Monday November 9th, 2015 Representative Council Meeting Minutes

AGENDA—EXTERNAL:
External
8:00-8:05 PM: Convene Meeting & Introductions & Community Guidelines
8:05-8:10 PM: Open Floor Opportunity
8:10-8:30 PM: Presentation from Divest Barnard
8:30-8:40 PM: Q&A with Divest Barnard
8:40-8:45 PM: Update on Barnard New Building Developments & Upcoming Town Hall
8:45-8:55 PM: External Representative Updates

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- Meeting convened and agenda approved
- Community guidelines reviewed by Vice President of Campus Life Prianka Jhaveri

8:05-8:10 PM
- Students from Barnard College and Columbia College raised concerns about the decision to end Barnard’s participation in CUE. Stressed the importance of Barnard’s involvement in Columbia programming, and urged administration to rethink the decision.
- President Shivani Vikuntam thanked the students for voicing their concerns, and said that SGA will follow up on the topic.

8:10-8:30 PM
- Helen Cane, Maggie Israel, and Evelyn Mayo of Divest Barnard presented to SGA on fossil fuel divestment.
- The presentation covered climate change, the effects climate change has on women globally, and divesting details specific to Barnard’s endowment.
- Divest Barnard asks SGA to hold an official referendum on student body support for fossil fuel divestment, make a public statement of support fossil fuel divestment, and Pass a resolution requesting transparent information on where our endowment money is invested.

8:30-8:40 PM
- SGA Representatives posed questions to Barnard Divest on the topics of reinvestment strategies in the event of divestment, Investure (the company that manages Barnard’s endowment), overall Divest timeline, and practicality of disclosing financial information pertaining to Barnard’s endowment.
- Further questions may be directed towards Barnard Divest.

8:40-8:45 PM
· A town hall on the topic of the new building will be held on November 18th from 6-8pm. Administrative guest will be COO Goldberg.

8:45-8:55 PM
· Tea is for Transfers event will be held on Friday, November 13th from 4:30-6 pm. Commuter lunch and transfer ambassador programs will be launched soon!
· SICB’s clothing swap program will start next week. The clothing swap will be from 10-4 in Altschul Atrium.
· Junior Class Council is hosting a resume and cover letter workshop this Friday, November 13th from 11-1 pm.
· The Freshman Class Council is launching their t-shirt design competition.
· The Freshman Class Council will also be organizing a trip to see the tree lighting at Rockefeller Plaza. They will also be offering a limited number of metro tickets for Barnard students who may not be able to afford the fare.
· The 7 Sisters Conference went very well, with over 60 students from 6 colleges present. At the conference, the delegates decided to reinstate the 7 Sisters Coordinating board.
· The deadline to apply for the Student-Alumna Thanksgiving Day Program is Friday, November 13th.
· The Sophomore Class Council is hosting an Insomnia Cookie study break on Wednesday, November 18th.
· Apply to the Constitutional Review Committee! Deadline is November 19th at 11:59pm.
· The Tree Lighting Ceremony is December 3rd at 5:30pm.
· Moving the Magnolia event is Monday, November 16th from 6-8pm on the lawn.
· The Senior Class Council is hosting an audit night with Dean Friedman on Wednesday, November 18th from 5-7pm in the north and south towers of Sulzberger.
· The Senior Class Council is also holding a winter gala on December 3rd after the tree lighting ceremony in Roone Auditorium.
· The Committee on Arts will be formalizing a student film festival as a finals study break.