**October 4th, 2023 - Senate Notes**

**Guest Speaker - Babson MIP**

**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

**Speaker Notes with Babson Multicultural Identity Programs**

* **Update: Office of 2**
	+ Assistant Programer Manager: Brian
	+ Graduate Assistant:: Rhesa Tesdale

**Office of Multicultural Identity Programs**

* Responsible for DIEB programming for Babson campus, both undergraduate and graduate students.
	+ Training: Fraternity and Sorority Life (Inclusivity)
	+ Staff Training for engagement of diverse student populations
		- Ex: Public Safety, CAPS, etc.
	+ DIEB Training for CAPS Interns
* Weekly Programming: Community Conversations
	+ Space that was created for diverse students to have conversations within one another
	+ Issues within specific communities
* **Purpose**: strengthen our community as a diverse and inclusive space, so that all students on this campus feel that they belong.

**LGBTQ+ Programming:**

* Work with campus pride
* Undergraduates and Graduate students
* JEDI’s (Justice Equity Diversity, and Inclusion) student representation and leaders
	+ Monthly History Heritage Board
	+ October: LGBTQ+ Month
		- Students oversee things such as social media.
		- Student Leadership training
* **Advising 21 different identity groups**
	+ Babson Pride, S.O.C.A, etc
* **SYNERGY**: closed discussion group for the community

**New Initiatives:**

* Virtual Orientation programming
	+ 15 minute learning sessions
	+ How to be a goof ally
	+ How to respond when you are a bystander of a Microaggression

**SGA Partnerning:**

* Creating a space for students to share their stories, and create dialogue.
* Encourage people to participate in programming, for example, community conversations!
* MIP x OWWWG

**Q&A with Babson MIP**

**Q**: In the past there has been miscommunication with SGA and MIP, so what is the best way for us to communicate, and how should we go about that (in terms of budgeting)?

**A**: Last year, they struggled with understanding why certain club budgets were denied. Conversation around brainstorming how to access funding. “Equal does not mean equity.”

* Filling in the information GAPS
* Creating an opportunity for students to ask those questions
* Physical attendance from SGA at the Multicultural Identity Programming
	+ Text Natalie!!!

**Q**: How do you think Babson lacks in terms of supporting MIP, and how does SGA lack in terms of supporting MIP?

**A**: As an office, they need more resources to be able to support a large student body. What they want from us, to get support by **SHOWING UP** to these events, and representing on behalf of SGA that way.

* Previous initiative: **“MIPx”**
	+ Partnering with students to create opportunities and support events

**Q**: Space: Communication: it is a space for certain programs, and the space has been being used for wrong purposes. How can SGA promote its use, and encourage students to utilize it!

**A**: The space is open to everyone!

**Q**: Lead time for planning an event?

**A**: Depends. Community conversations can be slotted about a month out. Special events to commemorate something can be coordinated within weeks!

**Suggestions:**

1. Tag SGA for all events to be able to submit events, to reach a wider audience.
2. This year, we had a much more intensive Club Funding Training, so hopefully that will mitigate any club funding issues.
3. Recently created a students priorities, and MIP/DIEB was a part of their survey options. We can compile some information from the student priorities form, and share that with Natalie as well as Dean Ward, to make changes.

**Budgets:**

* **(1) Ski Club**
	+ School wide weekend trip to J-Peak
	+ 2 night 3 day trip, for 50 students
	+ $100 Food vouchers
	+ **February 9th, 7:30 a.m**
	+ Lodging and transportation is taken over by Ski Club
	+ First come first serve, waitlist and standby line
		- **Why Ski?**
			* Most expensive sport for students to get into if you aren't at a certain income bracket. Want to provide accessibility geographically and financially to have an opportunity to Ski.
	+ Food allowance: $33 a day per student
	+ **Budget Request:** $25,988
		- Covers logging transportation and food allowance for 3 days.
		- Comes down to $618 per student.

**Q&A For Ski Club**

**Q**: Reason behind 2-3 days?

**A**: Relax and enjoy the experience.

**Q**: Since SGA is funding it, if someone gets hurt on the trop what is the liability?

**A**: Waivers will be provided for students?

**Q**: Why J-Peaks?

**A**: Looking at 3-4 different mountains, J-Peaks was the only one that had a group booking service, and accommodates rooms and food options for students.

**Q**: Where would the list be?

**A**: Uploaded on Belong!

Q: How much for an average season rental?

A: $250, lasts until April 15th.

* **Follow up Q:** For students that don't have equipment, how would you go about getting equipment for those students?
	+ **Follow up A**: Rental Equipment

**Ski Club | Budget Status: Approved**

* + Approved: 20
	+ Denied: 7
	+ Abstain:0

(2) Babson Pole Fitness

* Off campus classes
	+ Empower students for pole dancing, without stigmatization.
	+ Self confidence building while also building strength
* **Boston classes: Newton, Brighton**
	+ Class schedule: two classes
	+ Intro to pole: allows students to learn introductory moves: transitions
	+ 4 hour class: Heavily choreography based
		- Total of 9 classes
		- Each class = $175
		- **Budget Submission:**
			* Into to pole: $1,575
			* 4 hour class: $1,575
* Member demographics
	+ 80% Babson college students
	+ 94 members on belong
	+ 11% is Olin

**Q&A Babson Pole Fitness**

**Q**: What are the number of people who have attended the pole classes (unique people)?

**A**: Depends on if students are moving past the introductory class phases. 3-5 new students

**Q**: Of the 94, how many students are coming to those events?

**A**: TBD

**Q**: 8-10 people per class, is there a way to decide who can go?

**A**: First come first service, sign up list is located through Belong (was originally showcased through Google Forms). They also have a waitlist to encourage students to come in the case of absences.

* Student Time accessibility: 9-10 P.M
	+ Mitigating transportation issues, with E-Board being Van certified.

**Q**: Are these classes cumulative?

**A**: Anybody is allowed to come to as many classes as they want, and the opportunity to advance to more advanced classes can do so at their own discretion.

* Liability waivers need to be signed.

**Pole Fitness | Budget Status: Denied**

* + Approved: 9
	+ Denied: 18
	+ Abstain: 1

**(3) BAPSA - East Meets West**

* Annual event
	+ Student run umbrella organizations for the asian community on campus
	+ Mission: spread cultural awareness, and cultivate a community for Asian identifying students
* **What is East Meets West?**
	+ Performances
		- Traditional dances
		- Singing
			* Also includes a fashion show, for cultural representation
		- Events is interactive throughout the show, random audience members are pooled to interact with cultural questions to obtain prizes
* Budget Submission: $15,927.28
	+ Soresons costs for around $11,000 of the budgets

**Q&A BAPSA**

**Q**: Name concern, we have more students concerning to west more than east

**A**: Until they receive concerns, they will continue with their traditional name, but they are open to all feedback.

**Q**: Is this just run by BAPSA, or partnering with other Orgs?

**A**: Ran by BAPSA, but club are partnering

**BAPSA | Budget Status: Approved**

* + Approved: 22
	+ Denied: 3
	+ Abstain:1

**(4) PRIDE - Drag Bingo**

* **Date**: October 28th
* Past success from a similar event two years ago
	+ Fun start to hello-weekend!
* Promotes DEI across campus
	+ Expecting
		- 117 student pride members
		- Partnership in collaboration with CAB
* **Budget Submission:** $3,000

**Q&A Babson PRIDE**

**Q**: Did the Drag Queen’s change?

**A**: Yes, they opted for more local drag queens, located in Knight Auditorium, from 7-9 pm

**PRIDE | Budget Status: Approved**

* + Approved: 24
	+ Denied: 1
	+ Abstain: 0

**E-Board Report Outs**

**VPF:**

* Back to Babson Budgeting
* No ways and means this weekend
	+ October 15th, at 1 P.M

**EVP:**

* October 14th, SGA Bonding
* Those who can get van authorizations, please do!

**President:**

* Sustainability Table
	+ **Committee:** AFSHAN, ALEX, JOLIE, ANN
* Food Truck parties meeting tonight
* Focus group feedback
	+ Q: How can we better collect feedback?
		- Let whoever is leading it, lead it
		- Market: different location, make a more serious environment
			* Open Forum: TBD
		- Non-concentrated: OFFICE HOURS!
		- Budgets for food
* Hydration project finally!! Maybe a mental health boom
	+ **Committee:** Ann
		- Collaboration with sustainability club
		- **Mental Health Resource Book Committee:** Ann, Jaron, Alex, Valarie

**VPC:**

* Cyber Monday initiative with Babson I.T.
* Office Hours post will be out tomorrow
* MCing the First Year Retreat
* Newsletter Committee Interest
	+ Students: Emma, Aaryan, Jaron
* OWWWG - 10/4
	+ Great outcome
	+ Feedback: Gluten Free options for future food OWWWG’s

**VPCO:**

* Not here.

**VPAA:**

* Pass / Fail for Classes
	+ **Proposal:** If you are a student that falls under the category of something that risks the graduation rate, you will sign a form that says you are willing to take the risk.
* Fall Back System Implementation
* Committee: Gunther, Ann

**Advisors’s Corner**

**Angel**

* Not here.

**Kenzie**

* Issues at stoop
	+ Please move for emergency vehicles
	+ Clean up the trash on Stoop
	+ No cans or bottles of alcohol in residence halls and walkways
		- Massachusetts law

**Club Sports**

* Meeting with Robyn
* Project (1): Club Sports Gala, at the end of the semester
* Project (2): Club sports specific Org fair
* Project (3): Weekly Sports Events Initiative

**Senator Report Outs**

**2027** - Jilly: Weekly Sports Initiative, Afshan: Building a GreenHouse, Dalton: Paper Towels, Jilly+Brayden: Meet your senators, discretionary to revamp the SGA office!

**2026** - James + Vanessa: Wellness event during midterm week, Ann: finals week self care night

**2025** - Issues with the Game room, skeeball machine

**2024** - Pancakes and Networking open to the community

**Accountability Forms**

* Forms need to be filled out PRIOR to Wednesday Senate.

**Open Forum**

* Reusable SGA signs
* MIP OWWWG

**Announcements**

* MIP Programming on Politics and Religion