

**Minutes 11/15/16**  
**Open Senate**

Previous Business:

Lack of Handicap access -- Brent Douglass responded that this is always going to be a problem. Some buildings can be upgraded, and willing to work with EC to work on specific buildings and specific initiatives

Security -- Issue of security not taking student complaint seriously -- issue has been addressed by Byerly, will not happen again.

Parking Spaces in front of Kable -- no reserved spaces for students except on Sky 1.

Textbook Drive -- waiting on reply from Carey Usher

Tatiana Bryant (2017) -- Update on vending Machines -- Tracy Hiner has contacted with regard to additional vending machines in several dorms and Wenger. He said he will contact the vendor and get back to us.

Brenda Korlison (2020): Looked at alternatives for online newspaper, and took a poll of the freshman class. They prefer the online option. Washington Post and local news is most popular.

Aaleyah: Follow up on this, send committee report and results of poll to Sharanya

Megan Edwards (SGA Pres): Would it be possible to get the newspaper through the library?

Constituent Concerns:

Tatiana (2017): Getting out advertisement etc on campus -- how else can we get word out?

Aaleyah: There is an ICC newsletter sent out every week. This is in addition to the digest that Morgan Smith sends out. EC is talking about this, but we are open to suggestions.

Madeleine Stout (ICC): Newsletter is weekly -- deadline is Thursday by 5 pm. Send it to [sga-icc@marybaldwin.edu](mailto:sga-icc@marybaldwin.edu). This also gets posted on SGA and ICC Facebook pages.

Can talk about making the newsletter twice a week. Send another email to the campus telling them to watch out for these emails.

Rebecca (2020): Some people don't feel like there is enough lighting down by the PAC

Aaleyah: Emailed Mike Shoaf and Brent Douglass about the lights. They will be looking at the lights around Tullidge, but will

Gallery Concerns:

Rachel Jensen: A couple of days after the email about the racial incident happened on campus, a security officer shared insensitive Facebook posts. Students are concerned about this, worried that their complaint will not be taken seriously.

Tom Byerly: Officer has deleted the post. Has been addressed with him. If there is any concerns, please don't be afraid to call campus safety. Officer has been here 15 years and is

dedicated to the Mary Baldwin community and is here to support you despite different views on matters. Has also posted an apology on his Facebook.

Diamonique Anderson (MCU): I would also like to say that two ICC newsletters a week might be nice, especially to inform us about the weekend events. Maybe have a board as well? People can go post their flyers on that specific board. Additional concern about the Umoja House parking lot -- people are now double parking. Having an issue getting out of the parking lot, and a lot of freshmen are also parking there. Is there a way to designate this to House residents?

Ny'Erica (2018): Regarding flyers, you are allowed to post flyers anywhere except Hunt and Grafton. Clubs are responsible for taking their flyers down, and we are considering penalizing clubs if they do not take their flyers down in one-two days after the event.

Kirsten (BSA): A lot of students don't know about the ICC newsletter -- maybe there needs to be an email telling them that this is the way that events are advertised now.

Aaleyah: Will talk to Brent Douglass about the parking lot -- getting it designated to the House residents

Juanaysa (2019): Regarding the parking lots, does faculty pay for parking? Why are we being told that parking is a privilege

Byerly: It is called a privilege because you are not guaranteed a parking spot just because you are a student. The only place that is reserved for students is Sky 1. Some spots are reserved for fac/staff. The rest is general that is available to everyone. Fac/Staff do not pay for parking because it is included in their employment.

Aaleyah: Students do live here too, and in my opinion, it's a little unfair to have to walk across campus especially after hours and when lighting has been an issue. Is there a compromise we can reach? I will contact you.

Byerly: Security and Physical Plant do not get ticketed so that they can do their jobs.

Ny'Erica: There were signs last year -- some were designated for faculty.

Byerly: Those are only 4 spots.

Grace (Gallery member): can advertise Sky 3 more? It's not very far from Kable, Pub, etc.

Ny'Erica (2018): If I'm moving my car there at night, I do not feel safe. If we advertise Sky 3 more, we also need to have more lighting there.

Megan (SGA Pres): A lot of students will not be returning in the Spring, and I would like to get senate and gallery feedback on what we can do to increase retention.

Grace: A lot of the issues are related to the quality of the dorms -- they do not match the quality of education I receive here.

Aaleyah: Struggling with funds.

Brenda (2020): I am considering transferring -- offering more scholarships would also help

Nikayla (2017): Lack of events on the weekend

Rachel (Gallery Member): When we do have campus wide events, they're loud -- a lot of students don't attend them because of anxiety, etc. Want more diversity in terms of types of events.

Veronica (2017): Do think that BPB events need to be changed a little -- maybe send out a poll about the upcoming events?

Diamonique (MCU): We've also had less events this semester because of funding. Don't even have that many mixers -- mixer policy is incredibly extensive. Students don't feel like they have a social life.

Grace: Instead of having a lot of little events, friend at another small school has some big events. Instead of spending a money on a lot of lesser known artists, we could get one of two big bands or speakers.

Rachel: Haven't been able to go to BPB events because events are scheduled concurrently.

Aalyeah: That is always going to be a struggle.

Makela (2019): Feel like staff forgets that students are adults. The standard that we are upholding is losing us students. I think this is one of the main reasons students are transferring -- we have the diversity and the students -- and we don't collaborate with all our neighbouring colleges.

Erica (SGA Treasurer): I also do want to talk about the academics -- there have been issues with professors as well, and that has been slipping too. It's not only the social life.

Makela (2019): I also feel like I'm teaching myself in a lot of my classes. I want to be stimulated further. Certain departments are not up to par -- for example, I'm pre-med, and I'm losing out on competitive edge.

Sam (BPB Chair): Will be taking all feedback into consideration for Spring Semester. Do want to let everyone know that May Term is planned. We have colouring events because some people do need to destress. And if you come to our events, we have good turnout -- 102 people came to the dreamcatcher event.

Nikayla (2017): Is there any way you can send a poll to the whole school regarding events?

Sam: Yes.

Kirsten: Does Senate have the ability to vote to decrease the amount of money BPB gets? If they're not able to reach the entire campus, maybe more money can go the clubs

Aaleyah: They're not part of the SAF, but it can be part of the discussion

Makela: If the calendar is booked, is it not possible to have any more?

Aaleyah: Also remember that you, as clubs, can also collaborate with branches of the EC.

Sam: We have lots of clubs that come to us to collaborate. We don't have a lot of leeway to collaborate. We try as much as we can. However, cannot just give out money.

Brenda (2020): A lot of freshmen just sit in our rooms on the weekend, and if you don't have a car, it's very hard. More weekend events -- clubs can collab over the weekend? Have bigger events?

Kirsten (BSA): Can it be advertised that EC is willing to collaborate? Need to communicate this more effectively.

Megan (SGA Pres): Each branch of EC has a different amount of money. We're not the appeals board -- some are willing to collaborate, but not every member is open to this because we all don't have the funds.

Madeleine (ICC): senators can also inform students who are having these concerns.

Grace: Lot of clubs are planning a lot of events in the Spring. LARP Club had an incident where a man wandered into the building and hit on students. It was very uncomfortable.

Aleyah: Please call campus safety. Have to also be mindful that we are not an open campus.

Byerly: Safety was called, and officers did respond. Has been requested to stay out of the academic buildings.

Announcements:

Sam: DMM starts at 6:50 on Thursday. Spa Day is on Saturday from 1-4.

Madeleine: Tonight at 6:30 pm is the Post-Election Forum in Francis. There will be pizza.

Nikayla: Social work club will be hosting a dinner at the Valley Mission Club on Thursday at 5 pm. If you have food donations, please email Mary Clay Thomas.

Tracy: This Thursday at lunch is Thanksgiving lunch, Nov 30th is Student Holiday event at SAC Ballroom.

Senate adjourned