MINUTES
Bates College Student Government
Skelton Lounge i Second Floor, Chase Hall
Monday, November 14, 2005 i 07:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order
   a. motion to move RA-06 08 to after announcements

II. Announcements

III. Public Participation

IV. Ratification of Minutes
   a. Ratification of Minutes from the Meeting of Monday, November 7, 2005
      -motion passes

V. Representative Assembly Officer Reports (3 minutes each)
   a. Secretary (Alie Schwartz)
      -ra-list serve, bull inboard, and office hours
   b. Parliamentarian (Ryan Creighton)
      -EJC meeting on Thursday, big elections coming up
   c. Chair (Bill Jack)
      -enjoyed committee of the whole, suggestions for picture on website, some sort of event for students, legislation glad to see it,
      attendance: some people have been removed that’s what he’s been mandated to do, quorum will change every week

VI. Executive Council Officer Reports (3 minutes each)
   a. Treasurer (Vaibhav Bajpai)
   b. Vice President of Student Clubs (Liz Sheridan Rossi)
      -ORB slate will be approved
   c. Vice President of Student Committees (Currier Stokes)
   d. President (Ryan Nabulsi)
      -parking appeals are over; almost everyone who appealed received a permit
      -you can park in Merrill until given permit without be given a ticket

VII. Committee Reports (2 minutes each)
   a. Organizational Review Board (Paul Suitter or Maddie White for Liz Sheridan Rossi)
      -reviewed a clubs, approving men’s lacrosse, a few other clubs need work on constitution
   b. Admissions and Financial Aid Committee (Bill Jack)
      -meets every other week, will have an open meeting soon, how to improve accepted students reception
   c. Dean’s Advisory Committee
      -the general tone of campus
   d. General Education Committee
      -will take over atrium on Friday

VIII. Member Reports (1 minute each)
   Maddie White-trash on the weekends; could we put trash cans there?
      -ash trays outside dorms
      -den delivery service
   Jason Buxbaum- dissected our financial books
      -bleak picture us in comparison to our peers
   Emily (Liz Murphy’s stand in) -Senator Collins stand-in
      -the event was full even for students who responded shortly after
      -small space
      -came for free but catering paid for by college Republicans
      -how do we speak about these continued violations?
      -unclear whether money was from Maine College Republicans
      -12 out 15 seats already taken; misleading
      -Bates space should be used by Bates students even if Maine Republicans rented space

IX. Old Business
a. To elect students to the Committee to Review the Office of the Chaplain
-emails deleted with nominations
-Chaplain’s office is very important so take this very seriously
-Ari Levin nominated
-Fatima Diaz and Ilham nominated
-they are elected unless objected

X. New Business
a. RA 06-08: A BILL: Nominations - Budget Committee
-after long deliberations of CoC
-motion passes
b. RA 06-011: A BILL: Nominations of Organizational Review Board
-passes
c. RA 06-10: A RESOLUTION Concerning the Reduction of Green House Gases at Bates
-people interested in bill should meet with bill
-working on environmental commission
-passes

XI. Adjournment

A Bill

Nominations to Budget Committee

Whereas, the Committee on Committees is charged under Article VI, section 3B of the Bates College Student Government Bylaws to appoint the members of all the Budget Committee; and
Whereas, the Committee on Committees duly solicited applications, interviewed applicants, deliberated, and made decisions in due course; and,
Whereas, the nominations must be submitted for the approval of the Representative Assembly;
Therefore, be it submitted to the Assembly that:
For the Budget Committee, the following students are sent to represent the student body:

A. Lois St. Brice
B. Kristofer Jonsson
C. Taimur Khan
D. Michael Neville-O’Neill
E. Max Patinkin
F. Lauren Robbins
G. Robert Yamartino

A Bill

Nominations – Organizational Review Board

Whereas, the Executive Council is charged under Article VI of the Bates College Student Government Bylaws to fill all student committee vacancies; and
Whereas, the Committee on Committees left five vacancies on the Organizational Review Board; and,

Whereas, the Executive Council duly solicited applications, interviewed applicants, deliberated, and made decisions in due course; and,

Whereas, the nominations must be submitted for the approval of the Representative Assembly;

Therefore, be it submitted to the Assembly that:

I. For the Organizational Review Board, the following students are sent to represent the will of the student body:

   A. Alex Jorge ’09
   B. Claudeny Obas ’08
   C. Paul Suiiter ’09
   D. Maddie White ’09
   E. Rachael Garreffi ’08

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth J. Sheridan Rossi  
Vice President of Student Clubs

Andrew C. Stoke  
Vice President of Student Committees

Mustafa R. Nabulsi  
President

Vaihbav Bajpai  
Treasurer

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Monday, November 14, 2005:  
Originally proposed

RA 06-10

A Resolution Concerning the Reduction of Green House Gasses at Bates

WHEREAS, it is widely thought that greenhouse gas emissions, such those as produced by power plants that use fossil fuels, contribute to adverse climate change and global warming; and

WHEREAS, climate change affects us all; and
WHEREAS, the Mission Statement of Bates College states, “Bates also recognizes that it has responsibilities to the larger community”; and

WHEREAS, “Green Energy,” or alternative sources of energy that do not use fossil fuels and release no emissions, exist and are available for purchase; and

WHEREAS, in December, 2005, two of Bates’ electricity contracts expire and the option to purchase Green Energy exists; and

WHEREAS, the proposal to purchase Green Energy enjoys widespread support within the faculty and student body; and

WHEREAS, similar programs have been successful at other institutions of higher learning; and

Now, therefore be it resolved:

That we endorse the proposal to purchase Green Energy when the current electricity contracts expire in December.

That we urge President Hansen, Treasurer Beckmann, and the Physical Plant to devise a means to fund the purchase of Green Energy.

That upon passage, the body of the resolution be communicated to the Bates Community at large.

Respectfully,
Winthrop M. Rodgers ‘09
Representative, Hedge Hall

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Respectfully Submitted,

Alie Schwartz ‘08, Secretary
Representative Assembly
Bates College Student Government