**September 6th, 2023 - Senate Notes**

**Guest Speaker - Babson I.T.**

**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 I.T.**

* **Summer Updates** 
  + User experience: Brand New Portal
  + Launch a knowledge base with 100+ articles. A Babson How To
  + Internet functionality
    - Chat bot in Horn Library for assistance
    - Transition into Microsoft
      * Files from google drive have been converted into Microsoft Sharepoint
      * You can utilize OneDrive and collaborate on Sharepoint sites
      * Multifunctional: access to OneNote, Planner (Visual planning, similar to Trello)
      * When you create a sharepoint for a group, you are added to that group that shares an email, file, and access point.
* **Class room & study spaces** 
  + 18 study rooms were updated with technology
  + innovation Pod was updated with technology
* **Core data center for wifi: transition from 3GB to 8GB** 
  + - 2800 access points throughout campus to assist with wireless connectivity

**Q&A with I.T**

* Q: Network Issues: Transition from 3G to 8G, still having network issues
* A: Put in a ticket with the service desk with your specific location
  + Allows I.T. to access data and locations of where issues are coming from
* Q: Issues with connection only with Babson Laptop
* A: Not a connectivity issues but rather a laptop issue
  + Check email for new laptops, and talk to the service desk
  + Investigation: traffic shaking (used to much, you get kicked out)
  + If your having issues with Babson, put a ticket in or visit the service desk
* Q: Wifi Connectors. Are you planning to add more, or replace the current connectors?
* A: Replace - New wifi hardware is much better than the old one. Timeline is looking around November and December

Q: Off campus students living at Hotel, wifi is only good for little things such as reading emails, whereas video calling is rather difficult.

A: Taking the feedback back to student affairs, our students need a higher amount of bandwidth

* P.O.C - Josh

Q: Microsoft: Shift from google to microsoft, the learning curve is step. Looking to have microsoft one on one sessions to learn how the technology operates:

A: Sessions were made, no one attended. Various videos are available! - knowledge.babson.edu, and readily available on the Babson dashboard.

* S: Connect with SGA to assist with marketing events.
* S: Follow up email, with basic outlook instructions, for example, how to make a shared workspace.
  + Outline for specificity of searches, will help with locating information.

Q: If someone shares a google doc with you from google, can you access via sharepoint?

A: You can access it, but won't be able to change or edit it, only view.

Q: If we are continuing to use google drive with our Babson emails, do we need to transfer documents out of google.

A: Transitions were made during summer, so additional documents on google created after July will need to be manually moved.

* Everything in google drive will be deleted on December 31st.

Q: Organizational emails, reached out about [funding@babson.edu](mailto:funding@babson.edu), no access, submitted an I.T email, and issues haven't been resolved. Similar to [EVP@babson.edu](mailto:EVP@babson.edu)

A: Follow up with Patricia personally.

Q: Once google is shut down on December 31st, can i still use my google account to login to third party apps?

A: Yes.

Q: Confused on the concept of OneDrive and Sharepoint, and where to access it.

A: Babson.onedrive.com

* Starts at home
* Next tap down, “my files”
* Next one down, sharepoint
  + **All of the stuff that was created by other people, and shared with you.**
* You cannot create shortcuts to multiple files at once, but you can do so with smaller subgroups of files.

Q: What specifically was upgraded in terms of study room?

A: Additional technology, TV hybrid(cameras from conferences), replacing technology that is greater than 5 years old.

**E-Board Report Outs**

**VPF:**

* First ways and means committee will commence when first year senators return.
* EBaord will handle budgets until then.
* First ways and means meeting will take place Sept. 17

**EVP:**

* Sending out consultations for amendments to senators
* First year senator elections (24 applicants)
* Keep an eye out for inappropriate senator campaigning
* SGA reps will be picked today via E-Board majority

**President:**

* Monthly OWWWG's as opposed to weekly OWWWG’s
* Senator feedback: Keep the tradition, make OWWWG’s smaller
* Office Hours: Make sure to fill in senator office hours!
* Org Fair is happening this Friday, senators are encouraged to fill out the form!
* Next week, meeting with Dean Ward. Any questions for Dean Ward and President Spinelli, let her know!
  + Q: Funding for Towers in Special Interest Housing, some towers should have to pay dues. For example, First Gen is a new building, and looking for a way to make their residence hall more inviting, and need assistance since they are statically lower income students.
  + A: Connect with Sarah (Middle campus area coordinator) to see if she can provide or assist with any tower materials.

**VPC:**

* 2nd OWWWG of the Year
* Finished in 8 minutes
* Will be sending out a when2meet to my committee to be able to plan a meeting for OWWWG ideation and marketing initiatives for the Babson community, and discuss creation of the Monthly Newsletter.
* Posting a reel with every OWWWG.

**VPCO:**

* Club and Org fair is Friday
* BOW Club Fair is confirmed but still in progress
  + Location: Babson Campus, in the quad
* Funding training on September 10th

**VPAA:**

* Next Friday, first UAPC meeting
  + Utilized instagram to seek feedback
* If you have taken AB/IB and Babson has not taken your credit, send Divya a testimonial!

**Advisors’s Corner**

**Angels corner:**

* Wednesday mornings we meet with facilities
  + Broken Glass on stoop, needs to be taken care of
* Custodial staff is spending more time taking care of moving things from public spaces.

**Kenzie’s corner:**

* Club and Org Fair, Friday 11 am - 1 pm
* Vendor coming into to have a personalized banner
  + First 300 people will get Banners
  + Looking for senator assistance for the banner creation with Banners

**Senator Report Outs**

**2026** - Project Brainstorming

**2025** - Class year hats have arrived! Hats will be being passed out soon!

* Event idea: Hat and Ice Cream
* 2025 cont. - Collaboration on M.I.P Funding

**2024**

* Multiple students have attested that there are so many horney nests around. Some students have severe hornet allergies.
  + Ann has been stung twice in the last week.
    - Contact facilities and put in work orders.

**Accountability Forms**

* MUST BE FILLED OUT ON A WEEKLY BASIS
* Takes 30 seconds
* Located in the Agenda Email this week

**Open Forum**

OWWWG’s on a Monthly basis

* Incentive
  + No incentive for smaller gifts, such as chips
    - Alternative: Scavenger hunt throughout the month
    - Alternative: Challenge based OWWWG
* No time constraint - walk the wagon around
* SGA Bucks, for when people don't have an opportunity to win a bigger prize, and in the future they can turn them in for a bigger prize

Clubs and Organizations

* Belong.babson
* Finding clubs on belong is not easy to access, lacks user friendliness
  + Clubs and Organizations weekly newsletter
* Digital locator for Clubs and Organizations table placement

Initiative

* Bike-Share Program
* Committee: Sofia, Emma

**Announcements**

* Thursday, September 7th is Founders day!
  + Located inside LGRAC
* 2nd presidential funding is taking place on Sunday, in the innovation center!