**October 18th, 2023 - Senate Notes**

**Guest Speaker - Counseling and Psychological Services (C.A.P.S.)**

**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 Counseling and Psychological Services (C.A.P.S.)**

**Feedback**

* Appointments and accessibility for Undergraduate and Graduate students has improved in terms of student satisfaction!

**James Blue**

* Assistant director with CAPS

**Directions**

* Turn over in leadership and positions over the past two (2) years
* Increase in clinicians
  + Last year, they were down 2 clinicians
  + This year, they have replaced the two positions, and opened up a new positions
  + **Increase in the utilization for students** 
    - Increase in appointments
    - Increase in scheduling and accessibility for student services for CAPS

**Problems to navigate**

* Diversity
  + Looking for a full time, Black Clinician
* ***Partnership with “You Will”***
  + Provides students services on call virtually
  + BI-POC access for students looking for diversity

**Needs:**

* **SGA “Can Do”**
* Posts
  + What is Therapy Like?
  + Reasons for seeing a Therapist
* Outreach to student who will benefit from CAPS services and suffering from mental health issues
* **Current outreach strategies** 
  + Cookies with CAPS
* **Issues** 
  + Outside of these events, the students who engage with their outreach events and other programings as a department, are students that are already likely to utilize the CAPS services.

**Q&A with Counseling and Psychological Services (C.A.P.S.)**

**Q:** Subject Lines with Emails, can we make an announcement that students attending caps can silence their emails.

**A:** Privacy and confidentiality is needed in terms of trust with Therapy. Remedies: overview of confidentiality when students come in for appointments.

**Q:** Is there a different method to setting up appointments? Although calling is an option, some students get anxiety from that call.

**A:** It has changed. **Reason** (When students would request via online, it would send a general email to their mailbox, which would lead to staff reaching out for a phone call that became hectic and at times inefficient).

* This is something to revisit, and maybe seek student feedback on.
* Suggestion: Encourage your friends to reach out!

**Q:** 24 Hour Call Line | Is there any feedback on that? Has it been utilized?

**A:** Yes, students are utilizing the 24 hour hotline. As of a few weeks ago, there were between 20-30 calls after hours, ranging from phone calls of 15-20 minutes.

**Follow Up Q**: What are some suggestions to build awareness of this?

**Follow Up A**: SGA Feed Post x VPC

**Q**: Events with CAPS | Suggestion: Targeted to lower campus and freshmans. Orientation, specific CAPS suggestion during welcome week (orientation for incoming students).

* Pamphlets, etc

**A**: CAPS representation on Babson BWEL for freshman orientation. Unsure how effective this session is. Session lasts from an hour to an hour and a half.

* **Point of Growth: “How to Work With CAPS”**

**Q**: SGA Collaboration with CAPS?

**A :** Opportunity for collaborations

* Weekly Wednesday OWWWG
* Story reposts for an events CAPS is putting on
* SGA | Mental Health Resource Book
  + Collaboration in terms of the resource book!

**Q**: How important is it for CAPS to have social media?

**A**: 20/27 students think yes!

* Opportunity for a student intern!
  + For confidentiality: turn off commenting | “Meet The CAPS Team”
  + ***CAPS Bulletin Board in partnership with RA’s on campus.***

**Suggestions: Puppy sessions for midterms, hot chocolate during the winter!**

**Budgets**

1. **Aman Babson**
   1. Aman Show 2023

* Semesterly Event
  + Brings together south asian culture
  + Performances by Rocket Pitches
  + A way for students to connect with their heritages away from home
  + November 16th | 8 P.M. Onwards
  + **Anticipated** 
    - 250 members
    - Food Catering: Singhs’s
  + **Budget Total:** $21,634
    - $16,00 of the $21,000 is Sorenson Costs

**Suggestion:**

* Look into Public Safety Detail

**Q&A for IMAN**

**Q:** Can you accommodate a student videographer to avoid costs?

**A:** They have been using this photographer for two years now.

**Q:** Why are Sorenson Costs so high?

**A:** Because the labor costs are so high, and we also have to pay for fringe benefits on behalf of Sorenson.

* **Point of information:**
* $7387 for Labor Cost Alone
* Total cost for equipment and labor is around $16,000
  + Therefore, $8000-9000 of that is equipment costs for productions.

**Budget Status: Approved**

* Approved: 25
* Denied: 0
* Abstain: 1

1. **Combat Sports Club Budget** 
   1. Martial Arts Inventory

* Head Gear, Boxing Gloves, MMA Gloves, Mats, etc
* **Utilization: Martial Arts and Wrestling Club, Gymnastics, Etc**
* **Budget Total**: $7,754.09

**Q&A for Combat Sports**

**Q:** Since the mat would be available to everyone, are the plans set up to make sure they don't get damaged or stolen.

**A:** It will be locked inside a storage room where only specific facility members have access (Multi-Purpose closet).

**Q:** Take case and plastic storage   
**A:** Take case is the protection and stability of the maps, helps to refrain from gaps that could lead to injuries. Storage is for things such as shin gloves, etc

**Q:** Dimensions of the mat?

**A:** 10 x 10, room is 32 x 49, and they are purchasing six of these.

**Follow Up Q**: Mats get dirty and can lead to health concerns, any plans to mitigate?

**Follow Up A**: Consistency in cleaning.

**Budget Status: Approved**

* Approved: 23
* Denied: 1
* Abstain: 0

1. **Rocket Pitches** 
   1. Winter Concert

* Only Acapella group on campus, pivoting in more of a collegiate acapella group
* Transitioning away from Business Only
* Website for branding is in progress
  + Competing in the ICCA’s
  + Entering the competition world
* **Budget Total:** $8977.62
  + **Labor Costs**
  + Photographer: $450
  + Videographer: $1500
  + Decorations: $300
  + Marketing: $250
  + Total: $2500

**Missing - Public Safety Detail - will need to reallocate**

**Q&A for Rocket Picthes**

**Q:** What would the marketing costs be used for?   
**A:** Website development costs and colored printing.

**Budget Status: Approved**

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

1. **ISA x AMAN x Hindu Student Association**
   1. Navratri and Garba Event

* Promote indu=ian culture on Babson Campus, and cultivate a feeling of home
* Helps to build community by social based events
* Promotes DEIB, and Global Perspectives
* Knight Auditorium | October 28th
  + **Budget Total:** 2765
  + Per Person Budget: $19
    - Food: $2284.14
    - Drinks: $128.53
    - Decor: 341

Note: Do Not Market the event prior to budget approval.

**Q&A for ISA**

**Q:** Budget Breakdown for Food?

**A:** Decor: DJ, Flowers to Pray, Turmeric, Lamp | Drinks (Fruiti & Water) | Catering Orders for Snacks and Food Boxes, each box costs $13.3. Drinks are $1.25 each.

**Budget Status: Approved**

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

**Proposals**

* **Uber Program**
* Mission
  + ***Transportation for recreational needs off campus***
  + Current offerings:
    - Woodland T, Trader Joes, Wellesley Hills Commuter Trail
    - **Current Utilization**
      * 13.87%
        + *Arrival - 1.1%*
        + *Woodland T - 23.1 %*
        + *Commuter Rail 13.3%*
        + *Trader Joes - 62.5%*
      * 395 students currently utilize it
* **Budget Proposal: $70,000**

**Q&A for Proposals**

**Q:** Loophole in the program. Book rides to woodland T, and switch locations.

**A:** We look at the miles they travel, and students are given a warning. Another suggestion we implemented was the 4 rides a week.

**Q: 13.78% data breakdown**

**A:** 395 Unique Individuals | 2847 Babson Undergraduate Students

**Budget Status: Denied**

* Approved: 8
* Denied: 14
* Abstain: 1

**Constitutional Amendments**

1. **OWWWG Discretionary** 
   1. Revised Constitution: Up to $50,000
      1. Shall be allocated up to $50,000 for the entire academic year at the beginning of Fall semester for planning OWWWG events. Each month one OWWWG will be allocated up to $2500 and the rest would be budgeted for up to $1500 per week. To be given more funds, the VPC will need to submit a budget through Belong following all the funding rules.
2. **SGA Club Funding Guidelines** 
   1. Revised:

* I. If the amount of funding required for an event exceeds $3,500, the budget is required to be proposed to the Senate and requires a two-thirds (2/3) vote of approval by the Senate and Executive Board in attendance. Attendance for the respective organization at this budget hearing is mandatory.

1. The Ways and Means Board has the discretion to invite any organization whose funding request is under $3,500 to present to the Senate and Executive Board.

**E-Board Report Outs**

**VPF:**

* x

**EVP:**

* Bonding Trip

**President:**

* Student Priority Report Tomorrow
* Transportation feedback form
  + **Proposal to Spinelli**
* Hold: Mental Health and Hydration Stations

**VPC:**

* **Marketing Updates** 
  + Engagement is up 401%
  + Account Reach is up 333%
    - Approach to increasing account engagement: Virtual OWWWG
* **OWWWG Updates: October 18th** 
  + Partnership with OSE \ Battle of the Beavers
  + 6:30 OWWWG Reel is posted!
  + Huge shoutout to my committee!
* **OWWWG x BFSO** 
  + *Very limited quantity | less than 100*
  + Too accommodate: Looking for a committee of 6-7 for next week's OWWWG
    - BFSO E-Board + My committee helping will get Merch
    - Surprise Location
    - **Polling for Next Week’s OWWWG Time**
    - Current Helpers: Lindsay, Jaron, Brayden, Valarie
    - **3 more interested: Jilly, Aryan, Dalton**
* **Will be reaching out to my newsletter committee very soon!** 
  + Brainstorm October Recap

**VPCO:**

* **Finished all Club Pitches**
* Approved 25 New Clubs this Semester
* **BOW Club Fair** 
  + This Friday, 4:30 - 6:30 P.M.
  + Location: Trim Classrooms

**VPAA:**

* This friday is UAPC
* **Voting** 
  + Pass Fail Grading
  + Education Abroad Program
  + Undergraduate Enrollment
  + AI / Innovations at Babson
* Talking to Wendy Murphy for changes in the FME Curriculum
* Discussions around First-Year seminar
  + SGA Focused Feedback

**Advisors’s Corner**

**Angel**

* 15 minute one on one’s with Angel

**Kenzie**

* First Year Senior Retreat
  + Deposits will be made in the OSE office.

**Senator Report Outs**

**Club Sports:** Professional Development Event \ November 10th

**Commuter Rep:** Not here.

**BOW Ambassador:** BOW Club Fair is this friday! 4:30 - 6:30

**2027 -** Cutting Sorenson cuts by allowing student workers. $15 hourly wage job. Fill out SGA room necessity forms. Weekly Club Sports Project.

**2026 -** Finals week coffee corner in Horn! Custom beanies for the CO 26!

**2025 -** 2 new machines ordered for the Game Room - Pinball and Donkey Kong! **Hat distribution for junior class in progress!**

**2024** - Pancake senior event at Reynolds Bridge on October 29th!

**Accountability Forms**

* Fill out the accountability form every week!

**Open Forum**

* Implementation of a MIP representative
  + Bridging gap for MIP and SGA collaborations and communications
* SGA collaboration with GSE for Graduate Students

**Announcements**

* Threads and Friends
  + Spooky Stitch | Saturday, October 21st
  + Weissman Foundry from 3 - 4 P.M.
* TWN x One Tower
  + Womens Visibility
  + Monday, October 23rd
  + 7 - 8 P.M.