At a regular meeting of the Representative Assembly, held in Skelton Lounge, on Monday evening, January 9, 2006, the chair in the chair, and the secretary absent, Chairman Jack called the Assembly to order at 7:05 pm.

In the absence of the secretary, the first item of business was to select a secretary pro tempore.

Chairman Jack noted that the secretary pro tempore would serve exclusively for the present meeting.

After receiving no objection, Chairman Jack declared that the secretary pro tempore retain all rights and privileges as a member.

Chairman Jack opened nominations for secretary pro tempore.

Nominations for secretary pro tempore:

1. Sarah Huleatt

Motion to close nominations was second and approved by unanimous consent.

With only one nomination, Chairman Jack declared Sarah Huleatt secretary pro tempore.

Minutes passed

Nominations for the executive officers opened. Voting will occur Wednesday the 18th through Friday the 20th. Nominations open tonight (Tuesday) as of seven o'clock and close Thursday at midnight (Friday morning).

Positions: The president of the school deals with the parking process, keeping contact with the administration (deans and president), as well as meeting with other members of the executive branch and the representatives.

Vice President of Student Committees runs the Committee on Committees, and sits on the executive council.

The Vice President of Student Clubs runs the ORB (Organizational Review Board) which deals with the creation of student clubs and also sits on the executive council.

Nominations open: All nominations must be submitted in writing to the parliamentarian Ryan Creighton. Nominations close on Thursday night, Friday morning, at midnight.

Vaibhav nominates Jason Buxbaum for Vice President of Student Clubs. Jason accepts.

Currier Stokes would like to nominate Alan Cooper for Vice President of Student Committees. Alan accepts.

Ryan Creighton would like to nominate Vaibhav Bajpai for President of the Student Body. Vaibhav accepts.

Ben Reed would like to nominate Bill Jack for President of the Student Body. Bill accepts.

Taimur Kahn would be nominated for President of the Student Body. Taimur accepts.

Parliamentarian Report: Elections are coming up, both for the executive branch, as well as elections to fill vacancies and elect new at-large representatives.

Treasurer Report: WRBC has put in a request to operate its budget separately from the other student clubs. There will be an open meeting held at some time this week to go over budget guidelines and discuss information relating to the budget process. Further, the financing of club sports will remain under the jurisdiction of the Student Budget Committee. The Treasurer position, a position elected by the Representative Assembly, will need to be elected in the near future. Any questions regarding the position of treasurer may be directed to Vaibhav.

Jason Buxbaum inquired about the rumored complaint against the College Republicans regarding the meeting with Senator Snow. Nate Walton stated that he could answer any questions about the event.

The Vice President of Student Clubs: The ORB will review the Competitive Ski Club and the Triathlon Club.

Vice President of Student Committees: The Fine Dining Event will occur in January. In addition there will be a Trayless Tuesday policy in which there will be an experimental day without trays in the dinning hall in order to see how much waste will be saved.

President: All parking permits are issued, and those who applied were granted appeals.

Madie White brought up the possibility of having a Den Delivery Service.

Nominations: Jason Buxbaum nominated Win Rodgers. He accepted.

Kris Jonsson nominated Ben Reed. He accepted.

Nominations closed. Ben Reed and Win Rodgers elected.

Committee Reports:

Physical Plant Committee: The committee is trying to improve the relationship between Physical Plant staff members and the student body. The committee takes many small problems to the Physical Plant staff, and attempts to improve the relationship with the custodians on campus. They intend to make a profile in the Bates Student for a worker of the week.

Search Committee for the New Chaplain: As of yet they are discussing a change in the title of chaplain to a different title. One option is “officer of spiritual life”. The title chaplain does not fully fit the role as it exists currently. They are discussing what sort of position they are hoping to fill before they fill the position.

Information Services Advisory Committee: They attempt to meet once a month. They have been pushing for wireless, as well as trying to maintain the current wireless buildings. They have been recommending several ideas to the committee that they will continue to pursue.

Jason Buxbaum inquired as to the slow email system and the perceived general lackadaisical attitude of the Information Services. Sean Bach responded that the committee has in fact been reacting to the email problems and that there is a list of students who they are contacting with requests to delete their excessive inboxes.

The committee is setting up a system in which any given announce email would be more of a link to a single file rather than a file which is copied multiple times when sent out to every member of the student body. This will help speed up the process.

Ryan Nabulsi mentioned that last year they brought up the idea of having a digest but found the idea not well received.

Griff Peterson raised the idea of setting up a Widget program to help alleviate email problems.

Jason Buxbaum raised the recommendation of using the Easy Proxy system.

Aubrey Smith inquired as to the slow progress of the wireless expansion. Sean Bach explained that the committee is working on the issue but it is a bit of a slow process. The library is not officially wireless at this time.
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Respectfully Submitted,

Ryan Nabulsi made a motion to adjourn. Alan Cooper seconded the motion.

A discussion about the rules regarding the RA's ability to pass the amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws ensued. Ryan Nabulsi made a motion to adjourn. Alan Cooper seconded the motion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill K. Jack ’08, Chair
Representative Assembly & Bates College Student Government

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