**August 30th, 2023 - Senate Notes**

No Guest Speaker

**General Expectations for Senate 2023 - 2024 :**

* No Phone(s)
* No laptop(s)
* Be respectful of speakers and each other
* Attendance + accountability
* Be punctual
* Roberts Rule of Order + Parliamentary Procedure

**Funding Training**

**Submitting a budget**

* + Budgets over $500 should be submitted 4 weeks in advanced
    - Clubs will need to visit the Ways and Means committee on Sundays beginning at 1 pm.
  + Budgets under $500 should be submitted at least 10 days in advance
    - The VPF personally approves these.
  + Budgets over $2500
    - Clubs will need to prepare a presentation to present during the Senate that includes their club mission, club event, budget allocation, and any additional information that may be needed.
    - Senators and E-Board will have the chance to ask questions, and make votes.

**Reasons Budgets usually fail**

* + - Late Budgets
    - The event is not open to the entire Babson Community
    - You are requesting funding for items we don't approve
      * Ex: Gifts for a specific mission for your club, under $200 per budget.
      * Ex: Milk-Based Boba
      * Ex: Payments for student based DJ’s
      * Ex: Photographers

**Helpful Tips**:

* + - * Fund prizes related to the clubs missions
      * No more than $15 per person for food, and $1.50 per person for drinks (this is a general guideline)
      * If your club is in bad standing with budget repayments, make sure to counter any bad standing to continue to receive funding for the year.

**Discretionary**

* + - * Senators receive $500 per year ($250 per semester)
      * Each senator receives a discretionary of $250 to put on a class based event
        + Discretionary can be combined
        + To use discretionary, book the P-Card through Belong.babson.Edu
        + After event, tell VPF final cost & the project

**Committees: Roles and Responsibilities**

**EVP (Pallavi):**

* + Projects: SGA Bonding
  + Spring Elections
  + Inviting administration and facilitation discussions
  + Placing SGA orders (merch, apparel, SGA room necessities, etc)

**Ways and Means | VPF (Jackson):**

* + Takes Place on Sunday
  + One senator from each grade is preferred (open to substitutes)
  + Responsible, Timely, Etc

**Clubs & Orgs | VPCO (Constance):**

* + Weekly / Bi-weekly meetings
  + Club registration princesses
  + Funding Trainings with the VPF
  + Creation of Babson Clubs and Orgs Instagram account
  + Events: Best of Babson, Club Fair, BOW Club Fair

**Communications | VPC (Jolie):**

* + OWWWG Creations
  + Corkboard and Fizz maintenance
  + General template and marketing creation
  + Weekly Newsletter Creation
    - Changes between each week for topics, will be reallocated onto the SGA Instagram

**Academic Affairs | VPAA (Divya):**

* + UAPC Academic Policy Council
    - Providing input for career and academic initiatives
    - Q & A with SAS
    - Drafting up letters and emails to administration

**Accountability**

* **Tracking senator progress tracking** 
  + Weekly spreadsheet: fill in current project, any SGA / Babson Community assistance you made need, and the current status of the project
  + Senator report outs at the end of senate, to report upon progress made on your project

**E-Board Report Outs**

**VPF:**

* First ways and Means meeting will take place next sunday, September 9-10th

**EVP:**

* Information for senator elections will be sent our soon
* Sign-Up Sheet for slots for SGA tabling at org fair

**President:**

* Meeting with Spinelli for transportation, and other pressing issues
* Oversight: Erik Neyle - coaching process | Robin - club sports
* Public Safety trailer initiative to promote weekly events for our various clubs and departments on campus
  + Aaryan, Valerie, Alexandra

**VPC:**

* First OWWWG event went great
* Working on continuously posting important information to the Babson SGA Instagram account

**VPCO:**

* Club Fair: Taking Place on September 8th
* New club registration
* Club funding training
* Seeking out solutions for club storage
* Launching Club Based Instagram Account

**VPAA:**

* Create agenda for UAPC
  + Further extending the pass/fail deadline
  + Getting IP/AB classes to translate to NST courses at Babson
  + How can AI be integrated into our coursework
    - Teaching students how to use AI as a beneficial tool

**Advisors’s Corner**

**Angels corner:**

* Advisor for 9 years on September 2nd, 2023
* Oversee of OSE
  + Student programming
  + Team of 7. Looking for 2 grad assistants
  + Reports to Dean Caitlin Capozzi
* Leveraging connections when necessary
  + Very people oriented, “a bridge to other people”
* When thinking about making a change at Babson, really connect with your class for campus feedback
  + Forums, discussions, social media utilization
* Expectations: Does NOT like surprises! Rule follower. Hold all of senate to a higher standard

**Kenzie’s corner:**

* Program coordinator of OSE
  + Oversee clubs and organizations and provide advising when needed.
* Club re-registration is this Friday, September 9th!
* Open to discussions to help brainstorm

**Senator Report Outs**

* Senator concern - **James (26)**: Varsity courts are being shared with intermediate teams, which is limiting the availability for the Bbason Community to play.
* Senator Concern - **Ann (26)**: Volleyball has similar issues with finding times to play.
  + **Ann - Project Report**: Moving her mental health care week to midterms week
* Senator Concern - **Valerie ‘25**: Language utilization during big presentations, students have been feeling uncomfortable. We want to be mindful of word choices around certain subgroups and diversities on campus.
  + Ex: “Being a first-gen is not an excuse”
  + Ex: Freshman orientation: Millennials, and how they act. Used the term “Snowflakes”
* Senior senators: excited to get to work!
* Junior senators: locating hats for class of 25 for distribution!

**Open Forum**

* **Aaryan ‘26** 
  + New dining ordering process is not as efficient. Ordering issues, waiting delays, missing order reports, etc.
  + Freshmans have been asking for elections experience
    - Solution: Instagram post of previous senators talking about experiences
    - Instagram takeovers from senators and members of E-Board!