

**Student Government  
General Body Meeting  
11.2.2011 | 7:30 pm | Hauser 105**

1. Called to Order at 7:27 pm
  - a. Absent
    - i. Chas Hamilton (advance notice given - scheduling conflict)
  - b. Tardy
    - i. Emanuel (8:26 pm)
  - c. Missing
    - i. Daniel Vargas
2. Restaurant Associates
  - a. RA:
    - i. Worried about traffic flow in the cafe
    - ii. More variety
    - iii. Catering: reach broader audience, offering budget items, smaller meals
  - b. Lina: Why are there no late-night dining options?
    - i. RA: Too few sales so started closing earlier
    - ii. Can we offer some food in the first floor Hark Box?
  - c. Greg: Only to-go containers available at some times. People have started taking those when they would otherwise take plates. Green Reps were not so happy about that.
    - i. RA: Was talked about today. Not a constant problem. Has happened once or twice. It will be fixed from now on. Plates will be in a more accessible location.
  - d. Dylan: No fountain soda dispenser. Would we be able to put one in the Hark?
    - i. RA: There's no water line in the building. There will be one in the pub. They are working with the law school to get it put in
    - ii. Bo: That may be why the water doesn't work that much
  - e. Bo: Sandwich line is great but the line is too big. Can we make pre-made sandwiches?
    - i. RA: There are pre-made sandwiches near the other cash register and in the Hark Box downstairs
    - ii. Skyler: Can we get more people working at the sandwich line? We requested that last year.
  - f. Rachna:
    - i. Can we have signs about combo meals?
    - ii. Can you put both compostable and recyclable in ?
      1. Only put compost in the compost bin. It is sorted out but it's too time-consuming
  - g. Victoria: Healthier desserts, like frozen yogurt?
    - i. RA: Pastry chef is new. He loves a challenge.
  - h. Alex:
    - i. A lot of pluses this year. Vast improvement over last year. The dessert

stand was a huge improvement. Love the use of debit cards.

- ii. What is the rationale of having the caesar salad separate from the rest of the salads?
  - 1. RA: Space is the reason. It's also a combo deal with the pizza. There are also pre-made salads near the other register (just started this week).
- i. Andrew Chinsky:
  - i. Perhaps experiment during exams. Maybe have less options but open it later and see what happens.
  - ii. Maybe make a side dish to have a combo with the soup or sandwich
  - iii. What's going to be offered in the pub?
    - 1. RA: Food and drinks. Limited a la carte menu as well. Full service wine. Don't think we'll get a full liquor license. Prices will compete with Queenshead.
- j. Dylan:
  - i. There was really cool chili last year in the Hark Box.
  - ii. Red line and a green line. Offered half a sandwich and soup. Maybe it could replace the taqueria station
  - iii. Will students be able to work at the pub?
    - 1. The pub manager is a Harvard employee. Could be possible
- k. Allison: Is it the same people who run the college pub?
  - i. RA: No
- l. Jonny:
  - i. Do you have bran muffins?
    - 1. RA: Yes but not everyday
  - ii. Can we have cucumbers at the sandwich station?
- m. Rachna: Can we put a scale near the salad bar?
- n. Alex:
  - i. What will be the function of the pub during the daytime hours?
    - 1. RA: Starbucks station upstairs will become more visible through a second entrance. The daytime use of the pub is still being worked on.
  - ii. Will there be a place for people to not go through the whole cafe to get something fast before class?
- o. Lina: Is the Hark Box going to be just be a seating area?
  - i. RA: Yes
- p. Rachna: Cool to have a Mexican station b/c it's good for vegetarians and non-vegetarians.
- q. Andrew Chinsky: Falafel and pita at a station?
- r. Dylan: What makes something at an action station?
  - i. Alex: Prepared in front of you
- s. Skyler: Do you guys ever do clam chowder?
  - i. RA: Yes
- t. Alex: Baked potato station?
  - i. RA: It was done every night last week and it was very unpopular
- u. Dylan: What about including nutrition info for some of the food, like soups?
  - i. Lina: Could maybe put it online
- v. Victoria: Offer light cream cheese and jam in the morning
- w. Lakshmi: Are the menus working online?

### 3. Halloween Dance

- a. Sent an apology to the students about people not getting in
- b. Questions:
  - i. Greg: 100% guaranteed that if we do it at the Commander, we have to use the same service people? I got 30 comments that they were extremely rude.
    - 1. Rachna: The only other event that the Sheraton Commander has done with HLS was the Outlaw Party, which was under capacity. Halloween Dance was a bigger crowd than they had anticipated.
    - 2. Skyler: mob-like crowd that rattled the workers
  - ii. How did the process work?
    - 1. Traditionally run by 3L marshals. By the time SG got it, the room was set, the contract was set. Based on prior years, we thought about 400 people would come and overflow would hang out at the hotel bar.
    - 2. Hotel printed the bracelets and checked the IDs.
- c. Pluses
  - i. Lakshmi: Good crowd
  - ii. Dylan: People were having a good time. People were “sweaty in the right sort of way.”
  - iii. Lakshmi: Good cookies
  - iv. Skyler: Facebook event invitations were really good in getting the word out
  - v. Chandler: The poster was amazing. Victoria’s friend did it.
  - vi. Bo: DJ was good
  - vii. Lakshmi: DJ lights were good
  - viii. Greg: Weather was great (got us a higher attendance)
- d. Deltas
  - i. Allison: Sheraton does events all the time. They aren’t incapable of planning an event. There must have been a miscommunication about attendance. We don’t need to micro-manage them.
    - 1. Action: Make sure SG, DOS, and hotel have the same ideas. Maybe do ticketing ahead of time.
  - ii. Victoria: It was our mistake to pick that place and that 400-capacity. We had 500 people confirmed on Facebook. We didn’t plan correctly.
    - 1. Skyler:
  - iii. Dylan:
    - 1. Students were screaming at the hotel, but the hotel was also unprepared. The hotel has a second room. We should get two rooms. It’s affordable.
    - 2. It’s kind of cool at the same time to be the hosts of an event that everyone wanted to get into.
  - iv. Alex:
    - 1. As we start to veer away from Ropes Grey, we have a lot of negotiation power. All of these things we’re paying for could be negotiated down. We also should have taken two rooms.
    - 2. We should buy the wristbands for the hotel

- v. Chandler:
  - 1. The apology was nice but we should move on from that. In a future case, we should apologize for the bad but then continue about the good.
- vi. Dylan: SG members could volunteer and talk with the Hotel. That made the Hotel feel better
- vii. Syler:
  - 1. Communicate with the Sheraton to control the lines so we don't have a mob
  - 2. Mark people's hands with sharpies if we've given them drink tickets so we don't give it again
- viii. Rachna:
  - 1. It was our option to take the party on
  - 2. Moving to a larger location would decrease attendance b/c it wouldn't be as close for students
  - 3. We should sell tickets for \$1 or \$2
- ix. Lakshmi: Why no Ropes-Grey this year?
  - 1. People go crazier when it's on our own turf. There was "literally barf" on the ground.

4. Thanksgiving Dinner
  - a. Led by Robin
  - b. Mockup of the menu soon
  - c. Meeting with D.Cosgrove to talk about other logistics
  - d. Started fundraising and already got some donations
    - i. Coop gave us \$800
    - ii. Barbri is giving something
    - iii. Please finish your fundraising soon
  - e. Duties: Serve/police the food line. Everyone has a shift
  - f. As for ticket distribution, we have the tables in the Hark on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday that week. Let Skyler and Rachna know if you'd like to help distribute tickets beforehand
  - g. Dylan: Give a pub night to whichever 1L section buys the most tickets.
5. Proposed Bylaw Amendment: Student Organization Governance
  - a. Led by Skyler
  - b. Need  $\frac{2}{3}$  vote of those present. Vote: in favor of approving?
    - i. In favor: 18
    - ii. Opposed: 0
    - iii. Abstain: 1
  - c. Vote: in favor of approving the bylaw:
    - i. In favor: 16
    - ii. Opposed: 1
    - iii. Abstain: 2
6. T-shirts
  - a. Vote:
    - i. Light grey/red: 1
    - ii. Crimson/white: 5
    - iii. Dark grey/crimson/white: 12
  - b. For now, \$5/person. If we get enough money from law firms, we will pay \$0.
  - c. Chandler: Shirts too tight last year.
  - d. Lakshmi:
    - i. Send out t-shirt size request
    - ii. Get some neon for pub nights
7. Meeting with Registrar
  - a. Good news: MyPlan will die after this semester.
  - b. Registration Committee will see it soon
  - c. If we want to make any changes to the upcoming system, they have to be done within the next 2 weeks. If you want to suggest something, email Allison at [allison.a.ray@gmail.com](mailto:allison.a.ray@gmail.com).
    - i. Greg: Searchable class system
    - ii. Alex: Organize a demonstration in the next week?
    - iii. Jonny: Register for classes that meet at the same time while I'm registering.
      1. Allison: System still won't let you add two classes at the same

time. But it will automatically waitlist you.

- a. If you complain in person, you'll get better results.

iv. Lakshmi: Registration in real-time?

1. Allison: not changing the overall structure

v. Skyler: Course descriptions should be more systematic. More standardized information, like exam format

1. Lakshmi: Should make exam format mandatory in all course descriptions

vi. Alex: reasonable link to the course descriptions that isn't hidden

## 8. Other Business

a. Green Living Initiative: They will buy a stockpile of compostable items. They will sell it at cost to all student organizations. They are asking student organizations to just explain what's compostable at the meeting so students know how to dispose of it. They just want us to say SG supports this. This is the equivalent of us "liking" their event on Facebook.

i. Vote: all those in favor of liking on Facebook equivalent to a Green Living Initiative (this is an endorsement)

1. Favor: 16
2. Opposed: 2
3. Abstain: 1

b. Jonny: Every other school has LexisNexis and Westlaw free printing

i. Alex: It's been brought up every year. It has to do with contracts.

c. Happy Birthday to Robin

## 9. Pluses and Deltas

10. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm