I. Call to Order
II. Announcements
   • Motion to suspend the rules and move item a. under New Business to now
   • RA 06-20 passes to approve the nominees to the Student Committee on
     Committees unanimously
III. Public Participation
   • No comments
IV. Ratification of Minutes
   • Minutes from the meeting of February 13, 2006 ratified
V. Representative Assembly Officer Reports
   a. Secretary (Liz Murphy)
      • Publicity Committee will be meeting in the next three weeks
   b. Parliamentarian (Ryan Creighton)
      • Judiciary Committee meeting sometime this week, e-mail to follow
   c. Chair (Alie Schwartz)
      • Redecorating of the RA office
      • IM available in the RA office, RA has its own screen name
VI. Executive Council Officer Reports
   a. Vice President of Student Clubs (Jason Buxbaum and Ben Reed)
      • Office Hours 6-7pm on Sundays
      • Upcoming meeting of all clubs
      • Concern expressed by Jason over the disrespectful comments at the
        Republican Rastafarian speaker
   b. Vice President of Student Committees (Kris Johnson)
   c. President (Bill Jack)
      • Due to confidentiality, President Hansen cannot release the letter
        concerning the resignation of Ms. Zapata from the office concerning
        diversity in admissions
      • President Hansen has written a letter in response to Shaheen’s letter
        which will be published in the upcoming edition of The Student
VII. Committee Reports
   a. Environmental Coordinator Search Committee
      • Lunch 2/28 and 3/2 from 12-1 pm with potential coordinator, open to
        all students
VIII. Member Reports
   a. Win Rodgers
      • Put a motion on the floor to charge the President Jack and
        Representatives Jason Buxbaum and Win Rodgers, to go to President
        Hansen and Treasurer Beckman, as well as the Committee on
        Committees in Governance to get the resolution onto the next Faculty
        Meeting agenda.
      • Sarah Hulet suggests that they meet periodically
• Motion passes
  b. Liz Sheridan Rossi
    • Ben Cooper is charged with addressing the Committee of Physical Maintenance to move a MacGray machine to P-Gill
  c. Vaibhav
    • A petition is being signed for a Constitutional Amendment in order to bring club representatives back into the RA.

IX. Old Business
• None

X. New Business
• A EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT: RA 06-21: The Appointment of a Bates College Student Government Treasurer
  • Questions
    o Vaibhav asked how many applicants there were
    o President Bill Jack responded that executive council has decided unofficially to not tell applicants how many applicants there were
    o Vaibhav asked what was the criteria used
    o President Bill Jack responded that criteria included:
      ▪ Availability to be Treasurer
      ▪ Involvement in other activities
      ▪ Familiarity with the process
      ▪ Communication skills
      ▪ Ingenious ideas
      ▪ Clear vision for the future
      ▪ Familiarity with the position
      ▪ High level of accessibility
      ▪ Willingness to recognize biases
      ▪ Life experiences with money and finances (be it at Bates or elsewhere)
    o The executive council took a 5 minute recess and decided to tell the RA that there were five applicants
    o Vaibhav asked where the criteria came from
      ▪ Response is that it was recently developed (President Bill Jack)
  • Debate
    o Jon Levitt comments that he wants to know the names of the other candidates because he feels he is unable to approve the new treasurer if he does not know the other candidates
    o General commentary as to the lack of knowledge of the other candidates for comparison
    o Kris Jonnson comments that he has been a member of the Budget Committee since November of last year to
    o Outside information was brought in that the member was not able to defend themselves against
There is some discussion that we do not know anything about the candidate, Seif.

Seif defended himself as the Treasurer of three clubs at Bates, has time to allocate towards the position of Treasurer, is very familiar with the Budget Committee and the grievance process

Mike O’Neill
  ▪ Wants this voted down because of the faults in the process
  ▪ Budget Weekend is in 3-4 weeks and we need a Treasurer who has been involved in the Budget Committee for a long period of time
  ▪ In the past there was a reason for simply taking the recommendation of the Treasurer and passing it through the Executive Council

Kris Jonnson comments that he is confused as to why the Committee on Committee nominees went through so smoothly and now there is so much debate on the Treasurer

Seif said that he has not applied for the Budget Committee, he has not been able to previously because of time issues

Taimur states that in the past it has been the decision of the Treasurer, Budget Committee was never asked about the process at all.

Patrick states that he is uncomfortable with a novice to the process trying to work through Budget Weekend

End of Debate

**Vote: 2 in favor, 16 opposed, 5 abstentions**

President Jack is disappointed, but is happy that we actually discussed this as a body

President Jack wants to know if people’s motive was because of the process of the lack of the candidate chosen

Kris Jonnson comments that the process will yield the same result

Alan Cooper commented that the Executive Council did not defend their candidate

Alan makes a motion to charge Vaibhav to act as an interim to get the ball rolling on Budget Weekend

Vaibhav would like to make a motion to amend that motion to state that he would only serve for a very short period of time

Vote on the amendment passes

Vote on the motion as amended passes unanimously

XI. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,
Liz Murphy ’08, Secretary
Representative Assembly
Bates College Student Government