1) Announcements
   a) Election of New Secretary
      i) Opened for nominations
      ii) Jamie Donahue nominates Doug Ray
      iii) Doug Ray Wins by Default
2) A motion was made to move RA 07-08 Into Discussion
   a) Motion Passed
   b) RA-07-08 is a bill on Student Activities Budget Allocations
   c) Discussion on the Bill ensues
      i) Problems with allocation to certain clubs
         (1) Speakers were not funded without a name
         (2) Off Campus Conferences were not funded with Student Activities funds.
      ii) Questions with appeal process and process for winter semester
         (1) It was made clear that the process will be similar, but this year allocation will be made in the fall and winter as opposed to for the whole school year. So unused funds can be returned to the SA budget. Active Clubs will have left over funds roll over.
         (2) There will be grievance money available.
         (3) This budget does not include $191,000 allocated last year to BOC, Bates EMS, Chase Hall Committee, and WRBC, etc.
         (4) $116,000 is available for the Winter/Short Term/Co-Sponsorship
      iii) Question was made on Waterskiing Club.
         (1) Waterskiing Team used to exist, but lost their boat, and was given $4,000 to help buy a new boat along with about $5,000 of insurance from their old boat.
         (2) Bates EMS was allocated money for a new van
         (3) Committee attempted to make sure that clubs were getting what they needed, but not perhaps top of the line equipment, etc.
      iv) Question was made to whether the Budget Committee took into account early winter semester projects.
         (1) They did take that into account and encourage clubs to be ready with budgets when students return from winter recess
   d) Motion was made to end debate, motion passed
   e) Motion was made to vote regardless of 36 hour rule (passed with 2/3 majority)
   f) The Voting was held and RA 07-08 passed
3) No Public Participation was held
4) Officer Reports
   a) Parliamentarian wanted to make clear that spots were available on the EJC
   b) Chair was thanked for his efforts in putting together an agenda and bringing food
   c) The Chair emphasized sticking to the 36 hour rule on legislation
5) Executive Council Reports
   a) Treasurer apologized for delay on RA 07-08
b) Vice President of Student Clubs welcomed two new clubs, four are still working out the constitutions
   i) Question was made of whether or not the budget system worked and that club leaders think there are three key problems
      (1) Upset about the timing of the budgets as it is midterm
      (2) Lack of responsive communication
      (3) Minimal proactive communication
   ii) Treasurer responded by saying that timing was endemic to the Status Quo, and many clubs are ready for a fixed budget at the end of last year, and other clubs are disorganized at the beginning of the year, on communication, the Budget Committee would endeavor to improve that
   iii) The treasurer was thanked for his responsiveness
   iv) VP of Student Committees had no report
   v) President was pleased with the turnout, and notes that 7 spots are available on the RA. President Jack must approve all RA-Talk Messages over 40KB
      (1) Question was made as to if the 40KB limit could be fixed, but it cannot.

6) Committee Reports
   a) Question was made as to the first Faculty Meeting to be attended by students, and that information will be available last week and in email

7) Member Reports
   a) None

8) Old Business
   a) RA 07-02 was opened for discussion
   b) This bill requires all clubs with BCSG funding to make their list serves available to all students
   c) President Jack spoke about problems expressed by club leaders
   d) Question was made as to whether listservs would be advertised
   e) Question was made as to whether club officer lists should be opened, and that this bill is actually for officer lists since all other lists are effectively open anyways, without legislating officer lists, is this bill needed?
   f) Question was made as to the $1000 fine for noncompliance as being too steep
   g) The motion was made to end discussion, motion passed
   h) Voting on RA 07-02 was held and did not pass

9) New Business
   a) Discussion on Hard Alcohol Policy & Current Enforcement Thereof
      i) Question was made to the involvement of the Lewiston Police
         (1) Lewiston Police are not granted key cards to buildings, but are allowed into buildings when let in.
         (2) Historically there was an understanding that Lewiston Police would stay off the heart of campus
         (3) Question was made as to probable cause to enter buildings on campus
(4) They can enter when they can see through a window, or hear noises, etc.
ii) Question was made as to the actions of the Class of 2009 and that effect on this year’s policy
iii) Question was made as to whether or not hospital visits have decreased since hard liquor ban and new enforcement
iv) The 80s dance showed how ineffective the policy was
v) Strikes may not be a real punishment and the new policy is devaluing the strikes
vi) Could someone be thrown out for being unluckily caught three times in a room with hard liquor
vii) It was suggested that a report should be made on each strike
viii) JA’s have been told that the Lewiston Police have more leeway when it comes to probable cause
ix) Certain strikes have different weights and it is not exactly “three strikes you’re out”
  (1) Question was made as to whether strikes should be removed and replaced with a points based system, and that more clarity is needed in regards to the strike policy
  (2) Students have gotten strikes for urinating on trees
x) The college does have liability for alcohol related problems
xi) No students have been kicked out for being in the presence of hard alcohol without ingestion
xii) The Question was made as to the effectiveness of this policy
    (1) The student body is at the mercy of the deans after 17 hospital visits during the 80’s dance
xiii) A copy of the Hard Alcohol policy was requested to look at it verbatim
xiv) Has Bates seen a decline in problems since the institution of the policy or if research has been done in this regard
xv) Policy had not been enforced in recent years, but now enforcement exists
xvi) A possible forum was discussed to find out more information on the policy, and that the RA should draft a resolution on this policy
xvii) A possible ad-hoc committee on alcohol was discussed in order to probe further into this.
    (1) Motion was made have such a committee
        (a) Debate was opened
            (i) Should this committee be all RA, or open to the whole student body
            (ii) Would a committee be effective against the administration
        (b) Motion was made to end debate
        (c) Voting was held for the creation of a committee to serve as a voice of the students in regards to the Hard Alcohol Policy
        (d) Motion passed, committee was established
b) Motion was made to postpone the debate until next week, passed
10) Meeting was adjourned
a) RA 07-07 (Skiing at Lost Valley) on agenda automatically postponed until next week.

Respectfully Submitted,
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