SGA Representative Council’s End of the Semester Report to President Spar

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- **Admissions Office**
  - Stephanie (Rep for Diversity) sits on a committee headed by this office to address issues of diversity.
  - Gila (VP Student Activities) worked with Daniella Seagrove to coordinate student activity fairs at College Welcome Week

- **Alumnae Affairs**
  - Aliza (Sophomore Class President) has been in contact with V.P. Denburg to discuss increasing events for alums who are stay at home mothers
  - The Senior Class met weekly with Faith to plan the Senior Dinner

- **Alumnae Association of Barnard College**
  - Jessica (President) attended board meetings to update them on SGA’s activities and offer student input on their projects.
  - Pam Wiznetzer, Chair of Young Leadership, attended SGA’s final town hall on the Barnard Identity.

- **Amy Zavadil**
  - Amy Zavadil attended an SGA Exec Board meeting to introduce herself as well as discuss her role on campus
  - Rachel (VP Student Government) worked with Amy to create a Campus Climate Board to assist her and provide student feedback
  - The Exec Board recently had a follow up meeting to review the newly created Code of Conduct

- **Angela Haddad/ Dean Blank**
  - Malvina (Rep for Academic Affairs) sits on the Committee on Instruction and works with administrators on this committee to share student opinions. She expanded the working relationship between the COI and the Student Academic Advisory Committee (SAAC).

- **Avis Hinkson**
  - The Executive Board meets bi-weekly to discuss pertinent campus topics as well as productive conversations on how the administration can best reach out to students.

- **Board of Trustees**
  - Rep Council hosted three members of the Board to discuss their role in the college

- **Brenda Slade**
  - Aswini (Rep for Student Services) has met with Brenda and the Health Services Office, Furman Counseling Center and Well Woman to address health issues on campus.
  - We hosted Brenda at a Rep Council meeting to discuss results of the stress survey given to students last year.

- **Class Deans**
All four class councils have worked with their respective Deans and Student Life advisors on programming and class related projects.

- **Columbia President and Provost’s Funding Committee**
  - Jessica (SGA President) sat on this committee as SGA’s representative to allocate their funds to specific groups that applied for them.

- **Dan Speigel and CU Athletics**
  - Liza (Rep to CCSC) sits on the Student Advisory Committee to CU Athletics and works closely with their staff to increase Barnard participation at events, such as planning Barnard Night at Columbia Women’s Basketball.

- **Dianna Pennetti**
  - The Exec Board met with Dianna Pennetti (as well as COO Brown, Dean Hinkson and Jessica Nunez) at the beginning of the semester to discuss security concerns as well as the emergency management drill

- **Development Office**
  - The Junior Class worked with Miriam to assist in planning the Career Dinner

- **Gail Beltrone**
  - Deborah (Rep for Campus Policies) has worked with V.P. Beltrone to set up the Tripartite committee on sustainability
  - Mica (Jr. Rep to BOT) worked with V.P. Beltrone to advance the mission of the SCC by officially acquiring necessary spaces on campus as well as brainstorming exhibits in the Diana, such as an exhibit on the columns or in the windows of the building. We have also discussed manageable and appropriate duration of exhibitions to make the committee’s work effective.

- **Greg Brown**
  - Naomi (VP Finance) chairs the newly founded, Financial Advisory Committee with COO Brown
  - The Executive Board met with COO Brown to discuss renovations and furniture changes in Diana and Altschul

- **Jessica Nunez**
  - Throughout the semester Jessica has served as an invaluable advisor to members of Rep Council

- **Lisa Norberg**
  - Adrienne (Rep to ESC) discussed with Dean Norberg the ways that students used study spaces, library, and classroom in order to improve them so that they better fit student needs.

- **Paul Hertz**
  - Rachel (VP Student Government) met with Provost Hertz to discuss changes in the college’s P.E. policy

- **Reslife**
  - Liza (Rep to CCSC) worked with Annie Aversa to organize the pre-game party for Barnard Night
Aswini (Rep for Student Services) works with Annie Aversa and Matt Kingston on the Housing Advisory Board to offer student input in particular to help develop the framework for a summer subsidized housing guide (to be used for next year) and to evaluate fifth year senior housing.

**Student Life**

- Each class council meets weekly or bi-weekly with their advisor to plan class programming
- Gila (VP Student Activities) has been communicating with the advisors to establish a new policy for putting in-active clubs on probation

**University Senate**

- Sara Snedeker (University Senator) is currently chairing the Senate Student Affairs sub-committee on course evaluations and is working with both the Barnard and Columbia administrations to obtain the necessary information

**Planning events for Barnard students:**

- **Glass House Rocks**
- **Town Hall: Student Mental Health on Campus**
- **Career Dinner**
- **Greek Games**
- **Town Hall: The Barnard Identity**
- **Spirit Day**
- **Leadership Dinner**

**Class Council Events**

- The First year class council (headed by President Gladys and V.P. Hannah) implemented a new event, Barnard Bear Necessities as well as arranged their First Year Class Dinner, Winter Wonderland and the 2015 Cosmic Rave in conjunction with ESC 2015 and CCSC 2015
- The Sophomore class council (headed by President Aliza and V.P. Gabrielle) organized the 2014 Class Dinner, a Major Toast, a pinkberry giveaway and High Tea Study Abroad Send Off
- The Junior class council (headed by President Linda and V.P. Gayatri) arranged the Career Dinner with over 130 parents and students, their Junior Class Spring Formal at the Hudson Terrace and are planning a Bagels for finals event and Class Mug sales
- The Senior Class council (headed by President Jackie and V.P. Asmara) planned Senior Gala, a Senior Chipotle event, the Senior Dinner, Class Ring Ceremony, Last Call Event at Pourhouse and Senior Tshirt Sales

**SGA Committee Accomplishments:**

- Barnard Library Academic and Information Services (BLAIS) created a library survey and held focus groups regarding library renovations and
archive changes to gather student input as the college begins to assess changes to the library.

- **Committee On Instruction/ Student Academic Advisory Committee** conducted a Student Academic Satisfaction Survey and are currently working on coding and analyzing the data, compiling an executive summary of the report, and presenting it to the COI. We received approximately 200 responses with overwhelming enthusiasm about the survey from our peers. In addition, they released a student statement on the PE requirement and partnered with SICB to pass a resolution encouraging faculty and administrators to be greener with academic materials that they will present it to the COI at their final meeting of the semester.

- **Committee on Public Relations** has been hard at work developing an SGA marketing campaign with “improving Barnard” signs around campus to showcase to the student body what SGA is working on. They have also significantly increased our media presence on campus and are collaborating with Julio and Barnard Facilities on a new project in the tunnels.

- **Diversity Committee** drafted the Spanish Language Admissions Material Proposal and presented it to the admissions office. The Student Government Association Committee on Diversity would like the Barnard College Admissions Office to translate admissions material into Spanish for families. The Admissions Office is currently working on the suggestions presented to the office by the SGA Committee on Diversity.

- **Food Advisory Board** passed resolution to improve labeling of food at Barnard College, including labeling of food allergies, vegan, vegetarian, gluten-free, dairy-free, religious observance, locally sourced etc. and are liaising with Food Allergy Working Group (FAWG) on allergy concerns. They also worked with Aramark to adjust the hours of Liz’s Place, the Diana Café and Hewitt and are working on getting more gluten free options, as well as more variety for religious meal plans.

- **Furman Counseling Committee** has focused their work this semester, on gearing FCC to become more of a policy-outreach committee than just outreach in order to help improve Furman for students. They also helped co-sponsor the Mental Health Awareness Week with CNS.

- **Housing Advisory Board** has focused their agenda this semester on creating a summer subsidized housing guide with Reslife.

- **Policy Committee** was interested in redefining how the committee system operates by delegating liaisons to each of our seventeen committees. They gathered information for a committee handbook and set weekly progress goals and other project management deadlines to pass nearly ten resolutions this semester. In addition, they reviewed and amended the Constitution and ByLaws twice for disciplinary language, candidate eligibility, updated duties, additions to class council responsibilities, and modified Representative duties.

- **Socially Responsible Investing Committee** has written a mission statement for their newly formed committee and created humanist and
environmental priorities. They also worked on promoting information out, especially through computers in the Diana, about conflict-free electronics, obtaining the energy-saving monitors on the sockets in the Diana computer lab and working with Barnard Store to have SRIC-approved section

- **Student Curatorial Committee (SCC)** has primarily focused on establishing spaces for exhibition on campus, developing a submissions and review process, and raising awareness about the committee. The SCC has also worked to establish sponsorship with other groups on campus to host joint exhibitions and events. The committee is also in the process of establishing and equipping a gallery space in the Diana on the 2nd floor by the student dining room as the official SCC gallery. We are working to install a J-rail system that will make hanging canvasses much easier. This will make curating next year easier and more visible on campus.

- **Student Health Advisory Committee** worked with Brenda Slade and Jessica Cannon to develop a new survey to evaluate student opinions on PCHS and helped co-sponsor the Mental Health Awareness Week with CNS.

- **Student Organization Committee (SOC)** has worked to recognize a number of new campus clubs and the leadership dinner committee is currently working on finishing up the planning for the event next week!

- **Sustainable Initiatives Consulting Board (SICB)** has revised recycling signs, is working with Communications and Facilities to get them on every bin and in every suite and is working with administration and facilities for Cool Roof project (painting roof brighter to increase albedo), with student component starting in September.

**Working with our 80+ student groups and other student councils:**

- Naomi (VP Finance) have worked on reaching out to clubs to fill out monthly reconciliation forms, which will ensure that they are adhering to their budget. Naomi is devising a google doc system for monthly reconciliations, which will streamline the process and make it as easy as possible for clubs. She is currently in the midst of budget allocations for clubs for next year.

- In conjunction with the Joint Council Co-sponsorship Committee (comprised of reps from all four student councils) we have approved multiple co-sponsorship requests that we feel will benefit Barnard students. We have encouraged all clubs that apply to publicize their event on Barnard’s campus and consider using one of the many student spaces on campus to hold their events in

- Under Gila (VPSA) we have started hosting clubs at our Rep Council meetings to learn what they are working on and offer our resources.

- Jessica (President) and Naomi (VP Finance) currently sit on F@CU to fund the five governing boards and their student groups