Desserts After Dark
Fall 2016

V.P. for Campus Life: Angela Beam
BACKGROUND

This survey was conducted by the Barnard College Student Government Association (SGA) Campus Life Committee, and was intended to gather student body opinion on a variety of topics predetermined by the SGA. Participation in the survey was optional, as was each question on the survey outside of basic contact and demographic information.

Students who completed the survey had Doughnuttery donuts delivered to their dorm by members of SGA at a pre-determined date and time. A kosher/gluten free option (By The Way Bakery chocolate chip cookies) and a vegan option (Treathouse rice krispy treat) were available as well. Students who live in non-Barnard housing or commute to campus were eligible to complete the survey as well, and picked up their dessert in the Diana lobby while dessert distribution was taking place.

DEMOGRAPHICS

A total of 780 responses were collected in this study. Of these responses, 21.2% were from the senior class, 21.9% were from the junior class, 24.9% were from the sophomore class, and 21.9% were from the first-year class.

CONTENT + RESULTS

The survey collected three different categories of data: personal information, demographic information, and opinion data.

When conducting analyses, results were groups into one of 5 categories: Student Services + Campus Life, Academics + Career Development, SGA Accessibility, Study Space, and Sustainability. The results of each subgroup are expressed below in text summaries with supporting graphics as needed.

Personal information was collected in order to ensure delivery of the dessert. Personal information was removed before conducting analyses in order to maintain confidentiality.

Student Services + Campus Life

The following questions fall under the category of Student Services + Campus Life:

1. GUEST ACCESS POLICY: ResLife’s guest access policy is as follows: “The resident host must escort their guests at all times. Resident hosts assume responsibility for their guests and must ensure their guests comply with all Barnard College policies; this includes Barnard students who are guests in another residence hall. When the guest

![Guest Access Policy Chart]
leaves the residence hall, the resident host must escort the guest to the front desk to sign them out and retrieve their ID.” How strongly do you agree with this policy?

There were 778 out of 780 (99.7%) respondents to this question. 44 students (5.7%) neither agree nor disagree with the policy, 138 (17.7%) somewhat agree with the policy, 43 (5.5%) strongly agree with the policy, 239 (30.7%) strongly disagree, and 314 (40.4%) somewhat disagree. Thus, the majority of students feel that there should be a change in the guest access policy, as the heavy majority of responses indicated that most students disagree with the policy as it currently stands.

* Rep for Campus Affairs, Kira Dennis (kd2480)

2. DOUBLE SWIping INTO DINING HALLS: Which of the following dining halls should Barnard student be able to swipe guests into? More specifically, swiping a guest into a dining hall would effectively function as “double swiping,” as opposed to the current policy which requires Barnard students to use “points” to “swipe” a guest into a Barnard dining hall (Diana, Hewitt). Barnard students cannot swipe others into Columbia dining halls. Select all that apply:

There were 780 out of 780 (100%) respondents to this question. 656 (84.1%) people think that Barnard students should be able to “double swipe” at John Jay, 653 (83.7%) in favor of Ferris, 617 (79.1%) in favor of JJs, 691 (88.6%), and 705 (90.4%) in favor of Hewitt. Overall, students are strongly in favor of Barnard students having the ability to use two consecutive swipes at all Barnard and Columbia dining halls.

* Rep for Food and Dining Services, Miriam Litchenberg (mrl2161)
3. BEING BARNARD: Can you describe the program “Being Barnard” in one or two sentences?

There were 252 out of 780 (32%) respondents to this question. This question was answered in “short answer” format, so it was necessary to come up with a mechanism to code responses for the purpose of more empirical analysis. If students did not respond to the question, said that they didn’t know what the program was, or had an incorrect understanding of the program, they were placed under the category of “Did not know”. If they knew what it was, or mentioned at least one of the five core tenants of the program (Intervention, Social Identities, Violence Education, Relationships, Wellness), they were placed under the category of “Did Know / Some Understanding”. It’s important to acknowledge that because the responses were sorted in a qualitative manner, bias may have been introduced. However, simply the disparity in responses—92% not knowing what Being Barnard is, and 8% knowing—makes an explicit statement that the question was aimed at resolving.

More information on Being Barnard: https://barnard.edu/beingbarnard


* VP Policy, Maya Edwards (me2449); Rep for Inclusion and Equity, Hannah Seymour (hls2156); and Rep for Health Services, Rachel Miga (rdm2153)

4. GREEK GAMES: Would you like to see a modern application of the Greek Games added as an annual event at Barnard?

There were 771 out of 780 respondents to this question (99%). 77% of respondents were in favor of reviving the Greek Games, 23% were against. Thus, the majority of students would like to see the Greek Games return to campus.

More information on the Greek Games:

http://www.wikicu.com/Barnard_Greek_Games

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OfQZnKt3yok

* VP Campus Life, Angela Beam (aab2221)
5. **QUAD GATES:** How important is it to you that the side gates to the Quad located close to the corner of Broadway and 116th stay open past 10:00pm?

There were 780 out of 780 (100%) respondents to this question. 35% (273) of respondents feel that it is somewhat important for the gates to stay open past 10:00pm, 22.2% (173) or respondents think it is very important, 14.9% (116) think it is not important at all, and 27.9% (218) of respondents think it is not very important. The younger the class, the more responses—The Class of 2020 had the most responses at 31%, and the Class of 2017 had the least responses at 21%. Across all class years, the most common response is that extending the gate closing time is “somewhat important”. Within this response category, the Class of 2020 felt most strongly. This is significant as the side gates to the Quad primarily affect First Years.

* VP Campus Affairs, Kira Dennis (kd2480)

6. **QUAD GATES:** If you responded to the previous question indicating it is important that the gates remain open past 10pm, how late do you think they should be open?

There were 503 out of 780 (64%) respondents to this question. As the questions asked students to respond in the format of short answer, the data is difficult to quantify. However, the vast majority of respondents felt as though midnight would be a reasonable closing time. Other common responses were 11:00pm and 1:00am. Others suggested that the time vary slightly depending on whether it was a weekday or weekend, some requested that they be open 24/7.

* VP Campus Affairs, Kira Dennis (kd2480)
7. MAGNOLIA TREE: Do you have any ideas about what should be done with the remains of the magnolia tree?

There were 380 out of 780 (49%) respondents to this question. The purpose of this question was to get a general straw poll and gauge student sentiment regarding what Barnard should do with the remains of the Magnolia tree. It’s important to note that SGA doesn’t have any jurisdiction over the tree; just the responsibility to voice student opinion. Thus, we will pass on the ideas that came to light as a result of this survey to the administrators working with the tree. Responses included: public art, furniture (such as chairs, benches), pencils, and more.

* VP Campus Life, Angela Beam (aab2221)

Academics + Career Development

The following questions fall under the category of Academics + Career Development. Students were asked to respond to them in line with the following prompt: How strongly do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

1. PRE-MAJOR ADVISING: My pre-major advisor helped/helps me expand the selection of classes of interest to me.

There were 778 out of 780 (99.7%) respondents to this question. Overall, 8% (62) of respondents strongly agreed that their pre-major advisor helped/helps them expand the selection of classes that interest them. 19.9% (155) of respondents somewhat agree, 30.8% (240) neither agree or disagree, 23.8% (185) of respondents somewhat disagree, and 17.5% (136) of respondents strongly disagree. The younger the class, the more responses—The Class of 2020 had the most responses at 31%, and the Class of 2017 had the least responses at 21%. Across all class years, the most common response was “neither agree nor disagree”.

![Feedback on pre-major advisor: class selection](image)

![Respondent Breakdown by Class Year](image)
2. PRE-MAJOR ADVISING: My pre-major advisor helped/is helping me to choose my major field of study.

There were 778 out of 780 (99.7%) respondents to this question. Overall, 4.9% (38) of respondents strongly agree that their pre-major advisor helped/is helping them to choose their major field of study. 13.1% (102) of respondents somewhat agree, 26.9% (209) of respondents neither agree nor disagree, 16.3% (127) of respondents somewhat disagree, 21% (163) strongly disagree, and 17.9% (139) indicated that this statement was inapplicable to their experience, as they were certain of their major when they began at Barnard. Similar to the previous question, the younger the class, the more responses—The Class of 2020 had the most responses at 31%, and the Class of 2017 had the least responses at 21%. Many students were neutral about this question, selecting “neither agree nor disagree.” However, many members of the Class of 2017 and 2018 said that they “strongly disagree.” They reported this about 10% more than member of the other two classes. This is significant because both the Class of 2017 and 2018 have already chosen their majors, and can consider this question retrospectively.

3. MAJOR ADVISING: My major advisor provides helpful guidance and/or advice about major-related careers, graduate study, or service opportunities for post graduation.

There were 777 out of 780 (99.6%) respondents to this question. Overall 9.3% (72) strongly disagree that their major advisor provides helpful guidance and/or advice about post grad opportunities. 12.4% (96) of respondents somewhat disagree, 10.3% (80) of respondents neither agree nor disagree, 19.2% (149) of respondents somewhat agree, and 12.7% (99) strongly agree. 11.2% (87) indicated that they have not sought this
advice, and 25% (194) indicated that this is not applicable to their experience, as they have not yet declared their major. Responses across all class years were relatively even, with the exception of “somewhat agree” occurring slightly more frequently, especially amongst the class of 2017. The Classes of 2020 and 2019 selected “N/A” overwhelmingly, but this is simply because the vast majority of them have not selected a major yet.

* Rep for Academic Affairs, Hannah Brody (hcb2130)

4. CAREER DEVELOPMENT: Career Development has positively impacted my search for internships and/or careers.

There were 774 out of 780 (99.2%) respondents to this question. The majority of responses were neutral, as 52.1% (403) of respondents said they neither agreed nor disagreed with the above statement. 21.7% (168) of respondents somewhat agreed, 7.2% (56) of respondents strongly agreed, 7.2% (56) strongly disagreed, and 11.8% (91) of respondents somewhat disagreed. The different class years responded to this question in line with previous questions. Most of the responses were relatively neutral, with the most responses per class year falling under “neither agree nor disagree”. The Class of 2020 responded almost entirely with “neither
agree nor disagree”. This is more than likely due to the fact that they have had limited interaction, if at all, with Career Development as they have only been on campus for a few months.

* Rep for Campus Affairs, Kira Dennis (kd2480)

5. SUBSIDIZED METROCARDS: Barnard should prioritize providing subsidized metro cards for unpaid internships.

There were 776 out of 780 (99.5%) respondents to this question. The overwhelming majority of responses were strongly in favor. This was the most widely agreed upon, and most strongly agreed upon, statement or question in the entire survey. 61.3% (476) of respondents strongly agreed with the above statement. 26.8% (208) somewhat agreed, 7.7% (60) neither agreed nor disagreed, 2.2% (17) somewhat agreed, and 1.9% (15) strongly disagreed.

* Rep for Campus Affairs, Kira Dennis (kd2480)

SGA Accessibility

The following questions fall under the category of SGA Accessibility:

1. SGA MEETINGS: Are you aware that the first half of SGA Rep Council meetings are open to the public from 8:00pm to approximately 9:00pm on Mondays in the McIntosh Dining Room on the 2nd floor of the Diana?

There were 777 out of 780 (99.6%) respondents to this question. The responses were divided almost exactly in half. 53% (412) of respondents are aware of the external portion of SGA meetings, and 47% (365) are unaware.

* VP Communications, Margot Langstaff (mll2179)
2. **SGA EMAILS: Do you read the SGA weekly email?**

There were 778 out of 780 (99.7%) respondents to this question. Overall, most people read the SGA weekly email at least some of the time. 12.5% (97) of respondents said that they always read the SGA email, 37.9% (295) of respondents said that they read it most of the time, 41.1% (320) of respondents sometimes read it, and 8.5% (66) of respondents never read it.

* VP Communications, Margot Langstaff (mll2179)

3. **POLICY + NEW INITIATIVES: Is there an issue you would like to see SGA address this year?**

There were 256 out of 780 (33%) respondents to this question. The purpose of this question was to get a general straw poll and gauge student sentiment regarding what they see as issues needing attention on campus. The most common responses pertained to the following: swipe out policy, food insecurity, space on campus (both as a result of the construction and study space), divestment from fossil fuels, extending dining hours, LGBTQIA Center, better communication with administration, more resources provided by ODS, and free laundry. It’s important to note that the swipe out policy was by far the most frequently mentioned issue.

* VP Policy, Maya Edwards (me2449)

**Study Space**

The following questions fall under the category of Study Space:

1. **BARNARD-SPECIFIC STUDY SPACE: Do the hours of Barnard’s study spaces (Diana, Lefrak) meet your needs for studying?**

There were 778 out of 780 (99.7%) respondents to this question. Overall, it appears as if the majority of students are satisfied with the hours of Barnard-specific study spaces—Diana and Lefrak. 50.5% (393) of respondents said that most of the time the study spaces meet their needs. 28.5% (222) of respondents said that it sometimes meets their needs, 5.3% (41) said it
almost never meets their needs, 0.9% (7) said it never meets their needs, and 14.8% (115) said it always meets their needs.

* Rep for Academic Affairs, Hannah Brody (hcb2130); VP Campus Life Angela Beam (aab2221)

2. EXTENDING DIANA HOURS: The Diana Center is currently open from 8:00am until 2:00am. If Barnard had the resources to allow for the Diana to be open 24/7, how likely would you be to use the space during the hours the building is not currently open?

There were 779 out of 780 (99.9%) respondents to this question. The responses were relatively scattered across the different responses, failing to indicate a definite sentiment amongst students as to whether or not the Diana hours should be extended to 24/7. 9.2% (72) of respondents said that they would use the Diana all the time if it was 24/7, 15.3% (119) of respondents said they would use it most of the time, 34.3% (267) of respondents said they would use it sometimes, 31.3% (242) of respondents said they would use it almost never, and 10.1% (72) said they would use it never.

* Rep for Academic Affairs, Hannah Brody Brody (hcb2130); VP Campus Life Angela Beam (aab2221); Rep for Campus Affairs, Kira Dennis (kd2480)

**Sustainability**

The following questions fall under the category of Sustainability:

1. COMPOSTING: If there were a central collection for compost in your building would you compost?
There were 777 out of 780 (99.6%) respondents to this question. The majority of students said they would compost if there was an option for such practices in their building. More specifically, 73.5% (571) said they would, and 26.5% (206) said they would not.

* Rep for Sustainable Initiatives, Anna Kaplan (ak3592)

2. COMPOSTING: Do you compost food scraps to the Seymour bin located in Hewitt Dining Hall?

There were 780 out of 780 (100%) respondents to this question. The majority of students said that they compost food scraps in Hewitt Dining Hall. 73.2% (571) of respondents said that they do so, and 26.8% (209) of respondents said that they do not.

* Rep for Sustainable Initiatives, Anna Kaplan (ak3592)

CONCLUSION

This is the largest survey that SGA conducts to gather student opinion on a variety of topics. The survey will be conducted again in the spring semester to collect current campus opinion. For questions or concerns about any of the data in this survey, please contact VP Campus Life Angela Beam at aab2221@barnard.edu

SGA would like to thank all students who participated in the survey. This data is critical for SGA to accurately represent and advocate for students. We appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey, and we hope you enjoyed your desserts!

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- Ferris  
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| Would you like to see a modern application of the Greek Games added as an annual event at Barnard? For more information on the Greek Games, please see this page (http://www.wikicu.com/Barnard_Greek_Games) or this video (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OfQZnKt3yok) | Multiple Choice           | - Yes  
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| Do you have any ideas about what should be done with the remains of the magnolia tree? Ex: furniture, art, nothing | Short answer text  | Open                                                                    |
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