Minutes
3/6/2006

I. Call to Order
II. Announcements
III. Public Participation
IV. Ratification of the Minutes
   a. Ratification of Minutes from the Meeting of February
      • 5-5, Chair

V. Representative Assembly Officer Reports
   a. Secretary (Liz Murphy)
   b. Parliamentarian (Ryan Creighton)
   c. Chair (Alie Schwartz)

VI. Executive Council
   a. Interim Treasurer (Vaibhav)
      • Budget Committee met this week
      • System is flawed, $273,000 is currently un-used
      • Budget Committee is unable to currently take funding away from a club that is found to be
      • Clubs can no longer keep carry-over money
      • Left-over funds will go into an allocation fund
      • Certain clubs can apply for exceptions, such as demonstrating the need for funding for an event or a conference
      • Each club will be allocated a budget first in the Fall Semester and then again in the Winter Semester
      • Money will be given out on a need-base
      • Mandatory meeting for all clubs tomorrow, March 7, 2006
      • Change overall to three budget weekends
      • It is not officially a change in the guidelines
   b. Vice President of Student Clubs (Jason Buxbaum and Ben Reed)
      • New constitutions pending
      • MacGray moving: The Vice President of the Library refused, Financing said that they will order another one
      • Looking at getting rid of some of the inactive clubs
   c. Vice President of Student Committees (Kristofer Jonsson)
      • Meeting tomorrow, interviews on March 18th and 19th for open committee seats including student conduct, parking and writing workshop
   d. President (Bill Jack)
      • Presentation of the President’s Report
      • Introduction of the Executive Committee
      • Threat of impeachment, hopes this isn’t serious

VII. Committee Reports
   a. Faculty Meeting
      • Last reading of the new general education plan, which passed.
b. Dean’s Advisory Committee
   - No agenda, covered many topics, housing re-designation, etc.
c. Environmental Search Committee
   - Lunch with candidate last week was successful and there is another lunch and talk coming up next week

VIII. Member Reports
a. Liz Sheridan-Rossi asked the Library and Information Service committee to change the notification of an overdue book can be done the day before you are fined

IX. Old Business

X. New Business
a. A BILL: RA 06-22: To Create the Position of the Bates College Student Government Webmaster
   - Sarah Hulet, author, feels that the position of webmaster deserves a formal title
b. AN EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT: RA 06-23: The Appointment of a Bates College Student Government Webmaster
   - Nick Bauer has been working on a webpage for the RA since Short Term 2005
   - Unanimous vote appoint Nick Bauer to the newly created Bates College Student Government Webmaster
c. AN EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT: RA 06-24: The Appointment of a Student to Fill Vacancies on a Student Committee
   - Win Rodgers wants to amend the Bill to take out the second “there as” clause
   - The amendment passes unanimously
   - President Jack has changed his opinions on a number of issues since the previous RA Meeting
   - If the best way to get the RA to agree to appointments is to open it up to the RA, then that’s the route we should take
   - Kris Jonnson comments that the Committee on Committee weekend would be coming up
   - Win Rodgers suggests withdrawing the legislation and allowing the Committee on Committees to fill the open Budget seat during Committee on Committee weekend.
   - Other executive councils members are not in agreement with Bill Jack. Ben Cooper believes we should withdraw the bills (06-24 and 06-25) until they can be further amended
   - Parliamentarian reminds the RA that committee appointments are indeed the job of the Executive Council as stated in the Constitution, the legislation can now no longer be withdrawn, it must be tabled by a majority of the RA indefinitely
   - Kris Jonnson believes that the appointments could be done through the C.O.C.
   - The Executive Council is divided on this issue
• Former President Ryan Nabulsi believes that this is the responsibility of the Executive Council, he questions why it has become an issue now and it was not under his presidency
• Motion to end debate (Connor)
• Win Rodgers makes a motion to Table indefinitely
• Vote to Table debate indefinitely passes unanimously

d. AN EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT: RA 06-25-W: The Appointment of a Student to Fill Vacancies on a Student Committee
• Bill Jack moves to withdraw RA 06-25-W

XI. Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,
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Representative Assembly
Bates College Student Government