. Response to Pro/Con by presenters
 - i. David Burstein '11: Strong resolution, clarifies election procedures
 - e. Call for Unfriendly Amendments
 - i. Necessary amount of signatures reached
 - ii. David Burstein '11: Each statement made by candidates should be released by the secretaries within 24 hours.
 - iii. Question and Answer
 - 1. Ryan Mulligan '10: Can there be a link made to the candidates' statements on the Election page?
 - 2. David Burstein '11: We want to make the candidates' statements as widely available as possible.
 - iv. Pro/Con
 - 1. CON Zac Dutton '10: It would be a waste to release statements on paper.
 - v. Vote on Amendment: By visual vote, amendment passes.
 - f. Vote: By visual vote, resolution passes.
- VII) Resolution #3: SC Student Activities Committee Name Change Resolution (2/3 Vote Needed)
- a. Introduction
 - i. Cristina Morais '11, Josh DuBow '11
 - b. Question and Answer
 - i. Evan Raskin '10: Is the organization no longer affiliated with students' council?
 - ii. Josh DuBow '11: Organization will remain affiliated with SC.
 - c. Pro/Con

- i. CON James Burton '11: Doesn't see any reason to change the name of the organization at Plenary even though it is discussed in the Constitution.
 - ii. PRO Nick Lotito '10: This is a pointless resolution, so let's just vote yes.
 - iii. CON Sam McCrimons '11: Does not like the new title.
 - d. Response to Pro/Con by presenters
 - i. Josh DuBrow '11: Change to title would be minor and not change any of the responsibilities of the organization.
 - e. Call for Unfriendly Amendments
 - f. Vote: By show of visual vote, resolution passes.
- VIII) Resolution #4: Resolution to Define Student Self-Government as a Right – (2/3 vote)
- a. Introduction
 - i. Lauren Adriaansen '08
 - b. Question and Answer
 - i. Daniel Kent '11: How do other institutions derive self-governance?
 - ii. Lauren Adriaansen '08: The idea of self-governance is probably unique to Haverford, to her knowledge.
 - iii. Will Harrison '10: If Tommy T. vetoed this proposal twice during his presidency, why should this be passed now?
 - iv. Lauren Adriaansen '08: Language has changed
 - v. Caila Heyison '11: What effect would this have?
 - vi. Lauren Adriaansen '08: Gives the student body some belief in themselves. This would be an important symbol to acknowledge for students. Only had a chance to speak to Jason McGraw who disagreed.
 - c. Pro/Con
 - i. CON Asher Reisman '11: Self-government is a wonderful thing to have.
 - ii. PRO David Sanchez '10: We attend this school on our terms; thus, we should have the right to self-governance.
 - iii. PRO Eli Blood-Forsythe '11: Fully endorses self-governance; something important that should be acknowledged.
 - iv. PRO Aimee Lanning '09: One of the unique aspects of Haverford is the students' right to self-governance so this should be passed.
 - v. CON Maggie Bishop '10: Proposal is still too idealistic, especially in a school with such little student participation in student government.
 - vi. PRO Scott Mueller '09: It is a shame that students do not support the idea of self-governance.
 - vii. CON James Merriam '11: Proposes a friendly amendment that takes away the last sentence of the proposed statement.
 - viii. PRO Mike Novinson '10: A good time to establish a better relationship between students and administration.

- ix. PRO Justin Dainer-Best '09: At first though it wasn't constitutional but now believes that students should have the right to govern themselves.
- d. Response to Pro/Con by presenters
 - i. Lauren Adriaansen '08: Nothing wrong with being a little idealistic. With the lack of student participation in SC, hopefully this proposal may bring to light that students hold their right to self-governance and should be encouraged by this.
- e. Call for Unfriendly Amendments
 - i. Under James Merriam '11 – By visual vote, motion is declined.
- f. Vote on Original Resolution
 - i. By paper ballot: 48% no, 44% yes, resolution cannot pass
- IX) Resolution #5: Statement of Support for Student Service Requirement (Majority Vote)
 - a. Introduction
 - i. Corey Chao '08, Hope Kaye '08
 - b. Question and Answer
 - i. Isaac Lutze '08: How do you see this interacting with work/study and financial aid?
 - ii. Corey Chao '08: There are many ways this requirement could be realized – summer internships, for example, or reflection components for social justice requirement.
 - iii. Rachel Cholst '11: Do you have a number of hours you're requiring?
 - iv. Hope Kaye '08: Nothing specific – could be part of social justice requirement, too (not time-specific)
 - v. Kristina Birkel '10: Could this be fulfilled over a break?
 - vi. Corey Chao '08: We have considered this – most important part is the reflection.
 - vii. Evan Rodriguez '08: Thanks for a thoughtful resolution; main concern is talking about what would happen afterwards; who would be getting discussion started – SC or presenters of resolution?
 - viii. Corey Chao '08: Not sure how committee system works; SC would help with it
 - c. Pro/Con
 - i. CON Jacob Waters '10: Too open-ended
 - ii. PRO David DeAngel '08: Many ways to fulfill this requirement; it makes much more sense than many of our other requirements
 - iii. CON Sarina Schwartz '11: Doesn't like adding another requirement; difficult for administration to enforce (paperwork etc); worried that fewer people would apply to Haverford
 - iv. PRO Stephanie Strockis '11: This resolution's open-endedness is good – starts discussion, value of talking about it
 - v. CON Zac Dutton '10: Doesn't like idea of just forming a community to take care of it; requirements are reductive

- vi. PRO Ben Buchwalter '08: There is the possibility that someone could approach it as just a requirement, but come out truly changed.
 - vii. CON Julien Whitney '10: Implementing this would destroy the nature of community service, which is inherently voluntary. Students here are also involved in a lot of things at Haverford already.
 - viii. PRO David Burstein '11: Something important about this resolution is that it opens an important discussion; we should discuss what we mean by the word "service"
 - ix. CON Lauren Adriaansen '08: Concerned about the fact that this isn't as decisive as it should be; doesn't want people on clubs who don't want to be there.
 - x. PRO Matt Klinman '08: The most important part of this is that it's students creating a requirement for students
 - xi. CON Zach Weiss '09: It's a good statement to make, but requirements are a burden
 - xii. PRO Emma Lo '08: It wouldn't lessen the meaning anyone finds in the work; this is something that can't be found in the classroom/Haverbubble
- d. Motion passed to extend debate by 10 minutes
- i. CON Kristina Birkel '10: Community service is great, but life at Haverford is too busy.
 - ii. PRO Asher Reisman '11: We have a social justice requirement; community service is not about being a good person, but also about goodness coming into your life as a result
 - iii. CON John Carriero '08: When it becomes an assignment, you start to resent it
 - iv. PRO Evan Rodriguez '11: This resolution is open, which is good; it has the chance to be really exciting; this would make us more intentional and reflective about what it means to be part of a community
 - v. CON Gabe Schwartz '10: Volunteering shouldn't be made into a burden.
 - vi. PRO Stephanie Strockis '11: Many options to pick something you care about.
 - vii. CON James Merriam '11: As soon as you mandate something, you kill it – it would be counterproductive, bureaucratic
 - viii. PRO Amira Shulman-Kumin '10: Says that we think service is an important part of our time at college
 - ix. CON Glenn Loury '11: Mandate is not the best way to do this
 - x. PRO Johann Koehler '08: Something very special about community service that would make it special even if mandated
- e. Motion passed to extend debate by 10 minutes

- i. CON Justin Dainer-Best '09: If this requirement had been in place, I might have thought twice about coming here – don't like requirements
 - ii. PRO Thad Eagles '10: We have a science requirement; is science more important than community service?
 - iii. PRO Jacob Carroll '09: Don't judge this because you don't want it to be required.
 - iv. PRO Cedar Balazs '08: If people are deterred from coming here by this requirement, they can go somewhere else.
 - v. CON Lauren Adriaansen '08: I don't know where the off-campus time would come from to do this; concerned about how this affects our civic life.
 - vi. PRO Martin Blood-Forsythe '10: This encourages people to put work into something that would be important to the Haverford community; it's good to be required to do things.
 - vii. PRO Andrew Ross '11: Passing this resolution won't degrade this obligation.
 - viii. CON Sarina Schwartz '11: We don't need to require everything to make people better people.
 - ix. PRO Scott Thompson '08:
 - x. CON Jennifer Shuch '08: Proud to say we don't need a requirement.
 - f. Response to Pro/Con by presenters
 - i. Corey Chao '08: Strongly advocate community service.
 - ii. Hope Kaye '08: College is a pain in the ass anyway; I want to do things that are a pain in the ass that make me feel great.
 - g. Call for Unfriendly Amendments
 - i. None
 - h. Moment of silence
 - i. Vote
 - i. 216 Yes, 274 No, 31 Abstain
 - 1. Resolution does not pass
- X) Resolution #6: Plenary Follow-Up Procedures (2/3 vote)
 - a. Introduction
 - i. Fabrizio Barbagelata '10 and Meghan McAllister '10
 - b. Question and Answer
 - i. Nick Lotito '10: Does this eliminate the necessity of the next resolution?
 - ii. Fabrizio Barbagelata '10: The next resolution is more concerned with fixing mistakes in the Constitution.
 - c. Pro/Con
 - i. CON Will Harrison '10: Supports resolution, but is concerned with what would happen to the presenters of the resolution.
 - ii. CON Gabe Schwartz '10: Resolution calls for a report that may not be able to be carried through by the presenters or SC.

- iii. PRO Evan Rodriguez '08: Report is just to see the progress of the resolution; there is no strict layout.
 - d. Response to Pro/Con by presenters
 - i. Fabrizio Barbagelata '10: Not trying to eliminate the role of the presenters; but the Council of 12 would be important as a facilitator between administration and presenters.
 - e. Call for Unfriendly Amendments
 - f. Vote
 - i. By visual ballot, resolution passes.
- XI) Resolution #7: The Manifest Constitutional Formatting Resolution – (2/3 vote)
- a. Introduction
 - i. Cristina Morais '11, Daniel Kent '11, David Burstein '11, Will Harrison '10
 - b. Question and Answer
 - i. Daniel Studenmund '08: How is the Constitution being changed but we're not allowed to see the changes?
 - ii. David Burstein '11: Instead of creating a unique proposal for each change that needs to be made, group feels that it would be more efficient to present all changes at once. There are a number of minor errors that need to be changed that would not affect the content of the Constitution.
 - iii. Amira Shulman-Kumin '10: Have all the changes been already made?
 - iv. Will Harrison '10: So far, only has the formatting changes prepared.
 - c. Pro/Con
 - i. No comments
 - d. Response by presenters
 - i. David Burstein '11: Hope that everyone votes for this proposal since there are no major changes being made to the Constitution.
 - e. Call for Unfriendly Amendments
 - f. Vote
 - i. By visual vote, resolution passes.
- XII) ***Honor Code Ratification
- a. Honor Council Co-Chairs Present Honor Code
 - i. Katie Estabrook '10, Lily Steiner '10
 - b. Question and Answer session: ten minutes to be extended no more than once
 - i. Nick Capone '10: Are we voting to adopt the Honor Code?
 - ii. HC: Represents that the student population can vote on the Honor Code as a whole.
 - iii. Nick Capone '10: Why is it that we need to vote for it a second time?
 - iv. HC: Allows for students to give reason why they choose to ratify the Code.

- c. Pro-Con presentations: fifteen minutes with motion to extend by ten minutes no more than twice
 - i. PRO: Justin Dainer-Best '09: Just because it's late doesn't mean that we shouldn't have a discussion on the Honor Code.
 - d. Response to Pro-Con debate by Honor Council Co-Chairs: three minutes
 - e. Vote on ratification of Honor Code (2/3 vote)
 - i. Honor Code ratified
- XIII) Final Moment of Silence

Haverford College

Students' Council Meeting

Zubrow Commons, 8:00 pm
February 21, 2008

Fabrizio Barbagelata '10, Meghan McAllister '10, Janet Yoon '10, Jane Seymour '10, Cristina C. Morais '11, Daniel Kent '11, Amina DeBurst , David Sanchez '10, Karen Lavi '10, Lindsey Festa '09, Katie Estrabrook '10, Mark Burgmann '09, Micholas Farina '10, Will Harrison '10, Megan Kietzman-Nicklin '11, Emily Walden '09, Shashi Neerukonda '08, Nicholas Lotito '10, Emilyn Sosa '11

I. Moment of Silence 8:09 PM

II. Introduction by Fabrizio on Multiculturalism on Campus, "We seek a community that supports and fosters awareness among the entire student body regarding issues of diversity and multiculturalism"

a. In his letter, Ahmed brought up a number of problems with the role of the officer of multiculturalism

III. What should Students' Council's role be in pursuing this goal?

a. Fabrizio: He and Meghan have been trying to facilitate more discussions on campus, but has it been sufficient? Do we need more forums similar to Diversity Town Hall meetings?

b. Nick Farina: Collaborative work could help to promote the already existing events that are taking place on campus.

c. Daniel Kent: Felt that having discussions between affinity groups facilitated helpful discussions especially for the leaders.

IV. How do we get SC to legitimize multicultural events/forums on campus on a regular basis without being bias to one particular issue?

a. Nick Lotito: Having two Diversity townhall meetings would be counter-productive because more people might show up to one more than the other.

V. Should SC be an actor or a facilitator?

a. Mark Burgmann: Regularly inviting leaders of different affinity groups to meetings would allow for more communication between groups.

c. Fabrizio: In the past, SC has tried to bring all affinity groups together but it does pose a problem because of people's hectic schedules. Ahmed did mention a proposal for a mandate that would make it mandatory for affinity group leaders to meet at least once a month in order to have more communication with each other and not have the constant feeling of isolation.

d. Will Harrison: Perhaps it would be more helpful to hold another event like Cultural Explosion.

i. Shashi Neerukonda: Meant for groups who may not be a part of a specific affinity group but would like to share their cultural backgrounds through performance.

VI. How does the Officer or SC go about sufficiently representing all affinity groups on campus?

a. Amina DeBurst: Met alone with Ahmed many times over first semester and it became evident how overwhelming his role was as a representative for all groups. Discussed how it might be more helpful for the Officer to be more of a facilitator for discussions and not necessarily burden the weight of all affinity groups' problems.

VII. In terms of monthly meetings with affinity groups, what would be the responsibilities of the officer outside of those meetings? What would be the concrete outcome of these meetings?

- a. Officer could communicate to the rest of Exec Council some of the main concerns of affinity groups.
- b. Megan: To hold one individual responsible for all the multicultural events on campus would be overwhelming; however, to just be a facilitator of discussions on campus might be feasible.
- c. Emilyn Sosa: What is the idea behind the Officer's position? Not sure of the connection or communication that will exist between herself and student council.
 - i. Last semester, Ahmed gave a report to the rest of Exec on the status of different issues occurring within the affinity groups.
 - ii. Position was created at the same time along with the Officer of Arts, Campus Life, Athletics, etc in order to have more groups represented.
 - iii. Issue of multiculturalism occurs every year – Officer of Multiculturalism's role was created so that discussions on multiculturalism can be addressed more regularly on campus but there is still a lot improvement needed to define the officer's role.

VIII. How do we deal with appointing a person and then actually accomplishing the suggested goal?

- a. Meghan: Tradition of creating a committee or representative has brought up a lot of frustration, so it would be helpful to build more support for these appointed individuals.
- b. Fabrizio: In terms of social justice, we have been able to bring a group of people together to carry out some action.

IX. Amina DeBurst: Could the event of last spring's forums on multiculturalism made an impact on the role of the Officer of Multiculturalism this year?

- a. Did not completely define the role of the Officer but has brought up issues behind his role that needed to be addressed.
- b. Meghan : Something we need to remember is that the Officer is a part of the Executive Council and should not be afraid to go to the other officers as a resource, in addition to resources available at the OMA, etc.
- c. Amina DeBurst: Currently remodeling the job description of MCC monitors. Has vision to publish a bi-monthly newsletter that would advertise different multicultural events taking place on campus. This would especially be helpful when such few students do much of the work.
 - i. Fabrizio: One of the things Meghan and Fab have done was to meet with as many different deans as possible to get an understanding of as many issues on campus as possible. If there could be regular interaction between Emilyn and Amina would be a good starting point for the role of the officer to shape itself.

ii. Meghan: Constant communication is key; with deans and the rest of exec council for additional support and information.

X. How can SC support the Officer of Multiculturalism?

a. Instead of putting the burden on one individual, if each member of SC acted as a liaison to one specific affinity group, more voices could be represented.

b. IT would be helpful, at least, for the Officer of Multiculturalism to keep in constant communication with the leaders of all affinity groups.

c. Amina DeBurst: As far as what SC could do, funding is definitely an issue.

i. There are rules in the constitution of what SC can fund and not fund (ie: traveling cannot be funded). Budgeting committee has made these rules clear but there is still some disconnect between SC and organizations.

ii. Not all groups know that the Humanities Center, OMA and CPGC are available as resources.

XI. One problem that often does come up is the lack of communication

a. SC is trying to accomplish ways of pushing for more advertisement but it is taking more time than expected, such as tv screens in the DC and GIAC.

b. Will Harrison: However, just because we have more posters, emails, signs, etc. does not mean that more people will show up to meetings.

c. Meghan: One major struggle that she has found over the course of this year is the fact that there is a student population of 1100 with 180 clubs. There just isn't enough man labor to do all the work that is necessary.

d. Mark Burgmann: Networking may be helpful. For example, FAB has succeeded so much this past year and has made an image for itself and could help to promote other events as well.

e. Nick Lotito: For example, by affiliating Diversity Town Hall meetings with the OMA and SC (multiple groups), it was able to reach out to a wider group of students.

f. Emily Walden: Multi-disciplinary events can involve a wider audience – where an event is not attached to just one, singular audience but appeals to a variety of people.

g. Amina DeBurst: There will be an event held next Wednesday, a Convocation for Black History month that will incorporate many interdisciplinary speakers and performers.

i. Another major struggle is to get faculty participation as well.

There are very few faculty members who will devote themselves to the community.

XII. Moment of Silence

Students' Council Executive Meeting

February 27, 2008

These minutes reflect the perceptions of Becca Varon '10 and Janet Yoon '10, 2007-2008 Students' Council co-secretaries.

Present: Fabrizio Barbagelata '10, Meghan McAllister '10, Adam Lewis '10, Stefan Pappius-LeFebvre '10, Janet Yoon '10, Becca Varon '10, Calvin Okoth-Obbo '09, Emilyn Sosa '11, Jane Seymour '10, Lindsay Festa '09, Mary Ellingboe '09, Katie Estabrook '10, Carolyn Warner '10

- I. Moment of Silence: 6:09 PM
- II. Presidents' Report
 - a. Uneventful week; met with Stephen Gregg and spoke about drugs and alcohol
 - b. Lunt Basement had to get rid of furniture because of fire code issues (sprinklers are being installed this summer)
 - c. Discussed bringing political candidates to speak to raise interest about the primary – Barack Obama?
 - d. Met with Linda Bell to discuss plenary resolutions; they will put together a statement about graduation honors resolution
 - e. Council of Twelve had first official meeting yesterday; organizing advertising for large-scale campaign to engage student body
- III. Vice-Presidents' Report
 - a. DVC and DIG appointments were this past weekend, but there was some confusion about the need for a rep on DVC
- IV. Treasurers' Report
 - a. First office hours held this week; 3 people picked up checks
- V. Secretaries' Report
 - a. Mass e-mail issues – some student groups have been trying to get around new rules by getting a professor to send an event notice for them, or changing their e-mail name to appear to be a college office – please discourage this practice, because it makes it difficult for the secretaries to distinguish what is legitimate and what isn't.
- VI. Officer of Athletics' Report
 - a. Met with Bi-Co News to work on coverage of sports in the paper
 - b. Progress on DIII/DIV split: it seems most colleges except F&M are opposed
- VII. Officer of Campus Life's report
 - a. DC Basement progress – hope to have an event before the end of the year
- VIII. Officer of Academics's Report
 - a. FCAE
- IX. Honor Council Chairs' Report
 - a. Abstract released last week; issues with documentation of abstract release timeline rules

- X. Officer of Multiculturalism's Report
 - a. Meeting with Amina DeBurst from OMA to discuss how to help affinity groups communicate with each other
 - b. Black History Month convocation tonight
 - c. Vagina Monologues coming up; everyone should go
- XI. Possible topics for joint meeting next Thursday
 - a. Bryn Mawr/Haverford relations
 - i. Bryn Mawr's SGA has a Haverford rep, but her duty is to help Bryn Mawr students with Haverford issues (majoring/living there, etc)
 - ii. Meghan: We should have an SC/SGA meeting after break
 - b. Linda Bell wants to speak at an SC meeting, but after the final FCAE proposal comes out
 - c. Stef: One of our goals for the year is to get more people more involved with SC, elections – we could discuss this
 - i. Adam: We could hold an SC information session before elections as part of one of our open meetings (hold it in Zubrow, Sunken Lounge), and members of SC could stick around to talk to interested people
 - ii. Emilyn: Thinks that SC would work better if people knew what they had to do; was not communicated with well at the start of her position
 - iii. Becca: Everyone on SC will write a 'manual' for the new person in the position at the end of the year.
 - iv. Jane: People should be required to come to an info session before they run for a position. It would be good to have a discussion with the student body about who's involved in leadership on campus, and why most tend to be sophomores.
 - v. Adam: We should come up with more formalized criteria for running for office – for example, collect 25 signatures, etc.
 - vi. Jane: The Haverpedia statements were very beneficial for last year's elections.
 - vii. Can SC constitutionally require people to attend a meeting to run for a position?
 - 1. Probably not – but can very strongly encourage.
 - d. Final decision on what is to be discussed at the next meeting: "extracurricular involvement"
- XII. Moment of Silence: 6:42 PM

Students' Council Executive Meeting

March 5, 2008

These minutes reflect the perceptions of Becca Varon '10 and Janet Yoon '10, 2007-2008 Students' Council co-secretaries.

Present: Meghan McAllister '10, Janet Yoon '10, Becca Varon '10, Calvin Okoth-Obbo '09, Mary Ellingboe '09, Lindsay Festa '09, Carolyn Warner '10

- I. Moment of Silence
- II. Presidents' Report
 - a. Administration wants to extend Customs Week a day so there isn't class on Labor Day, but this brings up a host of issues – what are the constraints of Dry Week, coordination with Bryn Mawr/athletics, etc
 - b. Administration is also working on finding money to fund wireless internet initiative, but it has been delayed and won't happen this year
 - c. People are working more on getting presidential candidates to come to campus to speak
- III. Treasurers' Report
 - a. Shortened office hours to one hour per week
 - b. Treasurers are making a packet for prospective candidates over Spring Break
- IV. Secretaries' Report
 - a. Some technical difficulties with Weekly Wednesday; hopefully will be resolved soon
- V. Officer of Campus Life's report
 - a. Wants to talk to John Francone about changing the times for dinner to make it easier for athletes to eat – often no food left by the time athletes arrive
 - b. Ron Tola put together final list of what's happening in DC basement; should be done by the end of the year
- VI. Officer of Athletics's Report
 - a. Agrees with Mary about meal times
- VII. Honor Council Chairs' Report
 - a. "Eric" abstract released; apology issued
- VIII. Moment of Silence

Students' Council Executive Meeting

March 19, 2008

These minutes reflect the perceptions of Becca Varon '10 and Janet Yoon '10, 2007-2008 Students' Council co-secretaries.

- I. Moment of Silence: 7:17 PM
- II. Presidents' Report
 - a. At weekly meeting with Stephen Gregg, discussed Plenary resolution response – this was sent by e-mail to all students
 - b. Presenters of Healthcare Seven Days a Week are meeting with administration to clarify some points
 - c. Elections coming up the third week in April; SC will soon release summary/descriptions of all the positions for those interested in running, discuss election procedures
 - d. Meeting with Steve Emerson tonight
 - e. Council of Twelve: Starting to advertise (for elections) as soon as possible – there will be a link online for people to submit their information for elections
 - f. Over break, Meghan updated the Constitution (Daniel Kent helped with formatting), and it will be posted on the new website as soon as it goes up
 - g. Rescheduling of Extracurricular Discussion: postponing it to next week due to many scheduling conflicts
 - h. Smoking Ban Working Group has compiled data from surveys; conclusions coming soon
- III. Vice-Presidents' Report
 - a. Four new committees will open applications in the next week
- IV. Honor Council Chairs' Report
 - a. The Chairs want to travel to other schools to investigate their honor codes (or their potential ones) in the near future
 - i. Claremonts, UVA, Washington and Lee, West Point, Bowdoin are some possibilities
 - b. Why are Fabrizio's chicken nuggets orange?
 - i. Fabrizio: Thinks they are barbecue, but isn't sure
- V. Officer of Academics' Report
 - a. Went out to dinner with FCAE; is helping them make a movie about why research and collaboration is great
 - b. The intent is to uphold student interest
 - c. Departmental reps came up with final proposals
- VI. Secretaries' Report
 - a. Secretaries are collecting detailed descriptions of positions
- VII. Steve Watter's report
 - a. Master Planning Steering Committee is meeting next Thursday to discuss themes that arose in discussions
 - b. Need input on ways to get community comments on draft of document
- VIII. Moment of Silence: 7:33

Students' Council Meeting

March 26, 2007

These minutes reflect the perceptions of Becca Varon '10 and Janet Yoon '10, 2007-2008 Students' Council co-secretaries.

Present: Meghan McAllister '10, Stefan Pappius-LeFebvre '10, Adam Lewis '10, Janet Yoon '10, Becca Varon '10, Katie Estabrook '10, Carolyn Warner '10, Justin Dainer-Best '09, Calvin Okoth-Obbo '09

I. Moment of Silence 7:10pm

II. Co-Presidents Report

- a. Met with Deans
 - Discussed elections
- b. Plenary responses sent last week to community from President Emerson
 - Meghan and Fabrizio would like to discuss resolution about students missing class on Election Day
- c. Anne McGuire will present DIG's proposal concerning the Social Justice Requirement
 - DIG has discussed possibly incorporating the social justice elements to the writing program or other courses
- d. Ashley Brichter, Rachel Vontosh and Ori Chegwiddden talked to Ron Tola about turning Ryan Gym into a student space
 - Faculty has shown interest in using the old locker rooms as future offices

III. Co-Vice Presidents' Report

- a. Opening CSIR (Committee on Social Investment and Responsibility) and CER (Committee for Environmental Responsibility)

IV. Co-Secretaries' Report

- a. No news to report

V. Co-Treasurers' Report

- a. After making a guide on how to use the Treasurers' as a resource, Calvin and Evan have found little success.
 - Very few people have been showing up to open hours.
 - Perhaps monthly open hours would be helpful
- b. David Merrell organized a campaign to split the costs of Bi-Co so that Haverford may fund more of the paper.
- c. In terms of dealing with clubs in general, Treasurers are a little frustrated with certain clubs coming to SC on a regular basis while others wait to pick up checks until the last minutes

VI. Officer of the Arts

- a. James House getting started up
 - Workshops starting soon
 - Email will be sent to students so they can join James House mailing list

VII. Officer of Campus Life

- a. Maggie Bishop and Will Harrison want to hold a mandatory event for all Dorm Presidents.

VIII. Honor Council Co-Chairs

- a. Mock Private Portion 8pm tonight at Gest
- b. Honor Council will be going on a fact-finding mission to schools including Westpoint and Bowdoin
- c. Abby Larner came to last Honor Council meeting about bringing the an anonymous board online
 - HC said that they would not hold her responsible for bringing the forum to Haverford
 - Since the forum began, HC has received emails from individuals who felt that the board was against the social honor code.
 - Are students handling the board responsibly?
 - Abby Larner along with Dennis Norris are considering to send the community an email about the anonymous board.
 - If anyone is strongly against the anonymous confession board, go to the HC meeting at 5pm on Sunday.

IX. Moment of Silence

Students' Council Joint Meeting: Extracurriculars

March 27, 2008

These minutes reflect the perceptions of Becca Varon '10 and Janet Yoon '10, 2007-2008 Students' Council co-secretaries.

Present: Claire McCullough '11, Meghan McAllister '10, Fabrizio Barbagelata '10, Daniel Kent '11, Cristina Morais '11, Lindsay Festa '09, Wendy Smith, Will Harrison '10, Brian Tashman '10, Emily Walden '09, Lauren Adriaansen '08, Janet Yoon '10, Becca Varon '10, Jane Seymour '10, Carolyn Warner '10, Ryan Fackler '11

- I. Moment of Silence 6:42 PM
- II. Introduction (Fabrizio)
 - a. We will be speaking about how extracurriculars affect our time as Haverford students.
 - b. Some have voiced the concern that the College has student volunteers doing things (example: coordinating Alumni of Color Weekend) that paid staff could be doing
 - c. Athletics as an extracurricular activity
 - d. Are students involved in too many things?
- III. Open discussion
 - a. Cristina Morais: There is a lot of pressure for involved students to take on too many responsibilities – you are asked to join more committees, etc.
 - b. Lauren Adriaansen: The same number of students are doing things while the number of people on campus has increased – we need to expand the number of people willing to take on at least a small role.
 - c. Fabrizio: For the students who are doing multiple things – does it affect academics?
 - d. Lauren Adriaansen '08: I left Haverford for a year because I'd gotten involved in too many things, had time management issues, was stressed from extracurriculars, was having trouble doing work.
 - e. Meghan McAllister: Are extracurriculars a burden or an essential part of the liberal-arts experience?
 - f. Jane Seymour: My life here is what it is because of my extracurriculars – instead of being in the library for 5 hours every night, I'm in meetings for 5 hours every night. I think it's really important, and also important to recognize that the people who are involved carry that burden. Most people here at this meeting (and involved on campus) are freshmen or sophomores; by the end of sophomore year, many get burnt out/disillusioned with extracurriculars.
 - g. Emily Walden: I've had the same experience – I put academics first, but I've gained a lot from my experience outside the classroom. However, extracurriculars aren't as fulfilling as they could be, because I can't get everything done that I want to get done (due to time issues). Answer – institutional support?

- h. Jane: Officer positions on Exec haven't been as good as they could be because of a lack of institutional support.
- i. Carolyn Warner: Honor Council has lots of institutional support.
- j. Jane: I mean there's no committees – ex. I wanted to look into social justice this year, but FCAE has bogged me down.
- k. Lauren, Emily, Cristina, Fabrizio: As an SC member, it sucks having to do things like clean up after dances. SAC has dropped to 3 members.
- l. Jane: It would be a shame to make Council of Twelve into the grunt workers – they need to be more of a “brain trust” of Students' Council.
- m. Meghan: I remember that in high school, it's accepted that people were more involved knew how to manage their time better and would do better in school
- n. Lauren: Time isn't as structured in college in high school; complicating factor. Jane – define institutional support?
- o. Jane: More “institutionalized” than institutional – built-in support when I can't do something myself.
- p. Meghan: Carolyn and Katie – you've spoken of feeling overwhelmed when entering positions.
- q. Katie: On Honor Council, we have a lot more opportunities to delegate, even though it's a lot of time, and the administration is very supportive of us.
- r. Carolyn: I feel like there's always going to be that problem – just not enough time to do some things.
- s. Brian Tashman: Not much I can do to help ease the “burden” caused by doing too many things.
- t. Lauren: Emotional burden; makes it hard to focus on work due to psychological exhaustion
- u. Lauren: In high school, the people with the most responsibility were seniors, and this is true at many other colleges too; here, it's sophomores and people who haven't gone abroad yet. Why do seniors stop? Does it relate to senior thesis, or burning out?
- v. Will: Without a thesis, we'd have more seniors involved.
- w. Jane: I spoke to a professor who thinks the thesis shouldn't be mandatory because not everyone is ready.
- x. Fabrizio: I've spoken to seniors who think that theses are over-“hyped” – you're given the support you should be, and you shouldn't be overwhelmed
- y. Lauren: That's largely conditional on department, thesis advisor, etc. Generalizing the “thesis problem” is problematic.
- z. Fabrizio: The senior experience culminates with a thesis; I'm surprised to hear this because the professors I talk to think Haverford needs to be as rigorous as possible, and that people come here for the academics.
- aa. Meghan: Do we come here primarily for academic learning? If so, why are we involved in all these other things that we say are related to our education?

- bb. Cristina: Admissions here definitely stresses extracurriculars as an important aspect of life here.
- cc. Lauren: It's a problem that the college wants it both ways – Haverford talks a good game about athletics, student involvement, Honor Code, 5000 opportunities – I think that if Haverford wants students to cut back, they need to decide if the people they're trying to attract want to write 20-page papers in every class or get involved in activities. There are students out there doing amazing things (i.e. the BiCo News) for nothing that elsewhere people get credit for.
- dd. Jane: I wouldn't want credit for SC; I'd feel like a sham. Academics and extracurriculars aren't exclusive; I came here to be a better human being; a lot of that includes becoming more knowledgeable, but the other work I do isn't something I want to sacrifice because knowledge isn't a whole person. It's a question of how the two can be balanced.
- ee. Emily: I came here for both academics, extracurriculars – I would not have come for only one or the other. They should be more inter-linked.
- ff. Fabrizio: Is there support from the faculty for the extracurriculars we do?
- gg. Emily: Most faculty don't really know what's going on outside the classroom; faculty advisors should help freshmen get involved in activities, and professors should be involved in their students' lives.
- hh. Lauren: Many faculty have no clue what students are doing, especially the younger faculty – they don't understand why we don't want to be always writing research papers. No one here can teach me non-academia things, like laying out a newspaper page, organizing a political group, etc.
- ii. Sonia Williams: That isn't the faculty's job – there just isn't the money to support things. People get paid at other schools for doing things they volunteer for here (ex. GWU's student-body presidents get free room and board, and elsewhere they take a supported year off). A cappella groups tour by fundraising.
- jj. Jane: Professors really don't understand the time commitment involved in extracurriculars – they wonder why students aren't more involved!
- kk. Meghan: What can we do to fix that disconnect? We are thinking of making a database of what faculty have been involved in throughout their lives, so students can contact them for support.
- ll. Jane: We could honor groups (sports teams, clubs, etc) in Founders' Bell every week so faculty know who's involved.

IV. Conclusions

- a. Meghan: More funding, institutional support
- b. Lauren: Are there things that students can't get done during the school year that the school could pay students to do over the summer? (Ex. a student government internship – useful things.)
- c. Everyone – thinks that's a great idea.
- d. Janet – wants to know how extracurriculars are handled at Bryn Mawr, Swarthmore
- e. Various people: Bryn Mawr is much more unstable, bureaucratic

Students' Council Executive Meeting

April 2, 2008

These minutes reflect the perceptions of Becca Varon '10 and Janet Yoon '10, 2007-2008 Students' Council co-secretaries.

- I. Moment of Silence
- II. President's Report (Meghan)
 - a. Met with Steve and Greg about Master Planning committee; some of the new reps didn't show up, so VPs should e-mail them to remind them they're on the committee
 - b. Met with Linda Bell about FCAE report that came out (but not officially); some miscommunication happened about confidentiality of report, some errors in BiCo that will be corrected in next issue
 - c. Met with Jason McGraw and others about setting up "voting booths" in DC for SC elections
 - d. Working on putting together brochure with job descriptions for SC positions
 - e. The secretaries will be working together with the presidents to run elections
 - f. Ryan Gym will be a temporary student center next year – café on a cart, mural, screen/projector, etc.
 - g. Elections: nominations next week
- III. Vice Presidents' Report
 - a. Holding appointments for CSIR, CER on Sunday
 - b. In two weeks, Students' Committee for Special Events, SC Speakers
 - c. Later: Collections, International Initiatives
- IV. Secretaries' Report
 - a. Nothing to report
- V. Treasurers' report
 - a. Not present
- VI. Officer of Campus Life's report
 - a. Maggie Bishop and Will Harrison want to ensure that every dorm president does something before the end of the year, create archives of what they've done to give ideas to future dorm presidents
 - b. Administration wants to make cold kits available to dorm presidents to help resolve issue of health services not being open on weekends
- VII. General Chatter
 - a. Jeff Bumgardner: What is the point of having medicine on the hall?
 - i. Mary: To save people the trip to security on the weekends; Jason McGraw is worried that dorm presidents won't want to be "on call" for medicine, though
- VIII. Moment of Silence 7:43 PM

Haverford College
Students' Council Meeting Minutes
April 9, 2008

Campus Center Room 205, 7:00 pm

These minutes reflect the perceptions of Janet Yoon and Becca Varon, 2007-2008 SC Co-Secretaries

Fabrizio Barbagelata '10, Meghan McAllister '10, Stef Pappius-Lefebvre '10, Adam Lewis '10, Calvin Okoth-Obbo '09, Carolyn Warner '10, Katie Estabrook '10, Emilyn Sosa '11, Dean Watter, Becca Varon '10, Janet Yoon '10, Lindsey Festa '09, Cristina Morais '11, Mary Ellingboe '09

- I. Moment of Silence
- II. Co-Presidents Report
 - a. Organizing for Election
 - i. Created brochures and distributed them around campus
 - ii. Responding to individuals who have been signing up
 - iii. So far, only positions for officers of multiculturalism and academics haven't been filled yet
 - iv. Election speeches are tentatively scheduled for Monday at 7:15 in the DC.
 - v. Also reserved Sunken Lounge for next Thursday and Friday for students to vote.
 - vi. Candidates' statements will be available in next week's Bi-Co.
 - b. Met with Linda Bell last Friday.
 - c. Met with Greg last week, discussed FCAE and approaching Board Meeting.
 - d. Met with Bob Kieft
 - i. Discussed student sharing files
 - ii. David Burstein proposed a new program, Raucous, but the program isn't compatible with Macs or Ipods
 - iii. Plans for wireless campus still in progress
- III. Co-Vice Presidents' Report
 - a. CISR; appointed six students
 - b. CERT; appointed two students
 - c. This Sunday, appointments for Students' Activities and Special Speakers' Committee
 - d. In recent appointments meetings, Stef and Adam have been the only SC members to show up, which is possibly unconstitutional and not a good reflection of Executive Council's role in Appointments.
- IV. Co-Secretaries' Report
 - a. Working with Meghan to organize candidates' statements

- b. Still working to get the new website posted up, finally.

V. Co-Treasurers' Report

a. Funding for Bi-Co News

- i. SC would pay \$18,000/semester for the Bi-Co, if BM paid for WHRC and SC paid for the Bi-Co paper
- ii. Haverford staff feel that SC should pay for half the paper's funds
- iii. In treasurers' point of view, taking half of Bi-Co's expenses could be detrimental to the rest of SC's budget reserved for other organizations and events
 - SC budget is already funding large organizations such as FUCS, Film Club, SC Dances, Haverfest, WHRC
- iv. If treasurers don't decide anything, Bryn Mawr will continue to pay for the Bi-Co.

V. Honor Council Co-Chairs

a. Trying to arrange a meeting with Bryn Mawr Honor Council Board

b. Met with students from Bowdoin and West Point

- i. In general, found that Honor Code at Bowdoin was not as prominent among students as it is on campus
- ii. Bowdoin does have resources for students on how to recognize plagiarism
- iii. West Point has same ethos on how to approach social and academics Honor Code

VI. Officer of Multiculturalism

a. E-mailed affinity group heads to organize monthly meetings

b. Suggesting an efficient way for affinity groups to elect leaders

- i. Continuing problems between OMA and clubs because of outdated contact information on how to contact leaders
- ii. If affinity groups held elections on the same date, this would help the OMA to keep an accurate track of affinity contacts

VII. Officer of Athletics

a. Sunday was service day; athletes helped to clean nature trail

b. Junior day for prospective students

c. Surveys collected by athletes on what they think of splitting Div III and Div IV

VIII. Officer of Academics

a. Feels that there is a lot of misconception among students on the work of FCAE this past year.

- i. Frustrated by recent opinion piece in Bi-Co about FCAE and lack of student participation.

IX. Officer of Campus Life

- a. Organizing “Cold Kits” with Health Center
- b. Discussing plans for dorm presidents next year Special Events Committee for

X. Students (SECS)

- a. Organizing staff appreciation day; need SC’s help to sign Thank You cards

XI. General Chatter

- a. Fabrizio: Wants to propose a day during Customs week that is devoted to Academics
- b. Carolyn: Honor Council has also been interested in discussing plagiarism during Customs Week
- c. Meeting with Safety and Security
 - i. Students planning to stay during the summer need to get special permits for their cars; permits will be free.
 - ii. Sprinklers will be installed in Lunt.
 - iii. Will possibly install cameras in the DC foyer.
- d. Quakers Bouncers with Steve and Tom King
 - i. In terms of guests at SC events, there have been continuous problems on how to keep track of non Tri-Co visitors.
 - ii. Present strategies such as vouching for guests or giving visitors wristbands have failed.
 - iii. Discussed a possible scanning process, where pictures would be taken of the guest and the Haverford student who is responsible for the guest.

XII. Moment of Silence

Students' Council Executive Meeting

April 16, 2008

These minutes reflect the perceptions of Becca Varon '10 and Janet Yoon '10, 2007-2008 Students' Council co-secretaries.

- I. Moment of Silence: 7:10 PM
- II. Presidents' Report
 - a. Meghan has been doing "election stuff, not much else"
 - b. Meeting at 8 after this to talk about the "Academics Day" at Customs Week
 - i. Presidents met with Emerson, his friend Roberto (a state supreme court justice) to discuss academics/extracurriculars, balancing, "burning out"
 - c. FCAE-themed joint meeting will be tomorrow (Thursday 4/17)
- III. VPs' report
 - a. Appointed SECS (Special Events Committee for Students) co-heads, Speakers Committee members
 - b. This Sunday: Collections, Committee on International Initiatives
- IV. Treasurers' report
 - a. Met with BMC SGA treasurers last week about Bi-Co News funding; at the end of the meeting, they agreed that starting point would be to compile list of bi-college clubs, who funds them. They received an unexpected e-mail Sunday night that SGA will not fund Bi-Co News during the spring semester; they made this decision without consulting the Haverford treasurers, who then made ultimatum to them: no funding means no Bi-Co, unless they are willing to work multilaterally (The Bi-Co News was involved in this process.)
 - i. The reason this problem arose was because the old funding plan for the Bi-Co News was a "gentlemen's/ladies' agreement" – wasn't written anywhere.
- V. Honor Council co-chairs' report
 - a. E-mailed Honor Board last Wednesday about bi-co relations; did not receive a response (this is the 4th or 5th time this has happened.) So, they decided to "storm" the Honor Board meeting this Sunday as a "peaceful sit-in" – the Bi-Co News is coming to cover it.
 - b. Therefore: no normal Honor Council meeting this Sunday.
 - c. Pizza, Professors, and the Code is re-scheduled to next Wednesday at 8.
- VI. Officer of Athletics' report
 - a. Last HCA meeting of the semester; learned that 80% of schools are against splitting DIII; talked about the community service work that has been done this year
- VII. Officer of Campus Life's report
 - a. Dorm Presidents meeting will be soon
 - b. Cold kits on halls probably not going to happen

- VIII. Secretaries' report
 - a. New SC website is up!
 - b. Haverpedia page created for elections with candidate statements, place for questions
- IX. General Chatter
 - a. Meghan lost her keys; has anyone seen them?
 - b. SC is going to put up curtains around "polling place" in the DC, print out statements of candidates; hopefully, we'll reach quorum!
- X. Moment of Silence 7:41

Students' Council Joint Meeting: FCAE

April 17, 2008

These minutes reflect the perceptions of Becca Varon '10 and Janet Yoon '10, 2007-2008 Students' Council co-secretaries.

Students Present: Janet Yoon '10, Nicholas Picone '10, Daniel Kent '11, Anastasia Nikolis '11, Hazel Scott '10, Oriana Chegwiddden '11, Asher Reisman '11, Karen Lavi '10, Neil Adige '09, Monica Kishore '09, Mary Ellingboe '09, Jane Seymour '10, Meghan McAllister '10, Adam Lewis '10, Stefan Pappius-LeFebvre '10, David Sanchez '10, Will Harrison '10, Michael Novinson '10, Lauren Adriaansen '08, Aimee Lanning '09, Emily Walden '09, Evan Rodriguez '08, Becca Varon '10, Cristina Morais '11, Mark Burgmann '09, Fabrizio Barbagelata '10

Faculty/Staff Present: Karin Akerfeldt, Israel Burshatin, Maris Gillette, Gus Stadler, Steve Watter, Linda Bell

- I. Moment of Silence: 6:40 PM
- II. Introductions
 - a. Israel Burshatin: The committee was founded two years ago in response to concern from faculty about proposal to expand the enrollment of the college. They felt there were too many unaddressed concerns to safely go in that direction. As a result, the committee was founded to examine the areas of concern. It quickly emerged that the central issues were the allocation of resources, and how to grow academic program in most beneficial way. Regular meetings (with student representation) began this year.
 - b. Maris Gillette: This document is intended for Board of Managers, to sell this plan: improve faculty/student partnerships, add new areas of expertise.
 - c. Israel Burshatin: We researched the offerings of other schools (areas of concentration/majors), looked at what we were lacking in comparison. FCAE gathered input from all constituencies.
 - d. Provost Linda Bell: Appreciates that people came to the meeting, support, enthusiasm. Core principles are rigor, scholarship, faculty/student engagement, reviewing how we can be better. Many faculty felt space constraints, other constraints; 90% of faculty said they can't conduct scholarship during the year (only during the summer). This is a synergistic thing that everyone is excited about; administration is ready to endorse it. Apology is in order for the way it started (faculty-centric); it was driven by an acute need, and it's not about faculty – it's about our institutional vision. The net thing about this proposal: it's 27 new tenure-track faculty
- III. Floor opened to questions

- a. Neil Adige: Thanks to FCAE for coming, seeking student feedback. How are the plans in the proposal going to be prioritized – what are the first changes that are going to happen?
 - i. Israel Burshatin: A lot of that will be driven by funding. Many of these things will be a reality when people step up, when capital campaign gets going. The cap on the number of tenure-track faculty has been lifted; we typically hire more locally than nationally, but there's a limit to that frugality. It's been a growing process for all of us.
- b. Will: In general, departments will offer the same number of courses, but a wider range?
 - i. Linda Bell: When this is done, there will be 5-10% more courses taught by regular faculty. Fewer courses taught by visitors; more courses available overall.
 - ii. Karin Akerfeldt: FCAE has helped departments talk to each other; each department, over two years, has had to critically evaluate where they're going, communicate with other departments and Bryn Mawr. The most exciting thing is to see what we can do together.
- c. Evan Rodriguez: Is this a one-time thing (collecting the information, looking at connections)? Over the next seven years, do you see the conversation continuing, and how?
 - i. Karin Akerfeldt: Absolutely, and the three centers will be key to this – will help create workshops across centers, departments.
 - ii. Gus Stadler: FCAE will strengthen existing departments, make them much more solid venues for those conversations.
 - iii. Maris Gillette: We are asking for annual reports from centers, concentrations, etc. People will evaluate how goals are evolving, how/if they are being met, etc.
 - iv. Linda Bell: We'll also look at student exit surveys.
 - v. Evan Rodriguez: Where does the information go, and how is it processed? Will FCAE continue to exist?
 - vi. Linda Bell: FCAE hasn't talked about succession yet; it will do so in the next few weeks. If this is passed, the appointment of the new people will fall under the domain of EPC, other bodies, so we don't know the answer yet.
 - vii. Israel Burshatin: We will return to departments we identified as high-priority, go to EPC with this info, join in the conversation.
- d. Meghan McAllister: As to programs that BMC already has – how do you see them working out?
 - i. Israel Burshatin: Environmental studies, for example, won't necessarily need to collaborate with BMC's, but they can/will.
 - ii. Karin Akerfeldt: We don't want to duplicate programs; we want to complement them.
 - iii. Israel Burshatin: We're meeting with Bryn Mawr's committee in two weeks.

- e. Lauren Adriaansen: Students already complain about many things in terms of scheduling/getting into classes, etc. Does expanding the faculty set us up for an increase in enrollment?
 - i. Linda Bell: A significant increase in enrollment won't happen under Steve Emerson. Our ratios of permanent faculty are out of line with our peers, and this is intended to fix that. That's a core principle we're not going to give up/
 - ii. Israel Burshatin: Nothing in that report assumes an expanded student body.
 - iii. Karin Akerfeldt: Across the board, students and faculty agree that (expanding enrollment) isn't desirable. We can't be so innovative (in the sciences) with too many students, as we currently have.
- f. Will Harrison: What about physical expansion? Where would these new professors have labs, offices?
 - i. Karin Akerfeldt: There is a temporary plan about where to accommodate people initially. It has been thought about. There is currently some extra space in the KINSC, so we won't have to build any more space.
 - ii. Linda Bell: This is going to take a long time to happen, and there are a certain amount of faculty that would require temporary space – we might have to play “musical chairs” with space. We will also build buildings – that's what the Master Planning Committee is working on. The timing ends up perfect, in many regards – we have experts here who are helping us work on this.
 - iii. Anastasia Nikolis: I attended many of those meetings, and they discussed the addition of a new arts building – how does that play in?
 - 1. Israel Burshatin: The whole “arts initiative” has fortuitously coincided with FCAE. There are many new positions opening up in the arts (like Digital Media Studies). Through the Humanities Center, these discussions will be guided, and decisions will flow naturally.
- g. Aimee Lanning: Faculty living on campus is a big selling point; what will happen with the new faculty?
 - i. Linda Bell: That's the concern of the Master Planning Committee.
 - ii. Karin Akerfeldt: There's an interest in accommodating the additional faculty.
- h. Adam Lewis: Is there discussion of the addition of an Arabic program?
 - i. FCAE members: Yes
 - ii. Maris Gillette: Also, addition of Middle Eastern/Islamic Studies – they are working within the Tri-Co for support of this
- i. Evan Rodriguez: This is largely about new institutional priorities, vision – how is that excitement channeled, implemented; how is that conversation continued? Will having more faculty automatically make this happen, or are there more ideas for this?

- i. Israel Burshatin: There are plans to get students more involved in discussions about academic needs. Especially if the board gives the go-ahead, there will be tremendous energy to continue this. The culture is already partly (not consistently) there; the groups that will be facilitated by the Centers will help, too.
- ii. Karin Akerfeldt: This will take some time (5-8 years), but we're over the threshold, starting to see the big picture.
- iii. Israel Burshatin: The Centers have helped sustain this dialogue, particularly the Humanities Center, where students are very involved.
- iv. Karin Akerfeldt: Students: speak up, say what you get the most out of at Haverford. Which experiences were good/not good? Your input is crucial.
- v. Linda Bell: When you have new faculty (and students) coming in – keeps it from getting stale, generates excitement.
- vi. Israel Burshatin: Here, undergraduate education has the premium place, because of the thesis requirement; that makes us unique.
- vii. Maris Gillette: These conversations happen all the time within departments; they make wishlists. They don't need to be goaded into getting involved – they just want the resources to do so.
- j. Will Harrison: What's the final cost of the proposal?
 - i. Linda Bell: \$70 million is the latest estimate.

IV. End: 7:37 PM

Haverford College
Students' Council Meeting Minutes

Campus Center Room 205, 7:00 pm
April 23, 2008

Present: Maggie Goddard '11, Jennifer Suarez '09, Robert Yoskowitz '09, Adam Lewis '09, Calvin Okoth-Obbo '09, Stefan Pappius-LeFebre '10, Katie Estabrook '10, Carolyn Warner '10, Lindsay Festa '09, Anastasia Nikolis '11, Sarina Schwartz '11, Will Harrison '10, Daniel Kent '11, Jane Seymour '10, Mary Ellingboe '09, Fabrizio Barbegelata '10, Meghan McAllister '10, Jason McGraw '10, Justin Dainer-Best '09, Emilyn Sosa '11, Ryan Mulligan '11, Steve Watter, Mark Burgman '09, Kayla Hoskinson '11, Amanda Zheutlin '11

- I. Moment of Silence 7:09
 - a. Welcome to new members and guest (Ryan Mulligan).
- II. Co-Presidents' Report
 - a. Upcoming Board Meeting and Student Affairs Committee Meeting
 - i. Last meeting of the year.
 - ii. Issues to be covered with Student Affairs Committee
 1. Advising student-faculty relations
 2. Issues of diversity and multiculturalism
 3. Student space; meeting at Lunt Basement followed by tour of student space ending at Ryan Gym
 4. Presenting FCAE Proposal on Friday
 - a. Video will be presented with student interviews with their opinions on FCAE
 5. Final remarks and Recommendations to board on what they should do next year
 - b. Meetings this past week with Steve Emerson, Linda Bell, Greg Kannerstein, Steve Watter and Ron Tola
 - i. With deans, discussed plans for Board meeting and how to create policies for elected individuals who are on-leave.
 1. Status of individual as a "Haverford student" is questionable"
 - ii. Supposed to meet with Ron on temporary student "living room" in Ryan for next year
 1. In order to pursue community living space, SC would have to pledge \$25000 by the end of this semester to fund a new student space
 - c. The transition from this Executive Students' Council to the new one
 - i. Collected job descriptions will be compiled by the end of semester for new SC members.

- ii. Jason: SC Should pass down important e-mail addresses, key dates, and other responsibilities that should begin immediately at the beginning of fall semester.
 - d. SC's schedule for the rest of the semester
 - i. Next Wed: Commencement Prizes
 - ii. Next Thursday: CO12 and Exec Dinner
 - e. JSAAPP
 - i. Considering if chairs should be a part of the Executive Council since Officers and HC Co-Chairs have been added this past year.
- III. Vice-Presidents' Report
 - a. Committee members of Collections appointed last Sunday.
 - b. One more appointments to run: Housing Committee.
 - c. Appointments for Administrative Advisory will be postponed for early next fall.
- IV. Treasurers' Report
 - a. Last Office Hours will be next week.
 - b. No news on Bi-Co Relations, but strongly urges new treasurers to not agree to pay for the Bi-Co next spring.
 - c. Thanks to officers for attending all Budget Committee.
- V. Secretaries' Report
 - a. Some Weekly Wednesday/Weekend emails have not been getting through but FIG has been contacted
 - i. More mass e-mails have been approved due to e-mail problems.
- VI. Officer of Academics' Report
 - a. Follow-up on last week's FCAE discussion
- VII. Officer of the Arts' Report
 - a. James House wrap-up
 - i. Tie-dye workshop this Saturday.
 - ii. Looking to get a table.
 - b. Bringing artists to campus
 - i. Some confusion on how to obtain money for guest artists
 - c. Will be writing letter to Graeme on what to expect for his position next year.
 - d. Potential music club to advertise music/arts events in Philadelphia area
 - i. Will be useful for networking different arts groups
 - e. WHRC – hacked over winter break; currently down because no one is available to fix technical problems
- VIII. Officer of Campus Life's Report
 - a. Dorm President Meeting: Thursday, 6:30
 - i. Recap of past year and suggestions for next year's presidents.
 - ii. Binders will be filled out with useful information over the summer, and passed down to new dorm presidents in the fall.
 - iii. Will discuss how much money should be budgeted for various dorm events next year.
- IX. Officer of Athletics' Report
 - a. 3K walk/run last Sunday for Joe Schwartz '83; \$4500 raised.

- b. Phone interviews held for Sports Information Director this past Monday
- X. Officer of Multiculturalism's Report
 - a. April 28th, next Tuesday, first monthly meeting for all affinity groups
 - b. Following meeting, will create an outline of what was discussed
 - i. Hopes to find a clear vision on what specific issues/concerns should be brought to attention next semester, especially on how to use the OMA as a resource.
 - ii. Jason: Collections is looking to reach out to clubs/organizations on recommendations for guest speakers/artists.
- XI. Honor Council Co-Chairs' Report
 - a. Abstract discussions & possible controversy over Hera abstract
 - i. Some people upset about Hera due to HC's decision to keep the community members involved in the trial as unbiased as possible by not telling them that there were two violations.
 - b. Pizza, Professors & the Code guest-starring Steve Emerson; 8pm Tonight at Zubrow!
 - c. Talking to HCOs for training this week
 - d. Relinquishing power to Anastasia and Sarina.
 - e. Attempt to communicate with BM Honor Board but still haven't been able to be successful.
- XII. General Chatter/Community Comments and Concerns
 - a. Ryan Gym: Short-term plan to use main space in Ryan as a student "living room" area.
 - i. Specific spaces reserved for speakers, couches, coffee, etc.
 - ii. Open meeting next Tuesday at 9pm to bring in more suggestions.
 - iii. Next year's presidents need to decide by the end of this year to fund the new space.
 - 1. Typically, presidents decide on SC funding projects at the beginning of the year but since Ryan will have to be refurbished over the summer, new Presidents must make their decision after Tuesday's meeting.
 - 2. Space will probably only be there for no more than two years; temporary until master planning comes in to actually begin renovating the space.
 - b. SC and Communication
 - i. Jason: Looking at next year, would be good to consider new times and places for SC meetings.
 - 1. Adam: This would allow for more transparency between SC and community.
 - ii. Becca: A lot of people have different ideas on what good communication entails.
 - 1. Co-Secs have contacted the community for their suggestions but have received little feedback.
 - iii. Mass e-mails

1. Co-Secretaries have been limiting mass e-mails and recommending people to submit to the Weekly Wednesdays/Weekend Events
 - iv. Ryan Mulligan: Would be helpful to ask students for their opinions on different SC topics. It is more likely to receive feedback from students when they can be reactive and not proactive.
- XIII. Moment of Silence 8:15

First Monthly Affinity Group Meeting
Facilitated by Emilyn Sosa, SC Officer of Multiculturalism
4/29/08, 7 PM, MCC

These minutes reflect the perceptions of Becca Varon, SC Co-Secretary, and have not been reviewed by SC.

- I. Purpose of meeting
 - a. Goal: To have a plan for next semester
- II. Introductions
 - a. Present: Emilyn Sosa (SC), Harrison Haas (SAGA), Amina DeBurst (OMA), Becca Varon (SC), Samee Sulaiman (MSA), Raven Harris (SC), Eric Castillo (ALAS), Meghan McAllister (SC), Linkai Jiang (ASA), Jason Lozada (ALAS), Misha Baker (WOC)
- III. What is the purpose of affinity groups?
 - a. Linkai: For me, defined by creation of a safe space
 - b. Meghan: Relates to common cultural background
 - c. Emilyn: Not all affinity groups are racial; sense of culture, lifestyle
 - d. Amina: Affinity groups are support groups for marginalized groups, places for people with interests in supporting those groups
- IV. Are meetings being productive; are a considerable number of people participating?
 - a. Harrison: SAGA has been fairly successful; reached out to a fair number of interested people. It's hard to get something on campus that is interesting, gets people to show up – maintaining attendance can be hard.
 - b. Samee: MSA is bi-co, so one problem is that the Muslim population at Haverford is much smaller than at BMC, so most of that social life focuses at Bryn Mawr's campus – becomes more of a nuisance than a support system. Another problem is that we have let MSA turn into an "event group," rather than a support group, for people interested in Islam. Otherwise – very good dynamic, events.
 - c. Jason: Meetings got smaller due to bad scheduling, but turnout at events was successful. Question they struggle with: direction – who is the group primarily serving? Group is divided between Latins, Latin Americans.
 - d. Linkai: ASA only recently started talking about Asian identity, and they had a very good discussion with KSA, SAS. One concern is that ASA is oriented towards providing food and entertainment, which they want to move away from a bit. Next year, Linkai wants ASA to establish itself as more of a larger support system – going to conferences, creating structure to talk about identity.
 - e. Emilyn: Attendance seems to be a big issue – hard for students to be involved in everything they enjoy. I suggest having more open discussions on campus, in addition to regular meetings. E-mail lists from affinity group fair, invite them to a topical discussion – a serious meeting, but open to everyone.

- f. Raven: It would help to have an “affinity group” calendar of meetings – all updated, in one place.
 - g. Emilyn: It’s a problem that all affinity group leaders aren’t elected at the same time. Making this standardized would be helpful – easier to communicate with heads, too.
 - h. Samee: Good idea; structure should be provided by OMA. At BMC, affinity groups must have a constitution, and heads must attend monthly meetings, to get funding.
 - i. Amina: That’s something that SC has to provide structure for – OMA has trouble communicating because of these issues, too.
 - j. Harrison: Structural overkill to create a list – you’re looking for a way to contact people. Make sure groups all update websites?
 - k. Emilyn: Groups could create “liaison position” to attend these monthly meetings. Goal of this meeting is to be something productive that people want to be a part of.
 - l. Meghan: Should these meetings be purely logistical, or is there something else we want to get out of them (coordination, joint events, picking topics for/increasing turnout at townhall meetings, etc)?
 - m. Emilyn: Major goal is to get people to talk to one another.
 - n. Amina: When I meet with other multicultural coordinators, we act as a support group, discuss holding joint events.
 - o. Harrison: SAGA’s joint event with BSL was very successful, will hopefully be repeated.
 - p. Samee: MSA did a joint dinner with JSU (social event) – was successful as well.
 - q. Harrison: It can become uncomfortable if money gets involved.
 - r. Jason: In ALAS, we try to recognize other people’s cultural weeks – ex. had discussion about homosexuality in Cuba during OutWeek (Harrison – I wish we had known about that!)
 - s. Amina: Also, affinity groups are welcome to run/suggest topics for Conversations du Jour.
- V. How can the OMA and SC better serve affinity groups?
- a. Samee: Likes idea of SC, Officer of Multiculturalism providing support in getting these meetings together.
 - b. Emilyn: Jason McGraw can also help groups get funding for speakers through Collections.
 - c. Harrison: Why doesn’t SC approve food money in budgets?
 - d. Meghan: Don’t know – ask the treasurers (thinks it’s just an issue of the amount of money that has to be cut from budget)
- VI. Future of monthly affinity group meetings?
- a. Samee: “Check-in” with groups, get word out about events (would help with scheduling, too)
 - b. Linkai: OMA should send out regular e-mail with all affinity group events
 - c. Amina: One of the things I’ll work on planning this summer is having the MCC monitors assigned to affinity groups, to help them handle the workload of planning events.

- d. Emily: A lot of groups know about OMA and SC, but aren't using them to full potential. Professors can get help from affinity groups in bringing speakers/getting a student audience
- VII. How can new Officer of Multiculturalism keep this alive?
- a. Raven: Is there something more that you could want from my position? How can I best help your groups?
 - b. Linkai: Important to get dialogue going, make connections
 - c. Jason: General support/checking in.
 - d. Linkai: Some kind of leadership training for group leaders. (General agreement) Work with LDC?
 - e. Samee: We decided at Winter TriCo that we should form a broader connection with other TriCo affinity groups.
 - f. Linkai: Difficult due to transportation, timing – separate issue.
 - g. Harrison: Information within TriCo is also out of date.
 - h. Amina: Infrastructure is a big problem.
- VIII. Conclusion
- a. Emily: This was productive – the content of this meeting will be communicated to the rest of the leaders who couldn't be here. Good luck with next semester!