Monday November 16th, 2015 Representative Council Meeting Minutes

AGENDA—EXTERNAL:
8:00-8:05pm: Convene Meeting, Introductions, Community Guidelines
8:05-8:10pm: Open Floor
8:10-8:25pm: Eilish O'Kelly (Representative for Student Services) & FAB Presentation about “Dining @ Barnard” Town Hall
8:25-8:30pm: SGA Open Positions Announcement
8:30-8:45pm: External Updates

8:00-8:05 PM:
• Meeting convened and agenda approved.
• Community Guidelines were covered by President Shivani Vikuntam

8:05-8:10 PM:
• Ame Fall and Toni Airaksinen spoke out against the current Barnard College winter housing policy that closes residential buildings over the break.
• Toni stated that an online petition she started now has approximately 1,400 signatures from students, alumnae, and professors.

8:10-8:25 PM:
• The town hall was held on October 20th in the Diana Event Oval.
• Some issues brought up by students included the first year meal plan, availability of healthy options in the dining halls, alternative breakfast options, a meal sharing/swipes program, hours of operation, cross-contamination, freshness of food in Hewitt, and concerns about where the leftover food ends up.
• FAB is looking into these concerns and is drafting up possible solutions to present to Dining Services.

8:25-8:30 PM:
• The Vice President of Communications position is currently open! Deadline to apply is Thursday, November 19th at 11:59pm. SGA is looking for qualified candidates who can dedicate at least 6-8 hours of time to SGA work each week.
• The Representative for Inclusion and Equity position is also open! Deadline to apply is Thursday, November 19th at 11:59pm.

8:30-8:45 PM:
• The Transfer, International, and Commuter Student Interests Committee is planning a commuter student lunch—keep an eye out for details after Thanksgiving.
• Are you a basketball fan? Do you have a lot of school spirit? Join the Roar Zone! Help with halftime competitions and cheer on the men’s basketball team. For more information, contact cc3470@columbia.edu.
• Barnard is participating in GSSC’s food drive this fall! Bins will be placed in Diana lobby and Lehman lobby on Tuesday, November 17th.
• The Sophomore Class Council is hosting an Insomnia Cookie study break featuring Stress Busters. For more information contact the Sophomore Class President or Vice President.
• The Senior Class Council is hosting Audit Palooza with Dean Friedman and the Registrar on Wednesday, November 18th from 5-7pm in Sulzberger Tower.
• The Senior Class Council is also hosting the Winter Gala on December 3rd from 10pm – 1am in Roone.
• The tree lighting ceremony will be held on December 3rd at Columbia. Join for an evening of fun and tree lights!
• There will be a town hall on the new building on Wednesday, November 18th from 6-8pm. Stop by for some food and a chance to view a 3D model of the new building!
• Pizza with the Provost will be held on December 4th from 12-1:30 pm. Applications are online!
• The Student Academic Advisory Committee will be hosting a series of “Round Table” discussions with students and faculty. The first will be focused on the topic of trigger warnings, and will be held on Thursday, November 19th at 6pm in Altschul Atrium.
• Apply to be a part of the Constitutional Review Committee! Applications are online and close this Thursday, November 19th at 11:59 pm.
• Being Barnard is sponsoring a series of lunch programs for students over the next few weeks to cover some of the Being Barnard topic areas. The first one will be held this Thursday, November 19th from 12-1pm and is titled “Spectrum of Sexual Violence”. More information can be found on the Being Barnard page at barnard.edu.
• SGA Endowment Proposals have closed, and four will be presenting at Representative Council next week. Stay tuned to find out which will be granted funding!
• The Sophomore Class Council is sponsoring a Thanksgiving Day brunch for students on Saturday, November 21st at 11am in the Diana Center 2nd floor dining room.
• The Committee on Arts and Culture will be starting a Faces of Barnard group. Watch out for cameras around campus—you could be the next person to be featured!
• The Freshman Class Council is launching its t-shirt design contest.
• The Freshman Class Council will be hosting a “Winter Informal” on December 3rd after the tree lighting ceremony in Learner Party Space. There will be student DJ’s, food, and dancing!
• The Freshman Class Council is also hosting a trip to see the tree in Rockefeller Plaza on December 1st.
• SHAC will be hosting a flu shot fair next week sponsored by EO. Stop by for a flu shot and free hand sanitizer!
• SHAC will also be holding a study break during reading period with tea and cookies. The theme will be “Slumber Party,” and it will be located in Sulzberger Tower.

Notes were taken by Vice President of Policy Michelle Depardieu.